

## CHAPTER 98-7

### Committee Substitute for House Bill No. 1739

An act relating to poison control; amending s. 395.1027, F.S., and creating s. 401.268, F.S.; requiring each basic and advanced life support service and air ambulance service to develop and implement a prehospital emergency dispatch protocol with the appropriate regional poison control center; providing that the regional poison control centers shall assume responsibility and liability for calls transferred in accordance with the protocol; providing an effective date.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

Section 1. Subsection (4) is added to section 395.1027, Florida Statutes, to read:

395.1027 Regional poison control centers.—

(4) By October 1, 1999, each regional poison control center shall develop a prehospital emergency dispatch protocol with each licensee defined by s. 401.23(13) in the geographic area covered by the regional poison control center. The prehospital emergency dispatch protocol shall be developed by each licensee's medical director in conjunction with the designated regional poison control center responsible for the geographic area in which the licensee operates. The protocol shall define toxic substances and describe the procedure by which the designated regional poison control center may be consulted by the licensee. If a call is transferred to the designated regional poison control center in accordance with the protocol established under this section and s. 401.268, the designated regional poison control center shall assume responsibility and liability for the call.

Section 2. Section 401.268, Florida Statutes, is created to read:

401.268 Protocols with regional poison control centers.—By October 1, 1999, each licensee shall implement a prehospital emergency dispatch protocol with the regional poison control center established pursuant to s. 395.1027. The prehospital emergency dispatch protocol shall be developed by the licensee's medical director in conjunction with the designated regional poison control center responsible for the geographic area in which the licensee operates. The protocol shall define toxic substances and describe the procedure by which the designated regional poison control center may be consulted by the licensee. If a call is transferred to the regional poison control center in accordance with the protocol established under this section and s. 395.1027, the regional poison control center shall assume responsibility and liability for the call.

Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1 of the year in which enacted.

Became a law without the Governor's approval April 4, 1998.

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