

Amendment No. 487

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EXPLANATION: Matter in (1) *blue bold italics* is new language in the original bill; (2) variations of green bold underlining is language proposed to be added in this amendment; (3) ~~red strikethrough~~ is deleted language in the original bill; (4) ~~purple double strikethrough~~ is language proposed to be deleted in this amendment; (5) orange double underlining is deleted language in the original bill proposed to be retained in this amendment.

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A.B. No. 358—Revises provisions governing emergency medical services.
(BDR 40-859)



ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 358—ASSEMBLYMEN GRAY, O’NEILL; DELONG, DICKMAN,
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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 Public
2 Safety, consisting of the Fire Protection and Control Section, the Fire Investigation Section,
3 the Public Education Section, the Fire Service Training Section and the Fire Data Section.
4 (NRS 477.010) **Section 42** of this bill adds the Bureau of Emergency Medical Services to the
5 State Fire Marshal Division. **Section 43** of this bill requires the State Fire Marshal to appoint
6 as Chief of the Bureau a person who has experience as a paramedic and has at least a
7 bachelor’s degree in some related field.
8 Existing law regulates emergency medical services in this State. (Chapter 450B of NRS)
9 Certain authority and duties relating to emergency medical services are given to the “board,”
10 which means: (1) the State Board of Health in a county whose population is less than 700,000
11 (currently all counties other than Clark County); or (2) the district board of health in a county
12 whose population is 700,000 or more (currently only Clark County). (NRS 450B.060) The
13 authority and duties given to the board include: (1) establishing certain minimum standards
14 and requirements for ambulances and air ambulances, for permits for the operation of air
15 ambulances and for the certification or licensure of certain persons who provide emergency
16 medical care; (2) approving certain training for emergency medical dispatchers; (3) issuing
17 licenses to ambulance attendants and certain firefighters; (4) approving programs of training
18 for certification as an emergency medical technician, advanced emergency medical technician
19 or paramedic; (5) setting forth certain procedures that may be performed and drugs that may
20 be administered by an advanced emergency medical technician or an attendant or a fire

21 firefighter who is a paramedic; (6) determining eligibility for training as a paramedic; (7)
22 setting forth certain provisions relating to the issuance of an endorsement on a permit which
23 allows certain emergency medical providers to provide community paramedicine services; (8)
24 setting forth qualifications for and issuing a permit to operate an ambulance, air ambulance or
25 a vehicle of a fire-fighting agency and maintaining a registry of such permits; (9) issuing
26 provisional permits to operate an ambulance, air ambulance or a vehicle of a fire-fighting
27 agency; (10) adopting regulations specifying the acceptable documentation that staff of an air
28 ambulance meet certain minimum qualifications; (11) setting forth the equipment required for
29 an ambulance, air ambulance or vehicle used in providing emergency medical care; and (12)
30 designating geographic areas in which an ambulance driver or attendant that meet certain
31 lesser qualifications may transport a sick or injured person. (NRS 450B.120, 450B.130,
32 450B.140, 450B.155, 450B.160, 450B.180, 450B.1905, 450B.191, 450B.1915, 450B.195,
33 450B.197, 450B.1993, 450B.200, 450B.210, 450B.225, 450B.230, 450B.260) **Sections 9, 12,**
34 **13 and 19-33** of this bill transfer from the State Board of Health to the Bureau such authority
35 and duties in a county whose population is less than 700,000. (NRS 450B.077) **Sections 7, 8**
36 **and 10** of this bill make conforming changes to amend the definition of “advanced emergency
37 medical technician,” “emergency medical technician” and “paramedic” to clarify that the
38 terms mean certain persons certified by the health authority. (NRS 450B.025, 450B.065,
39 450B.095) **Section 1** of this bill makes a conforming change relating to the transfer of certain
40 powers and duties to a health authority, as set forth in **sections 12, 13 and 19-33**, to create an
41 exception to the provision that the State Board of Health is supreme in all nonadministrative
42 health matters. (NRS 439.150)

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

47 **Section 5.5 of this bill requires any regulation adopted by the Bureau or Chief to be**
48 **approved by the State Board of Health.**

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

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

60 Existing law creates the Committee on Emergency Medical Services, consisting of nine
61 members appointed by the State Board of Health, which has various duties relating to
62 emergency medical services. (NRS 450B.151, 450B.153) **Section 15** of this bill provides that
63 the Director of the Department of Public Safety appoints the members of the Committee and
64 revises the membership of the Committee. **Section 16** of this bill makes a conforming change
65 to provide that the per diem and travel expenses of members of the Committee are paid by the
66 Bureau rather than the Division of Public and Behavioral Health of the Department of Health
67 and Human Services. (NRS 450B.152) **Section 17** of this bill revises the duties of the
68 Committee to require the Committee to advise the Bureau rather than the Division of Public
69 and Behavioral Health of the Department of Health and Human Services. (NRS 450B.153)
70 **Section 18** of this bill provides that the Bureau, rather than the Division, is required to provide
71 administrative support and assistance to the Committee.

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

78 Existing law requires the Division of Public and Behavioral Health of the Department of
79 Health and Human Services to: (1) post on an Internet website maintained by the Division

certain information about programs to provide peer support counseling to emergency response employees; (2) collect information, under certain circumstances, regarding suicide and attempted suicide among emergency response employees; and (3) report such information to the Chief Medical Officer. (NRS 450B.855) **Section 39** of this bill provides instead that the Bureau shall: (1) post information about programs to provide peer support counseling to emergency response employees; (2) collect information, under certain circumstances, regarding suicide and attempted suicide among emergency response employees; and (3) report such information to the State Fire Marshal.

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

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

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

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

Section 1. NRS 439.150 is hereby amended to read as follows:

439.150 1. ~~The~~ *Except as otherwise provided in chapter 450B of NRS, the* State Board of Health is hereby declared to be supreme in all nonadministrative health matters. It has general supervision over all matters, except for administrative matters and as otherwise provided in NRS 439.950 to 439.983, inclusive, relating to the preservation of the health and lives of citizens of this State and over the work of the Chief Medical Officer and all district, county and city health departments, boards of health and health officers.

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

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

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

1 ↳ Fees set pursuant to this subsection must be calculated to produce for that period
2 the revenue from the fees projected in the budget approved for the Division by the
3 Legislature.

4 **Sec. 2.** Chapter 450B of NRS is hereby amended by adding thereto the
5 provisions set forth as sections 3, ~~4 and 5~~ **to 5.5, inclusive**, of this act.

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

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

10 **Sec. 5.** *“Provider of emergency medical services” means each operator of*
11 *an ambulance or fire-fighting agency which:*

12 1. *Has a permit to operate pursuant to this chapter; and*

13 2. *Provides transportation for persons in need of emergency services and*
14 *care to a hospital.*

15 **Sec. 5.5.** 1. *Notwithstanding any provision of this chapter that authorizes*
16 *or requires the Bureau or the Chief to adopt any regulation, after adopting any*
17 *such regulation and before submitting the regulation to the Legislative Counsel*
18 *for review by the Legislative Commission pursuant to NRS 233B.067, the Bureau*
19 *or Chief, as applicable, must submit the regulation for approval to the State*
20 *Board of Health.*

21 2. *If the Board approves the regulation, the Board shall promptly notify the*
22 *Bureau or Chief, as applicable, in writing. The Bureau or Chief, as applicable,*
23 *must attach a copy of such approval of the Board when sending the regulation to*
24 *the Legislative Counsel for review by the Legislative Commission.*

25 3. *If the Board objects to the regulation, the Board shall attach to the*
26 *regulation a written notice of the objection, including, if practicable, a statement*
27 *of the reasons for the objection, and shall promptly return the regulation to the*
28 *Bureau or Chief, as applicable. The Bureau or Chief, as applicable, may not*
29 *submit a regulation to which the Board has objected to the Legislative Counsel*
30 *for review by the Legislative Commission.*

31 **Sec. 6.** NRS 450B.020 is hereby amended to read as follows:

32 450B.020 As used in this chapter, unless the context otherwise requires, the
33 words and terms defined in NRS 450B.025 to 450B.110, inclusive, **and sections 3,**
34 **4 and 5 of this act** have the meanings ascribed to them in those sections.

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

36 450B.025 “Advanced emergency medical technician” means a person
37 certified by the health ~~officer~~ **authority** as having satisfactorily completed a
38 program of training for certification as an advanced emergency medical technician
39 pursuant to NRS 450B.191.

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

41 450B.065 “Emergency medical technician” means a person certified by the
42 health ~~officer~~ **authority** as having satisfactorily completed a program of training
43 for certification as an emergency medical technician pursuant to NRS 450B.1905.

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

45 450B.077 “Health authority” means:

46 1. In a county whose population is less than 700,000, the ~~Division~~ **Bureau.**

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

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

50 450B.095 “Paramedic” means a person certified by the health ~~officer~~
51 **authority** as having satisfactorily completed a program of training for certification
52 as a paramedic pursuant to NRS 450B.195.

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

2 450B.120 The board *and a health authority* shall establish and promulgate
3 such rules, regulations, standards and procedures as ~~fit determines~~ are necessary to
4 administer the provisions of this chapter.

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

6 450B.130 1. The ~~board~~ *health authority* shall adopt regulations
7 establishing reasonable minimum standards for:

8 (a) Sanitation in ambulances and air ambulances;

9 (b) Medical and nonmedical equipment and supplies to be carried in
10 ambulances and medical equipment and supplies to be carried in air ambulances
11 and vehicles of a fire-fighting agency;

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

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

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

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

19 2. Any regulations adopted by the ~~board~~ *health authority* pursuant to
20 subsection 1 establishing reasonable minimum standards for a permit for the
21 operation of an air ambulance or records to be maintained by an operator of an air
22 ambulance must:

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

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

28 3. The health officers of this state shall jointly adopt regulations to establish
29 the minimum standards for the certification or licensure of persons who provide
30 emergency medical care. Upon adoption of the regulations, each health authority
31 shall adopt the regulations for its jurisdiction. After each health authority adopts the
32 regulations, the standards established constitute the minimum standards for
33 certification or licensure of persons who provide emergency medical care in this
34 state. Any changes to the minimum standards must be adopted jointly by the health
35 officers and by each health authority in the manner set forth in this subsection. Any
36 changes in the minimum standards which are not adopted in the manner set forth in
37 this subsection are void.

38 4. A health officer may adopt regulations that impose additional requirements
39 for the certification or licensure of persons who provide emergency medical care in
40 the jurisdiction of the health officer, but the health officer must accept the
41 certification or licensure of a person who provides emergency medical care from
42 the jurisdiction of another health officer as proof that the person who provides
43 emergency medical care has met the minimum requirements for certification or
44 licensure.

45 5. As used in this section, "person who provides emergency medical care"
46 means an emergency medical technician, advanced emergency medical technician,
47 paramedic, attendant of an ambulance or air ambulance or firefighter employed by
48 or serving with a fire-fighting agency.

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

50 450B.140 1. In adopting regulations under NRS 450B.120 and 450B.130,
51 the board *or health authority, as applicable*, may use standards and regulations
52 proposed by:

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

1 (b) The United States Department of Transportation;
2 (c) The United States Public Health Service;
3 (d) The Bureau of Health Insurance of the Social Security Administration;
4 (e) The American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons;
5 (f) The National Academy of Sciences—National Research Council;
6 (g) The American Heart Association; and
7 (h) Regional, state and local emergency medical services committees and
8 councils.

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

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

14 450B.1505 1. *The Chief shall establish by regulation:*

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

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

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

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

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

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

31 ~~{2.}~~ 3. Any interest or income earned on the money in the account must be
32 credited to the account. Any claims against the account must be paid in the manner
33 that other claims against the State are paid.

34 ~~{3.}~~ 4. The ~~{Administrator of the Division}~~ Chief shall administer the
35 account.

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

37 450B.151 1. The Committee on Emergency Medical Services, consisting of
38 nine members appointed by the ~~{State Board of Health,}~~ Director of the
39 Department of Public Safety, is hereby created.

40 2. Upon request of the ~~{State Board of Health,}~~ Director of the Department of
41 Public Safety, employee associations that represent persons that provide emergency
42 medical services, including, without limitation, physicians and nurses that provide
43 emergency medical services, emergency medical technicians, ambulance
44 attendants, firefighters, fire chiefs and employees of rural hospitals, shall submit to
45 the ~~{State Board of Health}~~ Director of the Department of Public Safety written
46 nominations for appointments to the Committee.

47 3. After considering the nominations submitted pursuant to subsection 2, the
48 ~~{State Board of Health}~~ Director of the Department of Public Safety shall appoint
49 to the Committee:

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

1 (b) One member who is a registered nurse and who ~~[has experience providing]~~
2 *provides* emergency medical services;

3 (c) One member who is ~~[a volunteer for an organization that provides~~
4 ~~emergency medical services pursuant to this chapter;]~~ *employed by a fire*
5 *protection district that provides emergency medical services and transportation of*
6 *persons by ambulance;*

7 (d) One member who is *a certified emergency medical technician and*
8 *employed by a volunteer organization that provides emergency medical services*
9 *or by a fire-fighting agency at which some of the firefighters and persons who*
10 *provide emergency medical services for the agency are employed and some serve*
11 *as volunteers;*

12 (e) One member who is employed by *a provider of emergency medical*
13 *services and is based in* an urban ~~[fire-fighting agency;]~~ *area;*

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

29 (a) An employee of the ~~[Division,]~~ *Department of Health and Human*
30 *Services*, appointed by the ~~[Administrator]~~ *Director* of the ~~[Division,]~~ *Department*,
31 whose duties relate to administration and enforcement of the provisions of this
32 chapter ~~[;]~~ *over which the Department has authority.*

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

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

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

41 5. The term of each member appointed by the ~~[State Board of Health]~~
42 *Director of the Department of Public Safety* is 2 years. A member may not serve
43 more than two consecutive terms but may serve more than two terms if there is a
44 break in service of not less than 2 years.

45 6. The ~~[State Board of Health]~~ *Director of the Department of Public Safety*
46 shall not appoint to the Committee two persons who are employed by or volunteer
47 with the same organization, except the ~~[State Board of Health]~~ *Director of the*
48 *Department of Public Safety* may appoint a person who is employed by or
49 volunteers with the same organization of which a member who serves ex officio is
50 an employee.

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

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

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

4 450B.152 1. The Committee shall elect a Chair from among its members.
5 The term of the Chair is 1 year.

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

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

9 4. A member of the Committee serves without compensation, except that, for
10 each day or portion of a day during which a member attends a meeting of the
11 Committee or is otherwise engaged in the business of the Committee, the member
12 of the Committee is entitled to receive the per diem allowance and travel expenses
13 provided for state officers and employees generally. The per diem allowance and
14 travel expenses must be paid by the ~~Division~~ Bureau from money not allocated
15 by specific statute for another use.

16 **Sec. 17.** NRS 450B.153 is hereby amended to read as follows:

17 450B.153 The Committee shall:

18 1. Review and advise the ~~Division~~ Bureau regarding the management and
19 performance of emergency medical services in this State and regarding statewide
20 emergency medical protocols;

21 2. Advise the ~~Division~~ Bureau on matters of policy relating to emergency
22 care, including, without limitation, the qualifications of persons who provide
23 emergency medical services;

24 3. Advise the board and ~~Division~~ the Bureau with respect to the preparation
25 and adoption of regulations regarding emergency care;

26 4. Review periodically the budget of the ~~Division that relates to emergency~~
27 ~~medical services;~~ Bureau;

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

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

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

32 450B.154 The ~~Division~~ Bureau shall provide administrative support and
33 assistance to the Committee.

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

35 450B.155 1. An educational institution, public or private agency or other
36 entity may provide a training program for emergency medical dispatchers and issue
37 certificates of completion if the program meets the requirements set forth in the
38 regulations of the ~~board~~ health authority and is approved by the ~~board~~ health
39 authority.

40 2. The ~~board~~ health authority shall adopt regulations:

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

43 (b) Prescribing the procedures for an educational institution, public or private
44 agency or other entity to obtain the approval of the ~~board~~ health authority
45 to provide such a program; and

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

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

49 450B.160 1. The health authority may issue licenses to attendants and to
50 firefighters employed by or serving as volunteers with a fire-fighting agency.

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

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

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

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

9 (c) A signed statement showing:

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

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

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

13 (d) Proof that the applicant has completed the training required by subsection
14 4.

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

17 4. In addition to the training required by subsection 3, each applicant for a
18 license must complete training concerning identifying and interacting with persons
19 with developmental disabilities.

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

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

25 7. Licensed physicians, registered nurses and licensed physician assistants
26 may serve as attendants without being licensed under the provisions of this section.
27 A registered nurse who performs emergency care in an ambulance or air ambulance
28 shall perform the care in accordance with the regulations of the State Board of
29 Nursing. A licensed physician assistant who performs emergency care in an
30 ambulance or air ambulance shall perform the care in accordance with the
31 regulations of the Board of Medical Examiners.

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

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

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

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

39 ➤ The certification must be issued by the Board of Medical Examiners for a
40 physician or licensed physician assistant or by the State Board of Nursing for a
41 registered nurse.

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

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

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

48 (c) Any other course or training.

49 ➤ approved by the Board of Medical Examiners or the State Board of Nursing,
50 whichever is issuing the certification.

51 10. As used in this section, "developmental disability" has the meaning
52 ascribed to it in NRS 435.007.

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

2 450B.180 1. Any person desiring certification as an emergency medical
3 technician, advanced emergency medical technician or paramedic must apply to the
4 health authority using forms prescribed by the health authority.

5 2. The health authority, pursuant to regulations and procedures adopted by the
6 ~~{board}~~ **health authority**, shall make a determination of the applicant's
7 qualifications to be certified as an emergency medical technician, advanced
8 emergency medical technician or paramedic and shall issue the appropriate
9 certificate to each qualified applicant.

10 3. A certificate is valid for a period not exceeding 2 years and may be
11 renewed if the holder of the certificate complies with the provisions of this chapter
12 and meets the qualifications set forth in the regulations and standards established by
13 the ~~{board}~~ **health authority** pursuant to this chapter. The regulations and standards
14 established by the ~~{board}~~ **health authority** must provide for the completion of:

15 (a) A course of instruction, within 2 years after initial certification, relating to
16 the medical consequences of an act of terrorism that involves the use of a weapon
17 of mass destruction. The course must provide at least 4 hours of instruction that
18 includes instruction in the following subjects:

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

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

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

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

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

27 ↳ The ~~{board}~~ **health authority** may thereafter determine whether to establish
28 regulations and standards requiring additional courses of instruction relating to the
29 medical consequences of an act of terrorism that involves the use of a weapon of
30 mass destruction.

31 (b) Training before initial certification concerning identifying and interacting
32 with persons with developmental disabilities. Training completed pursuant to this
33 paragraph also satisfies the requirement for such training prescribed by NRS
34 289.605 or 450B.160, if applicable.

35 4. The health authority may suspend or revoke a certificate if it finds that the
36 holder of the certificate no longer meets the prescribed qualifications. Unless the
37 certificate is suspended by the district court pursuant to NRS 425.540, the holder of
38 the certificate may appeal the suspension or revocation of his or her certificate
39 pursuant to regulations adopted by the ~~{board}~~ **health authority**.

40 5. The ~~{board}~~ **health authority** shall determine the procedures and
41 techniques which may be performed by an emergency medical technician,
42 advanced emergency medical technician or paramedic.

43 6. A certificate issued pursuant to this section is valid throughout the State,
44 whether issued by the ~~{Division}~~ **Bureau** or a district board of health.

45 7. The ~~{Division}~~ **Bureau** shall maintain a central registry of all certificates
46 issued pursuant to this section, whether issued by the ~~{Division}~~ **Bureau** or a
47 district board of health.

48 8. The ~~{board}~~ **health authority** shall adopt such regulations as are necessary
49 to carry out the provisions of this section.

50 9. As used in this section:

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

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

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

1 (d) “Developmental disability” has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS 435.007.

2 (e) “Radioactive agent” has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS 202.4437.

3 (f) “Weapon of mass destruction” has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS
4 202.4445.

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

6 450B.190 1. The health authority may, at its discretion, issue a provisional
7 license as an attendant to a person who does not meet the qualifications established
8 pursuant to this chapter, if the health authority determines that such issuance will be
9 in the public interest.

10 2. A provisional license as an attendant must not be made valid for more than
11 1 year from the date of issuance and is not renewable.

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

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

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

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

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

21 450B.1905 1. A program of training for certification as an emergency
22 medical technician must be:

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

24 (b) Presented by a national organization which is nationally recognized for
25 providing such training and approved by the ~~board~~ health authority.

26 2. A program of training for certification as an emergency medical technician
27 must follow the curriculum or educational standards prepared by the United States
28 Department of Transportation as a national standard for emergency medical
29 technicians.

30 3. The ~~board~~ health authority may adopt regulations which prescribe other
31 requirements of training for certification as an emergency medical technician.

32 4. An owner of an ambulance shall not offer emergency medical care to a
33 patient in urgent need of medical care or observation unless the attendant has
34 successfully completed a program of training for certification as an emergency
35 medical technician or is exempt, pursuant to subsection 7 of NRS 450B.160, from
36 the requirement to obtain that training.

37 5. The ~~board~~ health authority may by regulation prescribe additional
38 requirements for receiving and maintaining certification as an emergency medical
39 technician. The curriculum or educational standards for training must be:

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

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

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

45 450B.191 1. A program of training for certification as an advanced
46 emergency medical technician must be supervised by a licensed physician and
47 approved by the health authority.

48 2. A program of training for certification as an advanced emergency medical
49 technician must include an approved curriculum in intravenous therapy and the
50 management of a passage for air to the lungs. Only a certified emergency medical
51 technician with experience as established by the ~~board~~ health authority is eligible
52 for this training.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

22 450B.1915 An advanced emergency medical technician may perform any
23 procedure and administer any drug:

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

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

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

28 450B.195 1. Only a certified emergency medical technician with experience
29 as established by the ~~{board}~~ *health authority* is eligible for training as a
30 paramedic.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

2 450B.197 An attendant or a firefighter who is a paramedic or emergency
3 medical services registered nurse may perform any procedure and administer any
4 drug:

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

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

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

9 450B.1993 1. The ~~{board}~~ **health authority** shall adopt regulations to
10 provide for the issuance of an endorsement on a permit which allows an emergency
11 medical provider who is employed by or serves as a volunteer for the holder of the
12 permit to provide community paramedicine services. Such regulations must
13 establish, without limitation:

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

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

17 (c) The required training and qualifications of an emergency medical provider
18 who will provide community paramedicine services and the proof necessary to
19 demonstrate such training and qualifications;

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

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

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

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

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

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

44 **Sec. 29.** NRS 450B.200 is hereby amended to read as follows:

45 450B.200 1. The health authority may issue a permit for:

46 (a) The operation of an ambulance or an air ambulance; or

47 (b) The operation of a vehicle of a fire-fighting agency:

48 (1) At the scene of an emergency; and

49 (2) To provide community paramedicine services, but only if the holder of
50 the permit has obtained an endorsement on the permit to provide such services
51 pursuant to NRS 450B.1993.

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

1 3. No permit may be issued unless the applicant is qualified pursuant to the
2 regulations of the ~~{board}~~ **health authority**.

3 4. An application for a permit must be made upon forms prescribed by the
4 ~~{board}~~ **health authority** and in accordance with procedures established by the
5 ~~{board}~~ **health authority**, and must contain the following:

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

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

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

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

16 (e) Such other information as the ~~{board}~~ **health authority** deems reasonable
17 and necessary to a fair determination of compliance with the provisions of this
18 chapter.

19 5. The ~~{board}~~ **health authority** shall establish a reasonable fee for annual
20 permits.

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

24 7. The health authority shall:

25 (a) Revoke, suspend or refuse to renew any permit issued pursuant to this
26 section for violation of any provision of this chapter or of any regulation adopted by
27 the ~~{board}~~ **health authority**; or

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

30 **↳ only after the holder of a permit is afforded an opportunity for a public hearing**
31 **pursuant to regulations adopted by the ~~{board}~~ **health authority**.**

32 8. The health authority may suspend a permit if the holder is using an
33 ambulance, air ambulance or vehicle of a fire-fighting agency which does not meet
34 the minimum requirements for equipment as established by the ~~{board}~~ **health**
35 **authority** pursuant to this chapter.

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

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

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

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

48 11. A permit issued pursuant to this section is valid throughout the State,
49 whether issued by the ~~{Division}~~ **Bureau** or a district board of health. An
50 ambulance, air ambulance or vehicle of a fire-fighting agency which has received a
51 permit from the district board of health in a county whose population is 700,000 or
52 more is not required to obtain a permit from the ~~{Division}~~ **Bureau**, even if the

1 ambulance, air ambulance or vehicle of a fire-fighting agency has routine
2 operations outside the county.

3 12. The ~~{Division}~~ **Bureau** shall maintain a central registry of all permits
4 issued pursuant to this section, whether issued by the ~~{Division}~~ **Bureau** or a
5 district board of health.

6 13. The ~~{board}~~ **health authority** shall adopt such regulations as are necessary
7 to carry out the provisions of this section.

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

9 450B.210 1. The ~~{board}~~ **health authority** may issue provisional permits
10 limited as to time, place and purpose, based on the need therefor. No provisional
11 permit may be issued for a period of longer than 6 months. The ~~{board}~~ **health**
12 **authority** may establish a reasonable fee for such provisional permits.

13 2. Unless otherwise limited in the permit, a provisional permit issued pursuant
14 to this section is valid for providing emergency services throughout the State,
15 whether issued by the ~~{Division}~~ **Bureau** or a district board of health.

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

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

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

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

24 450B.225 1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2, during any
25 period in which an air ambulance is used to provide medical transportation services
26 for which a permit is required, the air ambulance must be staffed with, at a
27 minimum:

28 (a) One primary attendant who:

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

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

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

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

38 (1) Is certified as a paramedic;

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

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

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

45 2. If, as determined by the pilot and medical director of the air ambulance, the
46 weight of the secondary attendant could compromise the performance of the air
47 ambulance, safety or patient care, an air ambulance providing medical
48 transportation services may be staffed with only a primary attendant as described in
49 paragraph (a) of subsection 1.

50 3. The ~~{board}~~ **health authority** may adopt regulations specifying the
51 acceptable documentation of the requirements set forth in paragraph (a) or (b) of
52 subsection 1.

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

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

5 450B.230 1. The public or private owner of an ambulance or air ambulance
6 or the fire-fighting agency who owns a vehicle used in providing emergency
7 medical care shall not permit its operation and use without the equipment required
8 by regulations and standards of the ~~board~~ *health authority*.

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

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

13 450B.260 1. Except as otherwise provided in this section, the public or
14 private owner of an ambulance or air ambulance or a fire-fighting agency which
15 owns a vehicle used in providing medical care to sick or injured persons at the
16 scene of an emergency or while transporting those persons to a medical facility
17 shall not permit its operation and use by any person not licensed under this chapter.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

40 450B.410 “Do-not-resuscitate identification” means:

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

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

46 (b) The patient’s attending physician or attending advanced practice registered
47 nurse has:

48 (1) Issued a do-not-resuscitate order for the patient;

49 (2) Obtained the written approval of the patient concerning the order; and

50 (3) Documented the grounds for the order in the patient’s medical record.

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

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

2 450B.490 1. The board shall adopt regulations to carry out the provisions of
3 NRS 450B.400 to 450B.590, inclusive. The regulations must establish:

- 4 (a) A do-not-resuscitate protocol; and
5 (b) The procedure to apply for a do-not-resuscitate identification.

6 2. The board may establish a fee for:

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

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

13 (2) Engraving the identification.

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

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

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

19 450B.500 Each do-not-resuscitate identification issued by the ~~health~~
20 ~~authority~~ *Division or, in a county whose population is 700,000 or more, the*
21 *district board of health*, must include, without limitation:

22 1. An identification number that is unique to the qualified patient to whom the
23 identification is issued;

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

25 3. The name of the attending physician or attending advanced practice
26 registered nurse of the patient.

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

28 450B.520 Except as otherwise provided in NRS 450B.525:

29 1. A qualified patient may apply to the ~~health authority~~ *Division or, in a*
30 *county whose population is 700,000 or more, the district board of health* for a do-
31 not-resuscitate identification by submitting an application on a form provided by
32 the ~~health authority~~ *Division or, in a county whose population is 700,000 or*
33 *more, the district board of health*. To obtain a do-not-resuscitate identification, the
34 patient must comply with the requirements prescribed by the board and sign a form
35 which states that the patient has informed each member of his or her family within
36 the first degree of consanguinity or affinity, whose whereabouts are known to the
37 patient, or if no such members are living, the patient's legal guardian, if any, or if
38 he or she has no such members living and has no legal guardian, his or her
39 caretaker, if any, of the patient's decision to apply for an identification.

40 2. An application must include, without limitation:

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

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

46 (1) Executed:

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

49 (II) A durable power of attorney for health care pursuant to NRS
50 162A.700 to 162A.870, inclusive; or

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

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

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

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

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

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

10 450B.525 1. A parent or legal guardian of a minor may apply to the ~~health~~
11 ~~authority~~ *Division or, in a county whose population is 700,000 or more, the*
12 *district board of health* for a do-not-resuscitate identification on behalf of the
13 minor if the minor has been:

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

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

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

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

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

23 3. An application submitted pursuant to subsection 2 must include, without
24 limitation:

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

27 (1) Suffers from a terminal condition; and

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

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

35 (c) The name of the minor;

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

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

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

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

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

49 (b) The minor may revoke the authorization to withhold life-resuscitating
50 treatment by removing or destroying or requesting the removal or destruction of the
51 identification or otherwise indicating to a person that the minor wishes to have the
52 identification removed or destroyed.

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

2 450B.855 1. A governmental entity which licenses and regulates emergency
3 response employees may, within the limits of available money, enter into a contract
4 with a nonprofit organization to establish a program to provide peer support
5 counseling to emergency response employees.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

26 4. To the extent money is available, the ~~Division~~ **Bureau** shall collect
27 information regarding suicide and attempted suicide among emergency response
28 employees and report that information to the ~~Chief Medical Officer~~ **State Fire**
29 **Marshal** or his or her 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 of this chapter
33 is guilty of a misdemeanor.

34 2. In addition to any criminal penalty imposed ~~by the~~ :

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

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

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

43 417.0194 1. Each state agency and regulatory body identified in subsections
44 2 to 16, inclusive, shall report, subject to any limitations or restrictions contained in
45 any state or federal law governing the privacy or confidentiality of records, the data
46 identified in subsections 2 to 17, inclusive, as applicable, to the Interagency
47 Council on Veterans Affairs. Each state agency and regulatory body shall submit
48 such information for the immediately preceding fiscal year to the Council not later
49 than November 30 of each year and shall provide the information in aggregate and
50 in digital form, and in a manner such that the data is capable of integration by the
51 Council.

52 2. The Department of Veterans Services shall provide annual statistics
53 regarding:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

24 3. The Department of Administration shall provide:

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

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

31 (c) The total number of veterans with service-connected disabilities who are
32 seeking preferences through the Purchasing Division and the State Public Works
33 Division of the Department of Administration pursuant to NRS 333.3366 and
34 338.13844.

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

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

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

40 5. The Department of Corrections shall provide:

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

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

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

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

51 8. The Department of Employment, Training and Rehabilitation shall provide
52 a summary of:

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

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

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

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

9 9. The Department of Health and Human Services shall provide ~~the~~:

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

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

16 10. The Department of Motor Vehicles shall provide:

17 (a) The total number of veterans who have declared themselves as a veteran
 18 and who applied for and received a commercial driver’s license;

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

20 (c) An overview of the data on veterans collected pursuant to NRS 483.292,
 21 483.852 and 483.927.

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

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

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

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

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

30 *(a) The total number of veterans who have applied for and received*
 31 *certification as an Emergency Medical Technician-B, Advanced Emergency*
 32 *Medical Technician and Paramedic through the Bureau of Emergency Medical*
 33 *Services; and*

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

36 13. The Department of Taxation shall provide the total number of veterans
 37 receiving tax exemptions pursuant to NRS 361.090, 361.091, 361.155, 371.103 and
 38 371.104.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

51 17. Each state agency and regulatory body identified in subsections 2 to 16,
 52 inclusive, shall ensure that the form used to collect data from a veteran, including,

1 without limitation, a digital form posted on an Internet website, includes the
2 following questions:

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

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

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

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

17 19. As used in this section:

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

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

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

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

22 477.010 1. The State Fire Marshal Division is hereby established in the
23 Department of Public Safety.

24 2. The Division consists of the *Bureau of Emergency Medical Services, the*
25 *Fire Protection and Control Section, the Fire Investigation Section, the Public*
26 *Education Section, the Fire Service Training Section and the Fire Data Section.*

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

28 477.013 1. The Director of the Department of Public Safety shall consult
29 the State Board of Fire Services and appoint the State Fire Marshal from the list of
30 candidates presented by the Board. The Chief of the State Fire Marshal Division is
31 the State Fire Marshal.

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

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

41 **Sec. 44.** 1. Any administrative regulations adopted by an officer or an
42 agency whose name has been changed or whose responsibilities have been
43 transferred pursuant to the provisions of this act to another officer or agency remain
44 in force until amended by the officer or agency to which the responsibility for the
45 adoption of the regulations has been transferred.

46 2. Any contracts or other agreements entered into by an officer or agency
47 whose name has been changed or whose responsibilities have been transferred
48 pursuant to the provisions of this act to another officer or agency are binding upon
49 the officer or agency to which the responsibility for the administration of the
50 provisions of the contract or other agreement has been transferred. Such contracts
51 and other agreements may be enforced by the officer or agency to which the
52 responsibility for the enforcement of the provisions of the contract or other
53 agreement has been transferred.

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

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

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

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

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