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The Honorable Ed Chau
California State Assembly
State Capitol, Room 5016
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: AB 2717/Chau (as amended March 12, 2020) – Concerns

Dear Assembly Member Chau:

The Emergency Medical Services Administrators Association of California (EMSAAC) are appreciative of and support your efforts to protect the lives of children left unattended in vehicles and to provide rescuers with civil and criminal liability protection.

Respectfully we request that the following language be revised in Section 1799.101(b)(2): “A peace officer, firefighter, or other emergency responder who removes a child from a motor vehicle, or who takes possession of a child who has been removed from a motor vehicle, shall arrange for take the child to a hospital for diagnosis and treatment and transport of the child according to the medical control policies of the local EMS agency. The parent of a child removed from a vehicle may be required to pay for charges that may accrue for the care or medical treatment of the child.”

We believe that aligning the proposed language with existing medical control policies alleviates confusions and is in the best interests of both rescued children and the prehospital care personnel rescuing the child.

EMSAAC represents the 33 local emergency medical services (EMS) agency administrators representing all of California’s 58 counties.

If you should have any questions, please contact EMSAAC’s Legislative Chair Dan Burch at (209) 468-6818.

Sincerely,

Dan Burch
EMSAAC Legislative Chair

cc: Jennifer Lim, Deputy Director Legislative Affair, Emergency Medical Services Authority