

ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 358—ASSEMBLYMEN GRAY, O’NEILL;  
DELONG, DICKMAN, GALLANT, HIBBETTS AND KOENIG

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JOINT SPONSOR: SENATOR STONE

Referred to Committee on Health and Human Services

SUMMARY—Revises provisions governing emergency medical services. (BDR 40-859)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: No.  
Effect on the State: Yes.

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EXPLANATION – Matter in *bolded italics* is new; matter between brackets ~~omitted material~~ is material to be omitted.

AN ACT relating to health care; creating the Bureau of Emergency Medical Services in the State Fire Marshal Division of the Department of Public Safety; transferring to the Bureau certain duties related to emergency medical services; revising the membership of the Committee on Emergency Medical Services; requiring the State Fire Marshal to appoint a Chief of the Bureau; making various other changes relating to emergency medical services; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

**Legislative Counsel’s Digest:**

- 1 Existing law establishes the State Fire Marshal Division in the Department of
- 2 Public Safety, consisting of the Fire Protection and Control Section, the Fire
- 3 Investigation Section, the Public Education Section, the Fire Service Training
- 4 Section and the Fire Data Section. (NRS 477.010) **Section 42** of this bill adds the
- 5 Bureau of Emergency Medical Services to the State Fire Marshal Division. **Section**
- 6 **43** of this bill requires the State Fire Marshal to appoint as Chief of the Bureau a
- 7 person who has experience as a paramedic and has at least a bachelor’s degree in
- 8 some related field.
- 9 Existing law regulates emergency medical services in this State. (Chapter 450B
- 10 of NRS) Certain authority and duties relating to emergency medical services are
- 11 given to the “board,” which means: (1) the State Board of Health in a county whose
- 12 population is less than 700,000 (currently all counties other than Clark County); or
- 13 (2) the district board of health in a county whose population is 700,000 or more
- 14 (currently only Clark County). (NRS 450B.060) The authority and duties given to



15 the board include: (1) establishing certain minimum standards and requirements for  
16 ambulances and air ambulances, for permits for the operation of air ambulances and  
17 for the certification or licensure of certain persons who provide emergency medical  
18 care; (2) approving certain training for emergency medical dispatchers; (3) issuing  
19 licenses to ambulance attendants and certain firefighters; (4) approving programs of  
20 training for certification as an emergency medical technician, advanced emergency  
21 medical technician or paramedic; (5) setting forth certain procedures that may be  
22 performed and drugs that may be administered by an advanced emergency medical  
23 technician or an attendant or a fire firefighter who is a paramedic; (6) determining  
24 eligibility for training as a paramedic; (7) setting forth certain provisions relating to  
25 the issuance of an endorsement on a permit which allows certain emergency  
26 medical providers to provide community paramedicine services; (8) setting forth  
27 qualifications for and issuing a permit to operate an ambulance, air ambulance or a  
28 vehicle of a fire-fighting agency and maintaining a registry of such permits; (9)  
29 issuing provisional permits to operate an ambulance, air ambulance or a vehicle of  
30 a fire-fighting agency; (10) adopting regulations specifying the acceptable  
31 documentation that staff of an air ambulance meet certain minimum qualifications;  
32 (11) setting forth the equipment required for an ambulance, air ambulance or  
33 vehicle used in providing emergency medical care; and (12) designating geographic  
34 areas in which an ambulance driver or attendant that meet certain lesser  
35 qualifications may transport a sick or injured person. (NRS 450B.120, 450B.130,  
36 450B.140, 450B.155, 450B.160, 450B.180, 450B.191, 450B.1915, 450B.195,  
37 450B.197, 450B.1993, 450B.200, 450B.210, 450B.225, 450B.230, 450B.260)  
38 **Sections 9, 12, 13 and 19-33** of this bill transfer from the State Board of Health to  
39 the Bureau such authority and duties in a county whose population is less than  
40 700,000. (NRS 450B.077) **Sections 7, 8 and 10** of this bill make conforming  
41 changes to amend the definition of “advanced emergency medical technician,”  
42 “emergency medical technician” and “paramedic” to clarify that the terms mean  
43 certain persons certified by the health authority. (NRS 450B.025, 450B.065,  
44 450B.095) **Section 1** of this bill makes a conforming change relating to the transfer  
45 of certain powers and duties to a health authority, as set forth in **sections 12, 13**  
46 **and 19-33**, to create an exception to the provision that the State Board of Health is  
47 supreme in all nonadministrative health matters. (NRS 439.150)

48 Existing law requires the board to establish and promulgate rules, regulations,  
49 standards and procedures as it determines are necessary to administer the provisions  
50 of the Nevada Revised Statutes relating to emergency medical services. (NRS  
51 450B.120) **Section 11** of this bill grants similar authority to a health authority.

52 **Section 14** of this bill transfers from the State Board of Health to the Chief of  
53 the Bureau the requirement to establish by regulation: (1) a fee for the issuance or  
54 renewal of certain licenses, permits and certificates in a county whose population is  
55 less than 700,000; and (2) a schedule of fees for the services and regulatory  
56 activities performed by the Bureau. (NRS 439.150, 450B.200)

57 Existing law provides that certain money received by the Division of Public  
58 and Behavioral Health of the Department of Health and Human Services must be  
59 accounted for separately, administered by the Administrator of the Division and  
60 used only to carry out a training program for emergency medical services personnel  
61 who work for a volunteer ambulance service or firefighting agency. (NRS  
62 450B.1505) **Section 14** provides instead that such money must be administered by  
63 the Chief of the Bureau.

64 Existing law creates the Committee on Emergency Medical Services, consisting  
65 of nine members appointed by the State Board of Health, which has various duties  
66 relating to emergency medical services. (NRS 450B.151, 450B.153) **Section 15** of  
67 this bill provides that the Director of the Department of Public Safety appoints the  
68 members of the Committee and revises the membership of the Committee. **Section**  
69 **16** of this bill makes a conforming change to provide that the per diem and travel



70 expenses of members of the Committee are paid by the Bureau rather than the  
71 Division of Public and Behavioral Health of the Department of Health and Human  
72 Services. (NRS 450B.152) **Section 17** of this bill revises the duties of the  
73 Committee to require the Committee to advise the Bureau rather than the Division  
74 of Public and Behavioral Health of the Department of Health and Human Services.  
75 (NRS 450B.153) **Section 18** of this bill provides that the Bureau, rather than the  
76 Division, is required to provide administrative support and assistance to the  
77 Committee.

78 Existing law sets forth certain authority for the health authority related to the  
79 issuance of do-not-resuscitate identification. (NRS 450B.400-450B.590) Because  
80 of the amendment to the definition of "health authority" in **section 9, sections 34-**  
81 **38** of this bill amend these provisions so that such authority remains with the  
82 Division of Public and Behavioral Health of the Department of Health and Human  
83 Services in a county whose population is less than 700,000, and to the district board  
84 of health in a county whose population is 700,000 or more.

85 Existing law requires the Division of Public and Behavioral Health of the  
86 Department of Health and Human Services to: (1) post on an Internet website  
87 maintained by the Division certain information about programs to provide peer  
88 support counseling to emergency response employees; (2) collect information,  
89 under certain circumstances, regarding suicide and attempted suicide among  
90 emergency response employees; and (3) report such information to the Chief  
91 Medical Officer. (NRS 450B.855) **Section 39** of this bill provides instead that the  
92 Bureau shall: (1) post information about programs to provide peer support  
93 counseling to emergency response employees; (2) collect information, under certain  
94 circumstances, regarding suicide and attempted suicide among emergency response  
95 employees; and (3) report such information to the State Fire Marshal.

96 Existing law authorizes the Division of Public and Behavioral Health of the  
97 Department of Health and Human Services to impose an administrative penalty  
98 against any person who violates any of the provisions of chapter 450B of NRS.  
99 (NRS 450B.900) **Section 40** of this bill authorizes the Bureau to similarly impose  
100 an administrative penalty against a person who violates any provision of chapter  
101 450B of NRS that is administered by the Bureau.

102 Existing law requires the Department of Health and Human Services to provide  
103 to the Interagency Council on Veterans Affairs the total number of veterans who  
104 have applied for and received certification as an Emergency Medical Technician-B,  
105 Advanced Emergency Medical Technician and Paramedic through the State  
106 Emergency Medical Systems program. (NRS 417.0194) **Section 41** of this bill  
107 requires instead that the Department of Public Safety provide such information to  
108 the Council.

109 **Sections 3-5** of this bill define the terms "Bureau," "Chief" and "provider of  
110 emergency medical services," respectively. **Section 6** of this bill makes a  
111 conforming change to indicate the proper placement of **sections 3-5** in the Nevada  
112 Revised Statutes.

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THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, REPRESENTED IN  
SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

1 **Section 1.** NRS 439.150 is hereby amended to read as follows:  
2 439.150 1. ~~The~~ *Except as otherwise provided in chapter*  
3 *450B of NRS, the* State Board of Health is hereby declared to be  
4 supreme in all nonadministrative health matters. It has general  
5 supervision over all matters, except for administrative matters and



1 as otherwise provided in NRS 439.950 to 439.983, inclusive,  
2 relating to the preservation of the health and lives of citizens of this  
3 State and over the work of the Chief Medical Officer and all district,  
4 county and city health departments, boards of health and health  
5 officers.

6 2. The Department is hereby designated as the agency of this  
7 State to cooperate with the federal authorities in the administration  
8 of those parts of the Social Security Act which relate to the general  
9 promotion of public health. It may receive and expend all money  
10 made available to the Division by the Federal Government, the State  
11 of Nevada or its political subdivisions, or from any other source, for  
12 the purposes provided in this chapter. In developing and revising  
13 any state plan in connection with federal assistance for health  
14 programs, the Department shall consider, without limitation, the  
15 amount of money available from the Federal Government for those  
16 programs, the conditions attached to the acceptance of that money  
17 and the limitations of legislative appropriations for those programs.

18 3. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 576.128, the State  
19 Board of Health may set reasonable fees for the:

- 20 (a) Licensing, registering, certifying, inspecting or granting of  
21 permits for any facility, establishment or service regulated by the  
22 Division;  
23 (b) Programs and services of the Division;  
24 (c) Review of plans; and  
25 (d) Certification and licensing of personnel.

26 ↪ Fees set pursuant to this subsection must be calculated to produce  
27 for that period the revenue from the fees projected in the budget  
28 approved for the Division by the Legislature.

29 **Sec. 2.** Chapter 450B of NRS is hereby amended by adding  
30 thereto the provisions set forth as sections 3, 4 and 5 of this act.

31 **Sec. 3.** *“Bureau” means the Bureau of Emergency Medical*  
32 *Services of the State Fire Marshal Division of the Department of*  
33 *Public Safety.*

34 **Sec. 4.** *“Chief” means the Chief of the Bureau of Emergency*  
35 *Medical Services of the State Fire Marshal Division of the*  
36 *Department of Public Safety.*

37 **Sec. 5.** *“Provider of emergency medical services” means*  
38 *each operator of an ambulance or firefighting agency which:*

- 39 1. *Has a permit to operate pursuant to this chapter; and*  
40 2. *Provides transportation for persons in need of emergency*  
41 *services and care to a hospital.*

42 **Sec. 6.** NRS 450B.020 is hereby amended to read as follows:  
43 450B.020 As used in this chapter, unless the context otherwise  
44 requires, the words and terms defined in NRS 450B.025 to



1 450B.110, inclusive, *and sections 3, 4 and 5 of this act* have the  
2 meanings ascribed to them in those sections.

3 **Sec. 7.** NRS 450B.025 is hereby amended to read as follows:

4 450B.025 “Advanced emergency medical technician” means a  
5 person certified by the health ~~{officer}~~ *authority* as having  
6 satisfactorily completed a program of training for certification as an  
7 advanced emergency medical technician pursuant to NRS 450B.191.

8 **Sec. 8.** NRS 450B.065 is hereby amended to read as follows:

9 450B.065 “Emergency medical technician” means a person  
10 certified by the health ~~{officer}~~ *authority* as having satisfactorily  
11 completed a program of training for certification as an emergency  
12 medical technician pursuant to NRS 450B.1905.

13 **Sec. 9.** NRS 450B.077 is hereby amended to read as follows:

14 450B.077 “Health authority” means:

15 1. In a county whose population is less than 700,000, the  
16 ~~{Division}~~ *Bureau*.

17 2. In a county whose population is 700,000 or more, the district  
18 board of health.

19 **Sec. 10.** NRS 450B.095 is hereby amended to read as follows:

20 450B.095 “Paramedic” means a person certified by the health  
21 ~~{officer}~~ *authority* as having satisfactorily completed a program of  
22 training for certification as a paramedic pursuant to NRS 450B.195.

23 **Sec. 11.** NRS 450B.120 is hereby amended to read as follows:

24 450B.120 The board *and a health authority* shall establish and  
25 promulgate such rules, regulations, standards and procedures as ~~{it~~  
26 ~~determines}~~ are necessary to administer the provisions of this  
27 chapter.

28 **Sec. 12.** NRS 450B.130 is hereby amended to read as follows:

29 450B.130 1. The ~~{board}~~ *health authority* shall adopt  
30 regulations establishing reasonable minimum standards for:

31 (a) Sanitation in ambulances and air ambulances;

32 (b) Medical and nonmedical equipment and supplies to be  
33 carried in ambulances and medical equipment and supplies to be  
34 carried in air ambulances and vehicles of a fire-fighting agency;

35 (c) Interior configuration, design and dimensions of ambulances  
36 placed in service after July 1, 1979;

37 (d) Permits for operation of ambulances, air ambulances and  
38 vehicles of a fire-fighting agency;

39 (e) Records to be maintained by an operator of an ambulance or  
40 air ambulance or by a fire-fighting agency; and

41 (f) Treatment of patients who are critically ill or in urgent need  
42 of treatment.

43 2. Any regulations adopted by the ~~{board}~~ *health authority*  
44 pursuant to subsection 1 establishing reasonable minimum standards



1 for a permit for the operation of an air ambulance or records to be  
2 maintained by an operator of an air ambulance must:

3 (a) Except as otherwise provided in paragraph (b), be based on  
4 the medical aspects of the operation of an air ambulance, including,  
5 without limitation, aspects related to patient care; and

6 (b) Not be based on economic factors, including, without  
7 limitation, factors related to the prices, routes or nonmedical  
8 services of an air ambulance.

9 3. The health officers of this state shall jointly adopt  
10 regulations to establish the minimum standards for the certification  
11 or licensure of persons who provide emergency medical care. Upon  
12 adoption of the regulations, each health authority shall adopt the  
13 regulations for its jurisdiction. After each health authority adopts the  
14 regulations, the standards established constitute the minimum  
15 standards for certification or licensure of persons who provide  
16 emergency medical care in this state. Any changes to the minimum  
17 standards must be adopted jointly by the health officers and by each  
18 health authority in the manner set forth in this subsection. Any  
19 changes in the minimum standards which are not adopted in the  
20 manner set forth in this subsection are void.

21 4. A health officer may adopt regulations that impose  
22 additional requirements for the certification or licensure of persons  
23 who provide emergency medical care in the jurisdiction of the  
24 health officer, but the health officer must accept the certification or  
25 licensure of a person who provides emergency medical care from  
26 the jurisdiction of another health officer as proof that the person  
27 who provides emergency medical care has met the minimum  
28 requirements for certification or licensure.

29 5. As used in this section, "person who provides emergency  
30 medical care" means an emergency medical technician, advanced  
31 emergency medical technician, paramedic, attendant of an  
32 ambulance or air ambulance or firefighter employed by or serving  
33 with a fire-fighting agency.

34 **Sec. 13.** NRS 450B.140 is hereby amended to read as follows:

35 450B.140 1. In adopting regulations under NRS 450B.120  
36 and 450B.130, the board *or health authority, as applicable*, may  
37 use standards and regulations proposed by:

38 (a) The Committee on Trauma of the American College of  
39 Surgeons;

40 (b) The United States Department of Transportation;

41 (c) The United States Public Health Service;

42 (d) The Bureau of Health Insurance of the Social Security  
43 Administration;

44 (e) The American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons;



1 (f) The National Academy of Sciences—National Research  
2 Council;

3 (g) The American Heart Association; and

4 (h) Regional, state and local emergency medical services  
5 committees and councils.

6 2. The board *or health authority, as applicable*, may establish  
7 different standards for commercial, volunteer, industrial and other  
8 categories of ambulances and fire-fighting agencies to reflect  
9 different circumstances and in the public interest.

10 **Sec. 14.** NRS 450B.1505 is hereby amended to read as  
11 follows:

12 450B.1505 1. *The Chief shall establish by regulation:*

13 (a) *A fee for the issuance or renewal of any license, permit or*  
14 *certificate issued by the Bureau pursuant to this chapter; and*

15 (b) *A schedule of fees for the services and regulatory activities*  
16 *performed by the Bureau pursuant to the provisions of this*  
17 *chapter. Any such fee must be based on the actual cost of the*  
18 *service or activity, as applicable.*

19 2. Any money ~~[the Division receives]~~ *received* from a fee ~~[set~~  
20 ~~by the State Board of Health]~~ *established* pursuant to ~~[NRS 439.150~~  
21 ~~for the issuance or renewal of a license pursuant to NRS 450B.160,]~~  
22 *subsection 1*, an administrative penalty imposed pursuant to NRS  
23 450B.900 or an appropriation made by the Legislature for the  
24 purposes of training related to emergency medical services:

25 (a) Must be deposited in the State Treasury and accounted for  
26 separately in the State General Fund;

27 (b) May be used only to carry out a training program for  
28 emergency medical services personnel who work for a volunteer  
29 ambulance service or firefighting agency, including, without  
30 limitation, equipment for use in the training; and

31 (c) Does not revert to the State General Fund at the end of any  
32 fiscal year.

33 ~~[2.]~~ 3. Any interest or income earned on the money in the  
34 account must be credited to the account. Any claims against  
35 the account must be paid in the manner that other claims against the  
36 State are paid.

37 ~~[3.]~~ 4. The ~~[Administrator of the Division]~~ *Chief* shall  
38 administer the account.

39 **Sec. 15.** NRS 450B.151 is hereby amended to read as follows:

40 450B.151 1. The Committee on Emergency Medical  
41 Services, consisting of nine members appointed by the ~~[State Board~~  
42 ~~of Health,]~~ *Director of the Department of Public Safety*, is hereby  
43 created.

44 2. Upon request of the ~~[State Board of Health,]~~ *Director of the*  
45 *Department of Public Safety*, employee associations that represent



1 persons that provide emergency medical services, including, without  
2 limitation, physicians and nurses that provide emergency medical  
3 services, emergency medical technicians, ambulance attendants,  
4 firefighters, fire chiefs and employees of rural hospitals, shall  
5 submit to the ~~{State Board of Health}~~ *Director of the Department of*  
6 *Public Safety* written nominations for appointments to the  
7 Committee.

8 3. After considering the nominations submitted pursuant to  
9 subsection 2, the ~~{State Board of Health}~~ *Director of the*  
10 *Department of Public Safety* shall appoint to the Committee:

11 (a) One member who is a physician licensed pursuant to chapter  
12 630 or 633 of NRS and who ~~{has experience providing}~~ *is a director*  
13 *or holds an equivalent position for a provider of* emergency  
14 medical services;

15 (b) One member who is a registered nurse and who ~~{has~~  
16 ~~experience providing}~~ *provides* emergency medical services;

17 (c) One member who is ~~{a volunteer for an organization that~~  
18 ~~provides emergency medical services pursuant to this chapter;}~~  
19 *employed by a fire protection district that provides emergency*  
20 *medical services and transportation of persons by ambulance;*

21 (d) One member who is *a certified emergency medical*  
22 *technician and* employed by a *volunteer organization that provides*  
23 *emergency medical services or by a* fire-fighting agency at which  
24 some of the firefighters and persons who provide emergency  
25 medical services for the agency are employed and some serve as  
26 volunteers;

27 (e) One member who is employed by *a provider of emergency*  
28 *medical services and is based in* an urban ~~{fire fighting agency;}~~  
29 *area;*

30 (f) One member who *provides emergency medical services and*  
31 *is employed by or serves as a volunteer with a medical facility that*  
32 *is located in a rural area and that provides emergency medical*  
33 *services;*

34 (g) One member who is employed by an organization that  
35 provides emergency medical services in an air ambulance and  
36 whose duties are closely related to such emergency medical  
37 services;

38 (h) One member who is employed by a privately owned entity  
39 that provides emergency medical services; and

40 (i) One member who is employed by an operator of a service  
41 which is:

42 (1) Provided for the benefit of the employees of an industry  
43 who become sick or are injured at the industrial site; and

44 (2) Staffed by employees who are licensed attendants and  
45 perform emergency medical services primarily for the industry.





1 4. In addition to the members set forth in subsection 3, the  
2 following persons are ex officio members of the Committee:

3 (a) An employee of the ~~{Division,}~~ *Department of Health and*  
4 *Human Services*, appointed by the ~~{Administrator}~~ *Director* of the  
5 ~~{Division,}~~ *Department*, whose duties relate to administration and  
6 enforcement of the provisions of this chapter ~~{;} over which the~~  
7 *Department has authority*.

8 (b) The county health officer appointed pursuant to NRS  
9 439.290 in each county whose population is 100,000 or more, or the  
10 county health officer's designee;

11 (c) A physician who is a member of a committee which consists  
12 of directors of trauma centers in this State and who is nominated by  
13 that committee; and

14 (d) A representative of a committee or group which focuses on  
15 the provision of emergency medical services to children in this State  
16 and who is nominated by that committee or group.

17 5. The term of each member appointed by the ~~{State Board of~~  
18 ~~Health}~~ *Director of the Department of Public Safety* is 2 years. A  
19 member may not serve more than two consecutive terms but may  
20 serve more than two terms if there is a break in service of not less  
21 than 2 years.

22 6. The ~~{State Board of Health}~~ *Director of the Department of*  
23 *Public Safety* shall not appoint to the Committee two persons who  
24 are employed by or volunteer with the same organization, except the  
25 ~~{State Board of Health}~~ *Director of the Department of Public*  
26 *Safety* may appoint a person who is employed by or volunteers with  
27 the same organization of which a member who serves ex officio is  
28 an employee.

29 7. Each member of the Committee shall appoint an alternate to  
30 serve in the member's place if the member is temporarily unable to  
31 perform the duties required of him or her pursuant to NRS 450B.151  
32 to 450B.154, inclusive.

33 8. A position on the Committee that becomes vacant before the  
34 end of the term of the member must be filled in the same manner as  
35 the original appointment.

36 **Sec. 16.** NRS 450B.152 is hereby amended to read as follows:

37 450B.152 1. The Committee shall elect a Chair from among  
38 its members. The term of the Chair is 1 year.

39 2. The Committee shall meet at the call of the Chair at least  
40 four times each year.

41 3. The Committee shall adopt rules for its own management.

42 4. A member of the Committee serves without compensation,  
43 except that, for each day or portion of a day during which a member  
44 attends a meeting of the Committee or is otherwise engaged in the  
45 business of the Committee, the member of the Committee is entitled



1 to receive the per diem allowance and travel expenses provided for  
2 state officers and employees generally. The per diem allowance and  
3 travel expenses must be paid by the ~~[Division]~~ *Bureau* from money  
4 not allocated by specific statute for another use.

5 **Sec. 17.** NRS 450B.153 is hereby amended to read as follows:  
6 450B.153 The Committee shall:

7 1. Review and advise the ~~[Division]~~ *Bureau* regarding the  
8 management and performance of emergency medical services in this  
9 State and regarding statewide emergency medical protocols;

10 2. Advise the ~~[Division]~~ *Bureau* on matters of policy relating  
11 to emergency care, including, without limitation, the qualifications  
12 of persons who provide emergency medical services;

13 3. Advise the board and ~~[Division]~~ *the Bureau* with respect to  
14 the preparation and adoption of regulations regarding emergency  
15 care;

16 4. Review periodically the budget of the ~~[Division that relates~~  
17 ~~to emergency medical services;]~~ *Bureau;*

18 5. Encourage the training and education of emergency medical  
19 service personnel to improve the system of public safety in this  
20 State; and

21 6. Perform such other duties as may be required by law or  
22 regulation.

23 **Sec. 18.** NRS 450B.154 is hereby amended to read as follows:

24 450B.154 The ~~[Division]~~ *Bureau* shall provide administrative  
25 support and assistance to the Committee.

26 **Sec. 19.** NRS 450B.155 is hereby amended to read as follows:

27 450B.155 1. An educational institution, public or private  
28 agency or other entity may provide a training program for  
29 emergency medical dispatchers and issue certificates of completion  
30 if the program meets the requirements set forth in the regulations of  
31 the ~~[board]~~ *health authority* and is approved by the ~~[board.]~~ *health*  
32 *authority.*

33 2. The ~~[board]~~ *health authority* shall adopt regulations:

34 (a) Prescribing the requirements for a program for training and  
35 certifying an emergency medical dispatcher;

36 (b) Prescribing the procedures for an educational institution,  
37 public or private agency or other entity to obtain the approval of the  
38 ~~[board]~~ *health authority* to provide such a program; and

39 (c) Establishing such fees as are necessary to cover the cost of  
40 administering the provisions of this section.

41 **Sec. 20.** NRS 450B.160 is hereby amended to read as follows:

42 450B.160 1. The health authority may issue licenses to  
43 attendants and to firefighters employed by or serving as volunteers  
44 with a fire-fighting agency.



1 2. Each license must be evidenced by a card issued to the  
2 holder of the license, is valid for a period not to exceed 2 years and  
3 is renewable.

4 3. An applicant for a license must file with the health authority:

5 (a) A current, valid certificate evidencing the applicant's  
6 successful completion of a program of training as an emergency  
7 medical technician, advanced emergency medical technician or  
8 paramedic, if the applicant is applying for a license as an attendant,  
9 or, if a volunteer attendant, at a level of skill determined by the  
10 board.

11 (b) A current valid certificate evidencing the applicant's  
12 successful completion of a program of training as an emergency  
13 medical technician, advanced emergency medical technician or  
14 paramedic, if the applicant is applying for a license as a firefighter  
15 with a fire-fighting agency.

16 (c) A signed statement showing:

17 (1) The name and address of the applicant;

18 (2) The name and address of the employer of the applicant;

19 and

20 (3) A description of the applicant's duties.

21 (d) Proof that the applicant has completed the training required  
22 by subsection 4.

23 (e) Such other certificates for training and such other items as  
24 the board may specify.

25 4. In addition to the training required by subsection 3, each  
26 applicant for a license must complete training concerning  
27 identifying and interacting with persons with developmental  
28 disabilities.

29 5. The ~~board~~ *health authority* shall adopt such regulations as  
30 it determines are necessary for the issuance, suspension, revocation  
31 and renewal of licenses.

32 6. Each ~~operator of an ambulance or air ambulance and each~~  
33 ~~fire fighting agency~~ *provider of emergency medical services* shall  
34 annually file with the health authority a complete list of the licensed  
35 persons in its service.

36 7. Licensed physicians, registered nurses and licensed  
37 physician assistants may serve as attendants without being licensed  
38 under the provisions of this section. A registered nurse who  
39 performs emergency care in an ambulance or air ambulance shall  
40 perform the care in accordance with the regulations of the State  
41 Board of Nursing. A licensed physician assistant who performs  
42 emergency care in an ambulance or air ambulance shall perform the  
43 care in accordance with the regulations of the Board of Medical  
44 Examiners.



1 8. Each licensed physician, registered nurse and licensed  
2 physician assistant who serves as an attendant must have current  
3 certification of completion of training in:

4 (a) Advanced life-support procedures for patients who require  
5 cardiac care;

6 (b) Life-support procedures for pediatric patients who require  
7 cardiac care; and

8 (c) Life-support procedures for patients with trauma that are  
9 administered before the arrival of those patients at a hospital.

10 ➔ The certification must be issued by the Board of Medical  
11 Examiners for a physician or licensed physician assistant or by the  
12 State Board of Nursing for a registered nurse.

13 9. The Board of Medical Examiners and the State Board of  
14 Nursing shall issue a certificate pursuant to subsection 8 if the  
15 licensed physician, licensed physician assistant or registered nurse  
16 attends:

17 (a) A course offered by a national organization which is  
18 nationally recognized for issuing such certification;

19 (b) Training conducted by the operator of an ambulance or air  
20 ambulance; or

21 (c) Any other course or training,  
22 ➔ approved by the Board of Medical Examiners or the State Board  
23 of Nursing, whichever is issuing the certification.

24 10. As used in this section, “developmental disability” has the  
25 meaning ascribed to it in NRS 435.007.

26 **Sec. 21.** NRS 450B.180 is hereby amended to read as follows:

27 450B.180 1. Any person desiring certification as an  
28 emergency medical technician, advanced emergency medical  
29 technician or paramedic must apply to the health authority using  
30 forms prescribed by the health authority.

31 2. The health authority, pursuant to regulations and procedures  
32 adopted by the ~~board,~~ *health authority*, shall make a determination  
33 of the applicant’s qualifications to be certified as an emergency  
34 medical technician, advanced emergency medical technician or  
35 paramedic and shall issue the appropriate certificate to each  
36 qualified applicant.

37 3. A certificate is valid for a period not exceeding 2 years and  
38 may be renewed if the holder of the certificate complies with the  
39 provisions of this chapter and meets the qualifications set forth in  
40 the regulations and standards established by the ~~board~~ *health*  
41 *authority* pursuant to this chapter. The regulations and standards  
42 established by the ~~board~~ *health authority* must provide for the  
43 completion of:

44 (a) A course of instruction, within 2 years after initial  
45 certification, relating to the medical consequences of an act of



1 terrorism that involves the use of a weapon of mass destruction. The  
2 course must provide at least 4 hours of instruction that includes  
3 instruction in the following subjects:

4 (1) An overview of acts of terrorism and weapons of mass  
5 destruction;

6 (2) Personal protective equipment required for acts of  
7 terrorism;

8 (3) Common symptoms and methods of treatment associated  
9 with exposure to, or injuries caused by, chemical, biological,  
10 radioactive and nuclear agents;

11 (4) Syndromic surveillance and reporting procedures for acts  
12 of terrorism that involve biological agents; and

13 (5) An overview of the information available on, and the use  
14 of, the Health Alert Network.

15 ➔ The ~~board~~ *health authority* may thereafter determine whether  
16 to establish regulations and standards requiring additional courses of  
17 instruction relating to the medical consequences of an act of  
18 terrorism that involves the use of a weapon of mass destruction.

19 (b) Training before initial certification concerning identifying  
20 and interacting with persons with developmental disabilities.  
21 Training completed pursuant to this paragraph also satisfies the  
22 requirement for such training prescribed by NRS 289.605 or  
23 450B.160, if applicable.

24 4. The health authority may suspend or revoke a certificate if it  
25 finds that the holder of the certificate no longer meets the prescribed  
26 qualifications. Unless the certificate is suspended by the district  
27 court pursuant to NRS 425.540, the holder of the certificate may  
28 appeal the suspension or revocation of his or her certificate pursuant  
29 to regulations adopted by the ~~board~~ *health authority*.

30 5. The ~~board~~ *health authority* shall determine the procedures  
31 and techniques which may be performed by an emergency medical  
32 technician, advanced emergency medical technician or paramedic.

33 6. A certificate issued pursuant to this section is valid  
34 throughout the State, whether issued by the ~~Division~~ *Bureau* or a  
35 district board of health.

36 7. The ~~Division~~ *Bureau* shall maintain a central registry of  
37 all certificates issued pursuant to this section, whether issued by the  
38 ~~Division~~ *Bureau* or a district board of health.

39 8. The ~~board~~ *health authority* shall adopt such regulations as  
40 are necessary to carry out the provisions of this section.

41 9. As used in this section:

42 (a) "Act of terrorism" has the meaning ascribed to it in  
43 NRS 202.4415.

44 (b) "Biological agent" has the meaning ascribed to it in  
45 NRS 202.442.



1 (c) "Chemical agent" has the meaning ascribed to it in  
2 NRS 202.4425.

3 (d) "Developmental disability" has the meaning ascribed to it in  
4 NRS 435.007.

5 (e) "Radioactive agent" has the meaning ascribed to it in  
6 NRS 202.4437.

7 (f) "Weapon of mass destruction" has the meaning ascribed to it  
8 in NRS 202.4445.

9 **Sec. 22.** NRS 450B.190 is hereby amended to read as follows:

10 450B.190 1. The health authority may, at its discretion, issue  
11 a provisional license as an attendant to a person who does not meet  
12 the qualifications established pursuant to this chapter, if the health  
13 authority determines that such issuance will be in the public interest.

14 2. A provisional license as an attendant must not be made valid  
15 for more than 1 year from the date of issuance and is not renewable.

16 3. *A person who does not meet the qualifications established  
17 pursuant to this chapter is not required to obtain a provisional  
18 license to serve in a training capacity if the person:*

19 (a) *Is not employed by the provider of emergency services;*

20 (b) *Is accompanied at all times during the training period by  
21 an emergency medical technician, advanced emergency medical  
22 technician or paramedic; and*

23 (c) *Will be serving in a training capacity for less than a 24-  
24 hour period as part of a course of study at an institution of higher  
25 learning in this State.*

26 **Sec. 23.** NRS 450B.1905 is hereby amended to read as  
27 follows:

28 450B.1905 1. A program of training for certification as an  
29 emergency medical technician must be:

30 (a) Supervised by a physician and approved by the health  
31 authority; or

32 (b) Presented by a national organization which is nationally  
33 recognized for providing such training and approved by the ~~[board.]~~  
34 *health authority.*

35 2. A program of training for certification as an emergency  
36 medical technician must follow the curriculum or educational  
37 standards prepared by the United States Department of  
38 Transportation as a national standard for emergency medical  
39 technicians.

40 3. The ~~[board.]~~ *health authority* may adopt regulations which  
41 prescribe other requirements of training for certification as an  
42 emergency medical technician.

43 4. An owner of an ambulance shall not offer emergency  
44 medical care to a patient in urgent need of medical care or  
45 observation unless the attendant has successfully completed a



1 program of training for certification as an emergency medical  
2 technician or is exempt, pursuant to subsection 7 of NRS 450B.160,  
3 from the requirement to obtain that training.

4 5. The ~~{board}~~ *health authority* may by regulation prescribe  
5 additional requirements for receiving and maintaining certification  
6 as an emergency medical technician. The curriculum or educational  
7 standards for training must be:

8 (a) At the level of advanced first aid; or

9 (b) At least equivalent to any curriculum or educational  
10 standards prepared by the Department of Transportation as a  
11 national standard for emergency medical technicians.

12 **Sec. 24.** NRS 450B.191 is hereby amended to read as follows:

13 450B.191 1. A program of training for certification as an  
14 advanced emergency medical technician must be supervised by a  
15 licensed physician and approved by the health authority.

16 2. A program of training for certification as an advanced  
17 emergency medical technician must include an approved curriculum  
18 in intravenous therapy and the management of a passage for air to  
19 the lungs. Only a certified emergency medical technician with  
20 experience as established by the ~~{board}~~ *health authority* is eligible  
21 for this training.

22 3. In order to maintain certification, each advanced emergency  
23 medical technician must annually:

24 (a) Comply with the requirements established by the ~~{board}~~  
25 *health authority* for continuing medical education; and

26 (b) Demonstrate his or her skills as required by regulation of the  
27 ~~{board}~~ *health authority*.

28 4. The ~~{board}~~ *health authority* may by regulation prescribe  
29 the curriculum and other requirements for training and maintaining  
30 certification as an advanced emergency medical technician. The  
31 curriculum must be at least equivalent to any curriculum or  
32 educational standards prepared by the United States Department of  
33 Transportation as a national standard for advanced emergency  
34 medical technicians.

35 5. A person shall not represent himself or herself to be an  
36 advanced emergency medical technician unless the person has on  
37 file with the health authority a currently valid certificate  
38 demonstrating successful completion of the program of training  
39 required by this section.

40 6. Except as authorized by subsection 7 of NRS 450B.160, an  
41 attendant or firefighter shall not perform, and the owner, operator,  
42 director or chief officer of an ambulance or a fire-fighting agency  
43 shall not offer, emergency care as an advanced emergency medical  
44 technician without fulfilling the requirements established by the  
45 ~~{board}~~ *health authority*.



1     **Sec. 25.** NRS 450B.1915 is hereby amended to read as  
2 follows:

3     450B.1915 An advanced emergency medical technician may  
4 perform any procedure and administer any drug:

5         1. Approved by regulation of the ~~{board.}~~ *health authority*; or

6         2. Authorized pursuant to NRS 450B.1975, if the advanced  
7 emergency medical technician has obtained an endorsement  
8 pursuant to that section.

9     **Sec. 26.** NRS 450B.195 is hereby amended to read as follows:

10     450B.195 1. Only a certified emergency medical technician  
11 with experience as established by the ~~{board}~~ *health authority* is  
12 eligible for training as a paramedic.

13         2. A program of training for certification as a paramedic must  
14 be supervised by a licensed physician and approved by the health  
15 authority.

16         3. To maintain certification, each paramedic must annually:

17             (a) Comply with the requirements established by the ~~{board}~~  
18 *health authority* for continuing medical education; and

19             (b) Demonstrate his or her skills as required by regulation of the  
20 ~~{board.}~~ *health authority*.

21         4. The ~~{board}~~ *health authority* may by regulation prescribe  
22 the curriculum and other requirements for training and maintaining  
23 certification as a paramedic. The curriculum must be at least  
24 equivalent to any curriculum or educational standards prepared by  
25 the United States Department of Transportation as a national  
26 standard for paramedics.

27         5. A person shall not represent himself or herself to be a  
28 paramedic unless the person has on file with the health authority a  
29 currently valid certificate evidencing the person's successful  
30 completion of the program of training required by this section.

31         6. Except as authorized by subsection 7 of NRS 450B.160, an  
32 attendant or firefighter shall not perform, and the owner, operator,  
33 director or chief officer of an ambulance or a fire-fighting agency  
34 shall not offer, emergency care as a paramedic without fulfilling the  
35 requirements established by the ~~{board.}~~ *health authority*.

36     **Sec. 27.** NRS 450B.197 is hereby amended to read as follows:

37     450B.197 An attendant or a firefighter who is a paramedic or  
38 emergency medical services registered nurse may perform any  
39 procedure and administer any drug:

40         1. Approved by regulation of the ~~{board.}~~ *health authority*; or

41         2. Authorized pursuant to NRS 450B.1975, if the attendant or  
42 firefighter who is a paramedic has obtained an endorsement  
43 pursuant to that section.





1     **Sec. 28.** NRS 450B.1993 is hereby amended to read as  
2 follows:

3     450B.1993 1. The ~~{board}~~ *health authority* shall adopt  
4 regulations to provide for the issuance of an endorsement on a  
5 permit which allows an emergency medical provider who is  
6 employed by or serves as a volunteer for the holder of the permit to  
7 provide community paramedicine services. Such regulations must  
8 establish, without limitation:

9       (a) The manner in which to apply for an endorsement;

10      (b) The qualifications and requirements of a holder of a permit  
11 to obtain an endorsement;

12      (c) The required training and qualifications of an emergency  
13 medical provider who will provide community paramedicine  
14 services and the proof necessary to demonstrate such training and  
15 qualifications;

16      (d) The scope of the community paramedicine services that may  
17 be provided by an emergency medical provider who is employed by  
18 or serves as a volunteer for the holder of the permit, which must not  
19 include any services that are outside the scope of practice of the  
20 emergency medical provider;

21      (e) The continuing education requirements or other evidence of  
22 continued competency for renewal of the endorsement; and

23      (f) Such other requirements as the ~~{board}~~ *health authority*  
24 deems necessary to carry out the provisions of this section and NRS  
25 450B.199 and 450B.1996.

26     2. The holder of a permit may apply for an endorsement to  
27 provide community paramedicine services by submitting to the  
28 health authority an application upon forms prescribed by the ~~{board}~~  
29 *health authority* and in accordance with procedures established by  
30 the ~~{board.}~~ *health authority*. The health authority must not approve  
31 an application for an endorsement or a renewal of an endorsement  
32 unless the applicant meets the requirements prescribed by the  
33 ~~{board}~~ *health authority* by regulation pursuant to subsection 1. No  
34 additional fee may be charged for an endorsement.

35     3. An endorsement to provide community paramedicine  
36 services expires on the same date as the permit and is renewable  
37 annually thereafter at least 30 days before the expiration date.

38     4. An emergency medical provider may provide community  
39 paramedicine services only as an employee of or volunteer for the  
40 holder of a permit who has obtained an endorsement and only if the  
41 emergency medical provider possesses the training and  
42 qualifications required by the ~~{board.}~~ *health authority*. Any  
43 services provided must not exceed the scope of practice of the  
44 emergency medical provider.



1       **Sec. 29.** NRS 450B.200 is hereby amended to read as follows:  
2       450B.200 1. The health authority may issue a permit for:

- 3       (a) The operation of an ambulance or an air ambulance; or  
4       (b) The operation of a vehicle of a fire-fighting agency:

5               (1) At the scene of an emergency; and  
6               (2) To provide community paramedicine services, but only if  
7 the holder of the permit has obtained an endorsement on the permit  
8 to provide such services pursuant to NRS 450B.1993.

9       2. Each permit must be evidenced by a card issued to the  
10 holder of the permit.

11       3. No permit may be issued unless the applicant is qualified  
12 pursuant to the regulations of the **[board.] health authority**.

13       4. An application for a permit must be made upon forms  
14 prescribed by the **[board.] health authority** and in accordance with  
15 procedures established by the **[board.] health authority**, and must  
16 contain the following:

17               (a) The name and address of the owner of the ambulance or air  
18 ambulance or of the fire-fighting agency;

19               (b) The name under which the applicant is doing business or  
20 proposes to do business, if applicable;

21               (c) A description of each ambulance, air ambulance or vehicle of  
22 a fire-fighting agency, including the make, year of manufacture and  
23 chassis number, and the color scheme, insignie, name, monogram or  
24 other distinguishing characteristics to be used to designate the  
25 applicant's ambulance, air ambulance or vehicle;

26               (d) The location and description of the places from which the  
27 ambulance, air ambulance or fire-fighting agency intends to operate;  
28 and

29               (e) Such other information as the **[board.] health authority**  
30 deems reasonable and necessary to a fair determination of  
31 compliance with the provisions of this chapter.

32       5. The **[board.] health authority** shall establish a reasonable fee  
33 for annual permits.

34       6. All permits expire on July 1 following the date of issue, and  
35 are renewable annually thereafter upon payment of the fee required  
36 by subsection 5 at least 30 days before the expiration date.

37       7. The health authority shall:

38               (a) Revoke, suspend or refuse to renew any permit issued  
39 pursuant to this section for violation of any provision of this chapter  
40 or of any regulation adopted by the **[board.] health authority**; or

41               (b) Bring an action in any court for violation of this chapter or  
42 the regulations adopted pursuant to this chapter,

43       ➔ only after the holder of a permit is afforded an opportunity for a  
44 public hearing pursuant to regulations adopted by the **[board.]**  
45 **health authority**.



1 8. The health authority may suspend a permit if the holder is  
2 using an ambulance, air ambulance or vehicle of a fire-fighting  
3 agency which does not meet the minimum requirements for  
4 equipment as established by the ~~board~~ *health authority* pursuant  
5 to this chapter.

6 9. In determining whether to issue a permit for the operation of  
7 an air ambulance pursuant to this section, the health authority:

8 (a) Except as otherwise provided in paragraph (b), may consider  
9 the medical aspects of the operation of an air ambulance, including,  
10 without limitation, aspects related to patient care; and

11 (b) Shall not consider economic factors, including, without  
12 limitation, factors related to the prices, routes or nonmedical  
13 services of an air ambulance.

14 10. The issuance of a permit pursuant to this section or NRS  
15 450B.210 does not authorize any person or governmental entity to  
16 provide those services or to operate any ambulance, air ambulance  
17 or vehicle of a fire-fighting agency not in conformity with any  
18 ordinance or regulation enacted by any county, municipality or  
19 special purpose district.

20 11. A permit issued pursuant to this section is valid throughout  
21 the State, whether issued by the ~~Division~~ *Bureau* or a district  
22 board of health. An ambulance, air ambulance or vehicle of a fire-  
23 fighting agency which has received a permit from the district board  
24 of health in a county whose population is 700,000 or more is not  
25 required to obtain a permit from the ~~Division~~ *Bureau*, even if the  
26 ambulance, air ambulance or vehicle of a fire-fighting agency has  
27 routine operations outside the county.

28 12. The ~~Division~~ *Bureau* shall maintain a central registry of  
29 all permits issued pursuant to this section, whether issued by the  
30 ~~Division~~ *Bureau* or a district board of health.

31 13. The ~~board~~ *health authority* shall adopt such regulations  
32 as are necessary to carry out the provisions of this section.

33 **Sec. 30.** NRS 450B.210 is hereby amended to read as follows:

34 450B.210 1. The ~~board~~ *health authority* may issue  
35 provisional permits limited as to time, place and purpose, based on  
36 the need therefor. No provisional permit may be issued for a period  
37 of longer than 6 months. The ~~board~~ *health authority* may establish  
38 a reasonable fee for such provisional permits.

39 2. Unless otherwise limited in the permit, a provisional permit  
40 issued pursuant to this section is valid for providing emergency  
41 services throughout the State, whether issued by the ~~Division~~  
42 *Bureau* or a district board of health.

43 3. In determining whether to issue a permit for the operation of  
44 an air ambulance pursuant to this section, the health authority:



1 (a) Except as otherwise provided in paragraph (b), may consider  
2 the medical aspects of the operation of an air ambulance, including,  
3 without limitation, aspects related to patient care; and

4 (b) Shall not consider economic factors, including, without  
5 limitation, factors related to the prices, routes or nonmedical  
6 services of an air ambulance.

7 **Sec. 31.** NRS 450B.225 is hereby amended to read as follows:

8 450B.225 1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2,  
9 during any period in which an air ambulance is used to provide  
10 medical transportation services for which a permit is required, the  
11 air ambulance must be staffed with, at a minimum:

12 (a) One primary attendant who:

13 (1) Is an emergency medical services registered nurse who  
14 has at least 3 years of critical care nursing experience;

15 (2) Has successfully completed an air ambulance attendant  
16 course which includes didactic and clinical components and is  
17 approved or in compliance with requirements set by the board; and

18 (3) Has demonstrated proficiency in basic prehospital skills  
19 and advance procedures as specified by the board; and

20 (b) One secondary attendant who meets the same qualifications  
21 as a primary attendant pursuant to paragraph (a) or:

22 (1) Is certified as a paramedic;

23 (2) Has at least 3 years of field experience as a paramedic;

24 (3) Has successfully completed an air ambulance attendant  
25 course which includes didactic and clinical components and is  
26 approved or in compliance with requirements set by the board; and

27 (4) Has demonstrated proficiency in basic prehospital skills  
28 and advance procedures as specified by the board.

29 2. If, as determined by the pilot and medical director of the air  
30 ambulance, the weight of the secondary attendant could compromise  
31 the performance of the air ambulance, safety or patient care, an air  
32 ambulance providing medical transportation services may be staffed  
33 with only a primary attendant as described in paragraph (a) of  
34 subsection 1.

35 3. The ~~board~~ *health authority* may adopt regulations  
36 specifying the acceptable documentation of the requirements set  
37 forth in paragraph (a) or (b) of subsection 1.

38 4. The health authority may issue a letter of endorsement and  
39 identification card to an emergency medical services registered  
40 nurse or paramedic who satisfies the requirements of paragraph (a)  
41 or (b) of subsection 1.

42 **Sec. 32.** NRS 450B.230 is hereby amended to read as follows:

43 450B.230 1. The public or private owner of an ambulance or  
44 air ambulance or the fire-fighting agency who owns a vehicle used  
45 in providing emergency medical care shall not permit its operation



1 and use without the equipment required by regulations and standards  
2 of the ~~[board.]~~ *health authority*.

3 2. The provisions of this section do not apply to the equipment  
4 in or of an air ambulance unless the equipment is related to the  
5 medical aspects of the operation of the air ambulance.

6 **Sec. 33.** NRS 450B.260 is hereby amended to read as follows:

7 450B.260 1. Except as otherwise provided in this section, the  
8 public or private owner of an ambulance or air ambulance or a fire-  
9 fighting agency which owns a vehicle used in providing medical  
10 care to sick or injured persons at the scene of an emergency or while  
11 transporting those persons to a medical facility shall not permit its  
12 operation and use by any person not licensed under this chapter.

13 2. An ambulance carrying a sick or injured patient must be  
14 occupied by a driver and an attendant, each of whom is licensed as  
15 an attendant pursuant to this chapter or exempt from licensing  
16 pursuant to subsection 7 of NRS 450B.160, except as otherwise  
17 provided in subsection 5 or in geographic areas which may be  
18 designated by the ~~[board]~~ *health authority* and for which the  
19 ~~[board]~~ *health authority* may prescribe lesser qualifications.

20 3. An air ambulance carrying a sick or injured patient must be  
21 occupied by a licensed attendant, or a person exempt from licensing  
22 pursuant to subsection 7 of NRS 450B.160, in addition to the pilot  
23 of the aircraft.

24 4. The pilot of an air ambulance is not required to have a  
25 license under this chapter.

26 5. A person who operates or uses a vehicle owned by a fire-  
27 fighting agency is not required to be licensed under this chapter,  
28 except that such a vehicle may not be used to provide the level of  
29 medical care provided by an advanced emergency medical  
30 technician or paramedic to sick or injured persons:

31 (a) At the scene of an emergency unless at least one person in  
32 the vehicle is licensed to provide the care; or

33 (b) While transporting those persons to a medical facility unless  
34 at least two persons in the vehicle are licensed to provide the care.

35 6. Nothing in this section precludes the operation of an aircraft  
36 in this State in a manner other than as an air ambulance.

37 **Sec. 34.** NRS 450B.410 is hereby amended to read as follows:

38 450B.410 "Do-not-resuscitate identification" means:

39 1. A form of identification approved by the ~~[health authority,]~~  
40 *Division or, in a county whose population is 700,000 or more, the*  
41 *district board of health*, which signifies that:

42 (a) A person is a qualified patient who wishes not to be  
43 resuscitated in the event of cardiac or respiratory arrest; or

44 (b) The patient's attending physician or attending advanced  
45 practice registered nurse has:



- 1 (1) Issued a do-not-resuscitate order for the patient;
- 2 (2) Obtained the written approval of the patient concerning
- 3 the order; and
- 4 (3) Documented the grounds for the order in the patient's
- 5 medical record.

6 2. The term also includes a valid do-not-resuscitate  
7 identification issued under the laws of another state.

8 **Sec. 35.** NRS 450B.490 is hereby amended to read as follows:

9 450B.490 1. The board shall adopt regulations to carry out  
10 the provisions of NRS 450B.400 to 450B.590, inclusive. The  
11 regulations must establish:

12 (a) A do-not-resuscitate protocol; and

13 (b) The procedure to apply for a do-not-resuscitate  
14 identification.

15 2. The board may establish a fee for:

16 (a) A do-not-resuscitate identification to be collected by the  
17 ~~[health authority]~~ *Division or, in a county whose population is*  
18 *700,000 or more, the district board of health.* The fee may not  
19 exceed the actual cost to the ~~[health authority]~~ *Division* of:

20 (1) Manufacturing or obtaining the identification from a  
21 manufacturer, including the cost of shipping and handling; and

22 (2) Engraving the identification.

23 (b) The issuance of a bracelet or medallion which indicates that  
24 a do-not-resuscitate identification has been issued to a qualified  
25 patient.

26 3. In the case of a district board of health, such regulations take  
27 effect immediately upon approval by the State Board of Health.

28 **Sec. 36.** NRS 450B.500 is hereby amended to read as follows:

29 450B.500 Each do-not-resuscitate identification issued by the  
30 ~~[health authority]~~ *Division or, in a county whose population is*  
31 *700,000 or more, the district board of health,* must include, without  
32 limitation:

33 1. An identification number that is unique to the qualified  
34 patient to whom the identification is issued;

35 2. The name and date of birth of the patient; and

36 3. The name of the attending physician or attending advanced  
37 practice registered nurse of the patient.

38 **Sec. 37.** NRS 450B.520 is hereby amended to read as follows:

39 450B.520 Except as otherwise provided in NRS 450B.525:

40 1. A qualified patient may apply to the ~~[health authority]~~  
41 *Division or, in a county whose population is 700,000 or more, the*  
42 *district board of health* for a do-not-resuscitate identification by  
43 submitting an application on a form provided by the ~~[health~~  
44 ~~authority]~~ *Division or, in a county whose population is 700,000 or*  
45 *more, the district board of health.* To obtain a do-not-resuscitate



1 identification, the patient must comply with the requirements  
2 prescribed by the board and sign a form which states that the patient  
3 has informed each member of his or her family within the first  
4 degree of consanguinity or affinity, whose whereabouts are known  
5 to the patient, or if no such members are living, the patient's legal  
6 guardian, if any, or if he or she has no such members living and has  
7 no legal guardian, his or her caretaker, if any, of the patient's  
8 decision to apply for an identification.

9 2. An application must include, without limitation:

10 (a) Certification by the patient's attending physician or attending  
11 advanced practice registered nurse that the patient suffers from a  
12 terminal condition;

13 (b) Certification by the patient's attending physician or  
14 attending advanced practice registered nurse that the patient is  
15 capable of making an informed decision or, when the patient was  
16 capable of making an informed decision, that the patient:

17 (1) Executed:

18 (I) A written directive that life-resuscitating treatment be  
19 withheld under certain circumstances;

20 (II) A durable power of attorney for health care pursuant  
21 to NRS 162A.700 to 162A.870, inclusive; or

22 (III) A Provider Order for Life-Sustaining Treatment  
23 form pursuant to NRS 449A.500 to 449A.581, inclusive, if the form  
24 provides that the patient is not to receive life-resuscitating treatment;  
25 or

26 (2) Was issued a do-not-resuscitate order pursuant to  
27 NRS 450B.510;

28 (c) A statement that the patient does not wish that life-  
29 resuscitating treatment be undertaken in the event of a cardiac or  
30 respiratory arrest;

31 (d) The name, signature and telephone number of the patient's  
32 attending physician or attending advanced practice registered nurse;  
33 and

34 (e) The name and signature of the patient or the agent who is  
35 authorized to make health care decisions on the patient's behalf  
36 pursuant to a durable power of attorney for health care decisions.

37 **Sec. 38.** NRS 450B.525 is hereby amended to read as follows:

38 450B.525 1. A parent or legal guardian of a minor may apply  
39 to the ~~health authority~~ *Division or, in a county whose population*  
40 *is 700,000 or more, the district board of health* for a do-not-  
41 resuscitate identification on behalf of the minor if the minor has  
42 been:

43 (a) Determined by his or her attending physician or attending  
44 advanced practice registered nurse to be in a terminal condition; and

45 (b) Issued a do-not-resuscitate order pursuant to NRS 450B.510.



1 2. To obtain such a do-not-resuscitate identification, the parent  
2 or legal guardian must:

3 (a) Submit an application on a form provided by the ~~health~~  
4 ~~authority;~~ *Division or, in a county whose population is 700,000 or*  
5 *more, the district board of health;* and

6 (b) Comply with the requirements prescribed by the board.

7 3. An application submitted pursuant to subsection 2 must  
8 include, without limitation:

9 (a) Certification by the minor's attending physician or attending  
10 advanced practice registered nurse that the minor:

11 (1) Suffers from a terminal condition; and

12 (2) Has executed a Provider Order for Life-Sustaining  
13 Treatment form pursuant to NRS 449A.500 to 449A.581, inclusive,  
14 if the form provides that the minor is not to receive life-resuscitating  
15 treatment or has been issued a do-not-resuscitate order pursuant to  
16 NRS 450B.510;

17 (b) A statement that the parent or legal guardian of the minor  
18 does not wish that life-resuscitating treatment be undertaken in the  
19 event of a cardiac or respiratory arrest;

20 (c) The name of the minor;

21 (d) The name, signature and telephone number of the minor's  
22 attending physician or attending advanced practice registered nurse;  
23 and

24 (e) The name, signature and telephone number of the minor's  
25 parent or legal guardian.

26 4. The parent or legal guardian of the minor may revoke the  
27 authorization to withhold life-resuscitating treatment by removing or  
28 destroying or requesting the removal or destruction of the  
29 identification or otherwise indicating to a person that he or she  
30 wishes to have the identification removed or destroyed.

31 5. If, in the opinion of the attending physician or attending  
32 advanced practice registered nurse, the minor is of sufficient  
33 maturity to understand the nature and effect of withholding life-  
34 resuscitating treatment:

35 (a) The do-not-resuscitate identification obtained pursuant to  
36 this section is not effective without the assent of the minor.

37 (b) The minor may revoke the authorization to withhold life-  
38 resuscitating treatment by removing or destroying or requesting the  
39 removal or destruction of the identification or otherwise indicating  
40 to a person that the minor wishes to have the identification removed  
41 or destroyed.

42 **Sec. 39.** NRS 450B.855 is hereby amended to read as follows:

43 450B.855 1. A governmental entity which licenses and  
44 regulates emergency response employees may, within the limits of  
45 available money, enter into a contract with a nonprofit organization





1 to establish a program to provide peer support counseling to  
2 emergency response employees.

3 2. A nonprofit organization that establishes a program to  
4 provide peer support counseling to emergency response employees  
5 pursuant to subsection 1 must:

6 (a) Establish and operate a toll-free hotline for emergency  
7 response employees to call if such employees are experiencing  
8 mental health issues as a result of the nature of their work.

9 (b) Establish and maintain a network of peer support counselors  
10 to provide peer support counseling to persons who call the toll-free  
11 hotline established pursuant to paragraph (a).

12 (c) Establish and maintain an Internet website that provides:

13 (1) Information on mental health issues associated with  
14 emergency response work, including, without limitation, stress,  
15 post-traumatic stress disorder, depression, addictive disorders and  
16 self-medication; and

17 (2) Information concerning local and national support groups  
18 for mental health issues.

19 3. The ~~[Division]~~ *Bureau* shall post on an Internet website  
20 maintained by the ~~[Division:]~~ *Bureau*:

21 (a) The telephone number of each toll-free hotline established  
22 pursuant to subsection 2; and

23 (b) Information concerning local and national support groups for  
24 mental health issues.

25 4. To the extent money is available, the ~~[Division]~~ *Bureau*  
26 shall collect information regarding suicide and attempted suicide  
27 among emergency response employees and report that information  
28 to the ~~[Chief Medical Officer]~~ *State Fire Marshal* or his or her  
29 designee. Such a report must not include any confidential or  
30 privileged information.

31 **Sec. 40.** NRS 450B.900 is hereby amended to read as follows:

32 450B.900 1. Any person who violates any of the provisions  
33 of this chapter is guilty of a misdemeanor.

34 2. In addition to any criminal penalty imposed ~~[, the]~~ :

35 (a) *The* Division may impose against any person who violates  
36 any of the provisions of this chapter ~~[,]~~ *over which the Division has*  
37 *authority*, an administrative penalty in an amount established by the  
38 State Board of Health by regulation.

39 (b) *The Bureau may impose against any person who violates*  
40 *any of the provisions of this chapter over which the Bureau has*  
41 *authority, an administrative penalty in an amount established by*  
42 *Bureau by regulation.*

43 **Sec. 41.** NRS 417.0194 is hereby amended to read as follows:

44 417.0194 1. Each state agency and regulatory body identified  
45 in subsections 2 to 16, inclusive, shall report, subject to any



1 limitations or restrictions contained in any state or federal law  
2 governing the privacy or confidentiality of records, the data  
3 identified in subsections 2 to 17, inclusive, as applicable, to the  
4 Interagency Council on Veterans Affairs. Each state agency and  
5 regulatory body shall submit such information for the immediately  
6 preceding fiscal year to the Council not later than November 30 of  
7 each year and shall provide the information in aggregate and in  
8 digital form, and in a manner such that the data is capable of  
9 integration by the Council.

10 2. The Department of Veterans Services shall provide annual  
11 statistics regarding:

12 (a) The distribution of expenditures in this State by the United  
13 States Department of Veterans Affairs;

14 (b) The number of veterans who receive care at a veterans'  
15 home operated by the State;

16 (c) The number of interments and other services provided by the  
17 veterans' cemeteries in this State;

18 (d) The total number of veterans service officers who are located  
19 in this State, by zip code;

20 (e) The number of claims filed on behalf of veterans and the  
21 family members of veterans by veterans service officers in this  
22 State;

23 (f) The amount of annual payments in the form of disability  
24 compensation and pension benefits made to veterans and the family  
25 members of veterans in this State as a result of claims filed by any  
26 veterans service officers employed or managed by the Department  
27 of Veterans Services;

28 (g) The number of persons who participate as advocates for  
29 veterans in this State in a volunteer program sponsored by the  
30 Department of Veterans Services, by zip code;

31 (h) The number of employers in this State who participate in a  
32 program sponsored by the Department of Veterans Services that  
33 facilitates the employment of veterans; and

34 (i) The number of events sponsored or supported by the  
35 Department of Veterans Services held in this State to provide  
36 outreach to veterans regarding benefits, claims and services,  
37 segregated by the geographical location of each event.

38 3. The Department of Administration shall provide:

39 (a) Descriptions of and the total amount of the grant dollars  
40 received for veteran-specific programs;

41 (b) The total combined number of veterans and, to the extent the  
42 information is available, widows and widowers of persons killed in  
43 the line of duty while on active duty in the Armed Forces of the  
44 United States, who are employed by each agency in the State; and



1 (c) The total number of veterans with service-connected  
2 disabilities who are seeking preferences through the Purchasing  
3 Division and the State Public Works Division of the Department of  
4 Administration pursuant to NRS 333.3366 and 338.13844.

5 4. The State Department of Conservation and Natural  
6 Resources shall provide the total number of veterans receiving:

7 (a) Expedited certification for the grade I certification  
8 examination for wastewater treatment plant operators based on their  
9 military experience; and

10 (b) Any discounted fees for access to or the use of state parks.

11 5. The Department of Corrections shall provide:

12 (a) An annual overview of the monthly population of inmates in  
13 this State who are veterans; and

14 (b) The success rates for any efforts developed by the  
15 Incarcerated Veterans Reintegration Council.

16 6. The Office of Economic Development shall provide an  
17 overview of the workforce that is available statewide of veterans,  
18 organized by O\*NET-SOC code from the United States Department  
19 of Labor or the trade, job title, employment status, zip code, county,  
20 highest education level and driver's license class.

21 7. The Department of Education shall provide the distribution  
22 of dependents of service members enrolled in Nevada's public  
23 schools.

24 8. The Department of Employment, Training and  
25 Rehabilitation shall provide a summary of:

26 (a) The average number of veterans served by a veteran  
27 employment specialist of the Department of Employment, Training  
28 and Rehabilitation per week;

29 (b) The average number of initial and continuing claims for  
30 benefits filed per week by veterans pursuant to NRS 612.455 to  
31 612.530, inclusive;

32 (c) The average weekly benefit received by veterans receiving  
33 benefits pursuant to chapter 612 of NRS; and

34 (d) The average duration of a claim by claimants who are  
35 veterans receiving benefits pursuant to chapter 612 of NRS.

36 9. The Department of Health and Human Services shall  
37 provide ~~f~~:

38 ~~—(a) The total number of veterans who have applied for and~~  
39 ~~received certification as an Emergency Medical Technician B,~~  
40 ~~Advanced Emergency Medical Technician and Paramedic through~~  
41 ~~the State Emergency Medical Systems program; and~~

42 ~~—(b) A] a~~ report from the State Registrar of Vital Statistics setting  
43 forth the suicide mortality rate of veterans in this State.

44 10. The Department of Motor Vehicles shall provide:



1 (a) The total number of veterans who have declared themselves  
2 as a veteran and who applied for and received a commercial driver's  
3 license;

4 (b) The average monthly total of veteran license plates issued;  
5 and

6 (c) An overview of the data on veterans collected pursuant to  
7 NRS 483.292, 483.852 and 483.927.

8 11. The Adjutant General shall provide the total number of:

9 (a) Members of the Nevada National Guard using waivers for  
10 each semester and identifying which schools accepted the waivers;

11 (b) Members of the Nevada National Guard identified by  
12 Military Occupational Specialty and zip code; and

13 (c) Members of the Nevada National Guard employed under a  
14 grant from Beyond the Yellow Ribbon.

15 12. The Department of Public Safety shall provide ~~the~~:

16 (a) *The total number of veterans who have applied for and*  
17 *received certification as an Emergency Medical Technician-B,*  
18 *Advanced Emergency Medical Technician and Paramedic*  
19 *through the Bureau of Emergency Medical Services; and*

20 (b) *The* percentage of veterans in each graduating class of its  
21 academy for training peace officers.

22 13. The Department of Taxation shall provide the total number  
23 of veterans receiving tax exemptions pursuant to NRS 361.090,  
24 361.091, 361.155, 371.103 and 371.104.

25 14. The Department of Wildlife shall provide the total number  
26 of:

27 (a) Veterans holding hunting or fishing licenses based on  
28 disability; and

29 (b) Service members holding hunting or fishing licenses who are  
30 residents of this State but are stationed outside this State.

31 15. The Commission on Postsecondary Education shall  
32 provide, by industry, the total number of schools in this State  
33 approved by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs that  
34 are serving veterans.

35 16. Each regulatory body shall provide the total number of  
36 veterans and service members who have:

37 (a) Applied for a license from the regulatory body.

38 (b) Been issued a license by the regulatory body.

39 (c) Renewed a license with the regulatory body.

40 17. Each state agency and regulatory body identified in  
41 subsections 2 to 16, inclusive, shall ensure that the form used to  
42 collect data from a veteran, including, without limitation, a digital  
43 form posted on an Internet website, includes the following  
44 questions:



1 (a) "Have you ever served on active duty in the Armed Forces of  
2 the United States and separated from such service under conditions  
3 other than dishonorable?"

4 (b) "Have you ever been assigned to duty for a minimum of 6  
5 continuous years in the National Guard or a reserve component of  
6 the Armed Forces of the United States and separated from such  
7 service under conditions other than dishonorable?"

8 (c) "Have you ever served the Commissioned Corps of the  
9 United States Public Health Service or the Commissioned Corps of  
10 the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration of the United  
11 States in the capacity of a commissioned officer while on active  
12 duty in defense of the United States and separated from such service  
13 under conditions other than dishonorable?"

14 18. The Council shall, upon receiving the information  
15 submitted pursuant to this section and NRS 612.237, synthesize and  
16 compile the information, including any recommendations of the  
17 Council, and submit the information with the report submitted  
18 pursuant to subsection 8 of NRS 417.0195.

19 19. As used in this section:

20 (a) "License" has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS 622.030.

21 (b) "Regulatory body" has the meaning ascribed to it in  
22 NRS 622.060.

23 (c) "Service member" has the meaning ascribed to it in  
24 NRS 125C.0635.

25 **Sec. 42.** NRS 477.010 is hereby amended to read as follows:

26 477.010 1. The State Fire Marshal Division is hereby  
27 established in the Department of Public Safety.

28 2. The Division consists of the *Bureau of Emergency Medical*  
29 *Services, the* Fire Protection and Control Section, the Fire  
30 Investigation Section, the Public Education Section, the Fire Service  
31 Training Section and the Fire Data Section.

32 **Sec. 43.** NRS 477.013 is hereby amended to read as follows:

33 477.013 1. The Director of the Department of Public Safety  
34 shall consult the State Board of Fire Services and appoint the State  
35 Fire Marshal from the list of candidates presented by the Board. The  
36 Chief of the State Fire Marshal Division is the State Fire Marshal.

37 2. ~~The~~ *Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, the*  
38 State Fire Marshal may appoint, within the limits of legislative  
39 appropriations, an assistant, deputies and such staff as is necessary  
40 to the performance of the duties of the State Fire Marshal. *The State*  
41 *Fire Marshal shall appoint as Chief of the Bureau of Emergency*  
42 *Medical Services a person who has experience as a paramedic and*  
43 *at least a bachelor's degree in some related field.*



1 3. The *Chief of the Bureau of Emergency Medical Services*,  
2 assistant, deputies and additional personnel appointed by the State  
3 Fire Marshal are in the classified service of the State.

4 **Sec. 44.** 1. Any administrative regulations adopted by an  
5 officer or an agency whose name has been changed or whose  
6 responsibilities have been transferred pursuant to the provisions of  
7 this act to another officer or agency remain in force until amended  
8 by the officer or agency to which the responsibility for the adoption  
9 of the regulations has been transferred.

10 2. Any contracts or other agreements entered into by an officer  
11 or agency whose name has been changed or whose responsibilities  
12 have been transferred pursuant to the provisions of this act to  
13 another officer or agency are binding upon the officer or agency to  
14 which the responsibility for the administration of the provisions of  
15 the contract or other agreement has been transferred. Such contracts  
16 and other agreements may be enforced by the officer or agency to  
17 which the responsibility for the enforcement of the provisions of the  
18 contract or other agreement has been transferred.

19 3. Any action taken by an officer or agency whose name has  
20 been changed or whose responsibilities have been transferred  
21 pursuant to the provisions of this act to another officer or agency  
22 remains in effect as if taken by the officer or agency to which the  
23 responsibility for the enforcement of such actions has been  
24 transferred.

25 **Sec. 45.** 1. This section becomes effective upon passage and  
26 approval.

27 2. Sections 1 to 44, inclusive, of this act become effective:

28 (a) Upon passage and approval for the purpose of adopting any  
29 regulations and performing any other preparatory administrative  
30 tasks that are necessary to carry out the provisions of this act; and

31 (b) On January 1, 2024, for all other purposes.

