

SENATE BILL NO. 445—COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

(ON BEHALF OF THE OFFICE OF FINANCE
IN THE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR)

APRIL 3, 2023

Referred to Committee on Health and Human Services

SUMMARY—Revises provisions governing emergency medical services. (BDR 40-1071)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: No.
Effect on the State: Executive Budget.

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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 emergency medical services; authorizing the use of certain money to create and maintain an information system containing the records of persons who have completed certain training programs; providing that money collected from certain fees must be accounted for separately and does not revert to the State General Fund at the end of any fiscal year; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel’s Digest:

1 Existing law provides for the licensure and regulation of emergency medical
2 services personnel, including ambulance attendants and firefighters, by: (1) in a
3 county whose population is 700,000 or more (currently Clark County), the district
4 board of health; and (2) in all other counties, the Division of Public and Behavioral
5 Health of the Department of Health and Human Services. (NRS 450B.077,
6 450B.160) Existing law authorizes the Division to impose an administrative penalty
7 against any person who violates a provision of law governing emergency medical
8 services. (NRS 450B.900) Existing law requires the Division to use money
9 generated from such administrative penalties, fees from the issuance or renewal of a
10 license as an ambulance attendant or a firefighter or certain Legislative
11 appropriations to carry out certain training programs. (NRS 450B.1505) **Section 1**
12 of this bill additionally authorizes the Division to use such money to create and
13 maintain an information system containing the records of persons who have
14 completed the training program.

15 Existing law authorizes the Division or the district board of health, as
16 applicable, to issue annual permits and provisional permits for the operation of an
17 ambulance, an air ambulance or certain vehicles of a fire-fighting agency. Existing



18 law requires the State Board of Health or district board of health, as applicable, to
19 establish fees for such annual and provisional permits. (NRS 450B.200, 450B.210)
20 **Sections 2 and 3** of this bill provide that revenue from such fees collected by the
21 Division of Public and Behavioral Health must be accounted for separately and
22 does not revert to the State General Fund at the end of any fiscal year.

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

1 **Section 1.** NRS 450B.1505 is hereby amended to read as
2 follows:

3 450B.1505 1. Any money the Division receives from a fee
4 set by the State Board of Health pursuant to NRS 439.150 for the
5 issuance or renewal of a license pursuant to NRS 450B.160, an
6 administrative penalty imposed pursuant to NRS 450B.900 or an
7 appropriation made by the Legislature for the purposes of training
8 related to emergency medical services:

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

11 (b) May be used ~~[only]~~ to ~~[carry]~~ :

12 (1) *Carry* out a training program for emergency medical
13 services personnel who work for a volunteer ambulance service or
14 firefighting agency, including, without limitation, equipment for use
15 in the training; and

16 (2) *Create and maintain a system containing the records of*
17 *persons who have completed such a training program; and*

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

20 2. Any interest or income earned on the money in the account
21 must be credited to the account. Any claims against the account
22 must be paid in the manner that other claims against the State are
23 paid.

24 3. The Administrator of the Division shall administer the
25 account.

26 **Sec. 2.** NRS 450B.200 is hereby amended to read as follows:

27 450B.200 1. The health authority may issue a permit for:

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

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

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

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

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



1 3. No permit may be issued unless the applicant is qualified
2 pursuant to the regulations of the board.

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

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

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

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

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

18 (e) Such other information as the board deems reasonable and
19 necessary to a fair determination of compliance with the provisions
20 of this chapter.

21 5. The board shall establish a reasonable fee for annual
22 permits. *Revenue from such fees collected by the Division must be*
23 *accounted for separately and does not revert to the State General*
24 *Fund at the end of any fiscal year.*

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

28 7. The health authority shall:

29 (a) Revoke, suspend or refuse to renew any permit issued
30 pursuant to this section for violation of any provision of this chapter
31 or of any regulation adopted by the board; or

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

34 ➤ only after the holder of a permit is afforded an opportunity for a
35 public hearing pursuant to regulations adopted by the board.

36 8. The health authority may suspend a permit if the holder is
37 using an ambulance, air ambulance or vehicle of a fire-fighting
38 agency which does not meet the minimum requirements for
39 equipment as established by the board pursuant to this chapter.

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

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



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

4 10. The issuance of a permit pursuant to this section or NRS
5 450B.210 does not authorize any person or governmental entity to
6 provide those services or to operate any ambulance, air ambulance
7 or vehicle of a fire-fighting agency not in conformity with any
8 ordinance or regulation enacted by any county, municipality or
9 special purpose district.

10 11. A permit issued pursuant to this section is valid throughout
11 the State, whether issued by the Division or a district board of
12 health. An ambulance, air ambulance or vehicle of a fire-fighting
13 agency which has received a permit from the district board of health
14 in a county whose population is 700,000 or more is not required to
15 obtain a permit from the Division, even if the ambulance, air
16 ambulance or vehicle of a fire-fighting agency has routine
17 operations outside the county.

18 12. The Division shall maintain a central registry of all permits
19 issued pursuant to this section, whether issued by the Division or a
20 district board of health.

21 13. The board shall adopt such regulations as are necessary to
22 carry out the provisions of this section.

23 **Sec. 3.** NRS 450B.210 is hereby amended to read as follows:

24 450B.210 1. The board may issue provisional permits limited
25 as to time, place and purpose, based on the need therefor. No
26 provisional permit may be issued for a period of longer than 6
27 months. The board may establish a reasonable fee for such
28 provisional permits. *Revenue from such fees collected by the*
29 *Division must be accounted for separately and does not revert to*
30 *the State General Fund at the end of any fiscal year.*

31 2. Unless otherwise limited in the permit, a provisional permit
32 issued pursuant to this section is valid for providing emergency
33 services throughout the State, whether issued by the Division or a
34 district board of health.

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

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

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

43 **Sec. 4.** This act becomes effective on July 1, 2023.

