

By Senator Fasano

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1 A bill to be entitled

2 An act relating to emergency medical dispatchers; amending
3 s. 768.1335, F.S.; requiring such dispatchers to have
4 completed a training course before answering calls;
5 providing an effective date.
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7 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:
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9 Section 1. Subsection (3) of section 768.1335, Florida
10 Statutes, is amended to read:

11 768.1335 Emergency Medical Dispatch Act; presumption.--

12 (3) Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the
13 contrary, and unless otherwise immune under s. 768.28, any
14 emergency medical dispatcher or the emergency medical dispatch
15 agency, its agents, or its employees who utilize emergency
16 medical dispatch protocols are presumed not to have acted
17 negligently regarding any injuries or damages resulting from the
18 use of emergency medical dispatch protocols, if the emergency
19 medical dispatcher or the emergency medical dispatch agency, its
20 agents, or its employees:

21 (a) Properly trained their emergency medical dispatchers in
22 an emergency medical dispatch that is substantially similar to
23 standards set forth by the American Society for Testing and
24 Materials or the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.
25 Such dispatchers must have successfully completed an emergency
26 medical dispatch course before being allowed to answer any calls
27 for medical assistance.

28 (b) Implemented standard practices and management for
29 emergency medical dispatch or practices that are substantially

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30 similar to standards set forth by the American Society for
31 Testing and Materials or the National Highway Traffic Safety
32 Administration.

33 (c) Utilized standard practices for training, instructor
34 qualification, and certification eligibility of emergency medical
35 dispatchers or practices that are substantially similar to
36 standards set forth by the American Society for Testing and
37 Materials or the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

38 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2008.