

ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 102—COMMITTEE ON
HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

(ON BEHALF OF THE JOINT INTERIM STANDING COMMITTEE
ON HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES)

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Referred to Committee on Health and Human Services

SUMMARY—Revises provisions relating to emergency medical services. (BDR 40-345)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: May have Fiscal Impact.
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 emergency medical services; authorizing a district board of health in certain health districts to regulate emergency medical services within the district; providing that certain persons are eligible for licensure as an attendant of an ambulance or air ambulance or certification as an emergency medical technician; revising provisions governing persons who are authorized to occupy an ambulance; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel’s Digest:

1 Existing law: (1) creates a health district in each county whose population is
2 700,000 or more (currently only Clark County); and (2) authorizes the creation of a
3 health district in counties whose population is less than 700,000 (currently all
4 counties other than Clark County) under certain circumstances. (NRS 439.361,
5 439.362, 439.369, 439.370) Existing law provides for the licensure and regulation
6 of emergency medical services by: (1) in a county whose population is 700,000 or
7 more, the district board of health; and (2) in all other counties, the State Board of
8 Health and the Division of Public and Behavioral Health of the Department of
9 Health and Human Services. (NRS 450B.060, 450B.077, 450B.120, 450B.160)
10 **Sections 1-6, 9 and 10** of this bill authorize a district board of health in a health
11 district that includes a county whose population is 100,000 or more but less than
12 700,000 (currently only Washoe County) to elect, by affirmative vote of a majority
13 of all the members of the board, to regulate emergency medical services within the
14 district in the same manner as a county whose population is 700,000 or more.



15 Existing law sets forth the requirements to obtain a license as an attendant of an
16 ambulance or air ambulance or certification as an emergency medical technician.
17 (NRS 450B.160, 450B.180, 450B.1905) **Sections 7 and 8** of this bill provide that a
18 person who is at least 16 years of age is eligible for such a license or certificate if
19 he or she meets the qualifications prescribed by law.

20 Existing law: (1) prohibits the owner of an ambulance from allowing a person
21 to operate or use the ambulance if the person is not licensed as an attendant; and (2)
22 requires an ambulance carrying a sick or injured patient to be occupied by a driver
23 and attendant, both of whom must be licensed as attendants. (NRS 450B.260)

24 **Section 11** of this bill prohibits the State Board of Health or a district board of
25 health from requiring that a person who is participating in a program of training for
26 certification as an emergency medical technician, advanced emergency medical
27 technician or paramedic be licensed as an attendant in order to occupy an
28 ambulance that is providing care or transporting a sick or injured person so long as:
29 (1) the ambulance is otherwise properly staffed; and (2) the person is not providing
30 care to a sick or injured person or driving the ambulance.

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

1 **Section 1.** NRS 439.410 is hereby amended to read as follows:
2 439.410 1. The district board of health has the powers, duties
3 and authority of a county board of health in the health district.

4 2. The district health department has jurisdiction over all public
5 health matters in the health district, except in matters concerning
6 emergency medical services pursuant to the provisions of chapter
7 450B of NRS.

8 3. In addition to any other powers, duties and authority
9 conferred on a district board of health by this section ~~[, the]~~:

10 *(a) The district board of health may by affirmative vote of a*
11 *majority of all the members of the board adopt regulations*
12 *consistent with law, which must take effect immediately on their*
13 *approval by the State Board of Health, to:*

14 ~~[(a)]~~ *(1) Prevent and control nuisances;*

15 ~~[(b)]~~ *(2) Regulate sanitation and sanitary practices in the*
16 *interests of the public health;*

17 ~~[(c)]~~ *(3) Provide for the sanitary protection of water and food*
18 *supplies; and*

19 ~~[(d)]~~ *(4) Protect and promote the public health generally in the*
20 *geographical area subject to the jurisdiction of the health district.*

21 *(b) The district board of health in a health district that*
22 *includes a county whose population is 100,000 or more but less*
23 *than 700,000 may, by affirmative vote of a majority of all the*
24 *members of the board, elect to regulate emergency medical*
25 *services within the district pursuant to chapter 450B of NRS.*



1 4. Before the adoption, amendment or repeal of a regulation,
2 the district board of health must give at least 30 days' notice of its
3 intended action. The notice must:

4 (a) Include a statement of either the terms or substance of the
5 proposal or a description of the subjects and issues involved, and of
6 the time when, the place where and the manner in which interested
7 persons may present their views thereon.

8 (b) State each address at which the text of the proposal may be
9 inspected and copied.

10 (c) Be mailed to all persons who have requested in writing that
11 they be placed on a mailing list, which must be kept by the district
12 board for such purpose.

13 5. All interested persons must be afforded a reasonable
14 opportunity to submit data, views or arguments, orally or in writing,
15 on the intended action to adopt, amend or repeal the regulation.
16 With respect to substantive regulations, the district board shall set a
17 time and place for an oral public hearing, but if no one appears who
18 will be directly affected by the proposal and requests an oral
19 hearing, the district board may proceed immediately to act upon any
20 written submissions. The district board shall consider fully all
21 written and oral submissions respecting the proposal.

22 6. Each district board of health shall file a copy of all of its
23 adopted regulations with the county clerk of each county in which it
24 has jurisdiction.

25 **Sec. 2.** Chapter 450B of NRS is hereby amended by adding
26 thereto a new section to read as follows:

27 ***“Regulating health district” means a health district:***

28 ***1. In a county whose population is 700,000 or more; or***

29 ***2. For which the district board of health has elected to***
30 ***regulate emergency medical services pursuant to NRS 439.410.***

31 **Sec. 3.** NRS 450B.020 is hereby amended to read as follows:

32 450B.020 As used in this chapter, unless the context otherwise
33 requires, the words and terms defined in NRS 450B.025 to
34 450B.110, inclusive, ***and section 2 of this act*** have the meanings
35 ascribed to them in those sections.

36 **Sec. 4.** NRS 450B.060 is hereby amended to read as follows:

37 450B.060 “Board” means:

38 1. ~~In a county whose population is less than 700,000, the State~~
39 ~~Board of Health.~~

40 ~~—2.] In a [county whose population is 700,000 or more,]~~
41 ***regulating health district,*** the district board of health.

42 ***2. In an area not described in subsection 1, the State Board of***
43 ***Health.***

44 **Sec. 5.** NRS 450B.077 is hereby amended to read as follows:

45 450B.077 “Health authority” means:



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

3 ~~—2.] In a [county whose population is 700,000 or more,]~~
4 ~~regulating health district,~~ the district board of health.

5 **2. In an area not described in subsection 1, the Division.**

6 **Sec. 6.** NRS 450B.082 is hereby amended to read as follows:

7 450B.082 “Health officer” means:

8 1. In a ~~county whose population is less than 700,000, the~~
9 ~~Chief Medical Officer.~~

10 ~~—2. In a county whose population is 700,000 or more,]~~
11 ~~regulating health district,~~ the district health officer.

12 **2. In an area not described in subsection 1, the Chief Medical**
13 **Officer.**

14 **Sec. 7.** NRS 450B.160 is hereby amended to read as follows:

15 450B.160 1. The health authority may issue licenses to
16 attendants and to firefighters employed by or serving as volunteers
17 with a fire-fighting agency. *A person is eligible for a license as an*
18 *attendant if he or she:*

19 (a) *Is at least 16 years of age; and*

20 (b) *Possesses the qualifications required by this section and*
21 *any regulations adopted by the board.*

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

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

26 (a) A current, valid certificate evidencing the applicant’s
27 successful completion of a program of training as an emergency
28 medical technician, advanced emergency medical technician or
29 paramedic, if the applicant is applying for a license as an attendant,
30 or, if a volunteer attendant, at a level of skill determined by the
31 board.

32 (b) A current valid certificate evidencing the applicant’s
33 successful completion of a program of training as an emergency
34 medical technician, advanced emergency medical technician or
35 paramedic, if the applicant is applying for a license as a firefighter
36 with a fire-fighting agency.

37 (c) A signed statement showing:

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

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

40 and

41 (3) A description of the applicant’s duties.

42 (d) Proof that the applicant has completed the training required
43 by subsection 4.

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



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

5 5. The board shall adopt such regulations as it determines are
6 necessary for the issuance, suspension, revocation and renewal of
7 licenses.

8 6. Each operator of an ambulance or air ambulance and each
9 fire-fighting agency shall annually file with the health authority a
10 complete list of the licensed persons in its service.

11 7. Licensed physicians, registered nurses and licensed
12 physician assistants may serve as attendants without being licensed
13 under the provisions of this section. A registered nurse who
14 performs emergency care in an ambulance or air ambulance shall
15 perform the care in accordance with the regulations of the State
16 Board of Nursing. A licensed physician assistant who performs
17 emergency care in an ambulance or air ambulance shall perform the
18 care in accordance with the regulations of the Board of Medical
19 Examiners.

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

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

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

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

29 ➔ The certification must be issued by the Board of Medical
30 Examiners for a physician or licensed physician assistant or by the
31 State Board of Nursing for a registered nurse.

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

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

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

40 (c) Any other course or training,

41 ➔ approved by the Board of Medical Examiners or the State Board
42 of Nursing, whichever is issuing the certification.

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



1 **Sec. 8.** NRS 450B.180 is hereby amended to read as follows:

2 450B.180 1. Any person desiring certification as an
3 emergency medical technician, advanced emergency medical
4 technician or paramedic must apply to the health authority using
5 forms prescribed by the health authority. *A person is eligible for*
6 *certification as an emergency medical technician if he or she is at*
7 *least 16 years of age and is otherwise qualified pursuant to this*
8 *chapter and the regulations adopted pursuant thereto.*

9 2. The health authority, pursuant to regulations and procedures
10 adopted by the board, shall make a determination of the applicant's
11 qualifications to be certified as an emergency medical technician,
12 advanced emergency medical technician or paramedic and shall
13 issue the appropriate certificate to each qualified applicant.

14 3. A certificate is valid for a period not exceeding 2 years and
15 may be renewed if the holder of the certificate complies with the
16 provisions of this chapter and meets the qualifications set forth in
17 the regulations and standards established by the board pursuant to
18 this chapter. The regulations and standards established by the board
19 must provide for the completion of:

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

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

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

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

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

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

36 ↳ The board may thereafter determine whether to establish
37 regulations and standards requiring additional courses of instruction
38 relating to the medical consequences of an act of terrorism that
39 involves the use of a weapon of mass destruction.

40 (b) Training before initial certification concerning identifying
41 and interacting with persons with developmental disabilities.
42 Training completed pursuant to this paragraph also satisfies the
43 requirement for such training prescribed by NRS 289.605 or
44 450B.160, if applicable.



1 4. The health authority may suspend or revoke a certificate if it
2 finds that the holder of the certificate no longer meets the prescribed
3 qualifications. Unless the certificate is suspended by the district
4 court pursuant to NRS 425.540, the holder of the certificate may
5 appeal the suspension or revocation of his or her certificate pursuant
6 to regulations adopted by the board.

7 5. The board shall determine the procedures and techniques
8 which may be performed by an emergency medical technician,
9 advanced emergency medical technician or paramedic.

10 6. A certificate issued pursuant to this section is valid
11 throughout the State, whether issued by the Division or a district
12 board of health.

13 7. The Division shall maintain a central registry of all
14 certificates issued pursuant to this section, whether issued by the
15 Division or a district board of health.

16 8. The board shall adopt such regulations as are necessary to
17 carry out the provisions of this section.

18 9. As used in this section:

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

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

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

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

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

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

31 **Sec. 9.** NRS 450B.1975 is hereby amended to read as follows:

32 450B.1975 1. An advanced emergency medical technician or
33 a paramedic who holds an endorsement to administer
34 immunizations, dispense medication and prepare and respond to
35 certain public health needs issued in accordance with the regulations
36 adopted pursuant to this section may:

37 (a) Administer immunizations and dispense medications;

38 (b) Participate in activities designed to prepare the community
39 to meet anticipated health needs, including, without limitation,
40 participation in public vaccination clinics; and

41 (c) Respond to an actual epidemic or other emergency in the
42 community,

43 ↪ under the direct supervision of the local health officer, or a
44 designee of the local health officer, of the jurisdiction in which the



1 immunization is administered or the medication is dispensed or in
2 which the emergency or need exists.

3 2. The district board of health ~~[.]~~ in a ~~[county whose population~~
4 ~~is 700,000 or more.]~~ *regulating health district* may adopt
5 regulations for the endorsement of advanced emergency medical
6 technicians and paramedics pursuant to this section. The regulations
7 must:

8 (a) Prescribe the minimum training required to obtain such an
9 endorsement;

10 (b) Prescribe the continuing education requirements or other
11 evidence of continued competency for renewal of the endorsement;

12 (c) Prescribe the fee for the issuance and renewal of the
13 endorsement, which must not exceed \$5; and

14 (d) Not require licensure as an attendant as a condition of
15 eligibility for an endorsement pursuant to this section.

16 3. The State Board of Health shall, for counties ~~[whose~~
17 ~~population is less than 700,000,]~~ *that are not part of a regulating*
18 *health district*, adopt regulations for the endorsement of advanced
19 emergency medical technicians and paramedics pursuant to this
20 section. The regulations must:

21 (a) Prescribe the minimum training required to obtain such an
22 endorsement;

23 (b) Prescribe the continuing education requirements or other
24 evidence of continued competency for renewal of the endorsement;

25 (c) Prescribe the fee for the issuance and renewal of the
26 endorsement, which must not exceed \$5;

27 (d) To the extent practicable, authorize local health officers to
28 provide the training and continuing education required to obtain and
29 renew an endorsement; and

30 (e) Not require licensure as an attendant as a condition of
31 eligibility for an endorsement pursuant to this section.

32 4. As used in this section:

33 (a) "Emergency" means an occurrence or threatened occurrence
34 for which, in the determination of the Governor, the assistance of
35 state agencies is needed to supplement the efforts and capabilities of
36 political subdivisions to save lives, protect property and protect the
37 health and safety of persons in this State, or to avert the threat of
38 damage to property or injury to or the death of persons in this State.

39 (b) "Local health officer" means a city health officer appointed
40 pursuant to NRS 439.430, county health officer appointed pursuant to
41 NRS 439.290 or district health officer appointed pursuant to NRS
42 439.368 or 439.400.

43 **Sec. 10.** NRS 450B.200 is hereby amended to read as follows:
44 450B.200 1. The health authority may issue a permit for:

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

35 7. The health authority shall:

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

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

41 ➔ only after the holder of a permit is afforded an opportunity for a
42 public hearing pursuant to regulations adopted by the board.

43 8. The health authority may suspend a permit if the holder is
44 using an ambulance, air ambulance or vehicle of a fire-fighting



1 agency which does not meet the minimum requirements for
2 equipment as established by the board pursuant to this chapter.

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

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

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

11 10. The issuance of a permit pursuant to this section or NRS
12 450B.210 does not authorize any person or governmental entity to
13 provide those services or to operate any ambulance, air ambulance
14 or vehicle of a fire-fighting agency not in conformity with any
15 ordinance or regulation enacted by any county, municipality or
16 special purpose district.

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

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

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

30 **Sec. 11.** NRS 450B.260 is hereby amended to read as follows:

31 450B.260 1. Except as otherwise provided in this section or
32 as authorized by the Recognition of Emergency Medical Services
33 Personnel Licensure Interstate Compact ratified by NRS 450B.145,
34 the public or private owner of an ambulance or air ambulance or a
35 fire-fighting agency which owns a vehicle used in providing medical
36 care to sick or injured persons at the scene of an emergency or while
37 transporting those persons to a medical facility shall not permit its
38 operation and use by any person not licensed under this chapter.

39 2. An ambulance carrying a sick or injured patient must be
40 occupied by a driver and an attendant, each of whom is licensed as
41 an attendant pursuant to this chapter, exempt from licensing
42 pursuant to subsection 7 of NRS 450B.160 or authorized to practice
43 in this State under the Recognition of Emergency Medical Services
44 Personnel Licensure Interstate Compact ratified by NRS 450B.145,
45 except as otherwise provided in subsection 5 or in geographic areas



1 which may be designated by the board and for which the board may
2 prescribe lesser qualifications.

3 3. An air ambulance carrying a sick or injured patient must be
4 occupied by a licensed attendant, a person exempt from licensing
5 pursuant to subsection 7 of NRS 450B.160 or a person authorized to
6 practice in this State under the Recognition of Emergency Medical
7 Services Personnel Licensure Interstate Compact ratified by NRS
8 450B.145, in addition to the pilot of the aircraft.

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

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

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

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

20 6. *The board may not require that a person who is*
21 *participating in a program of training for certification as an*
22 *emergency medical technician, advanced emergency medical*
23 *technician or paramedic be licensed as an attendant pursuant to*
24 *this chapter in order to occupy an ambulance that is being used to*
25 *provide medical care to sick or injured persons at the scene of an*
26 *emergency or while transporting a sick or injured person so long*
27 *as:*

28 (a) *The ambulance is otherwise staffed in accordance with the*
29 *provisions of this chapter and any regulations adopted pursuant*
30 *thereto; and*

31 (b) *The unlicensed person does not provide care to a sick or*
32 *injured person or drive the ambulance.*

33 7. Nothing in this section precludes the operation of an aircraft
34 in this State in a manner other than as an air ambulance.

35 **Sec. 12.** 1. Any regulations adopted by a board that conflict
36 with the amendatory provisions of this act are void. The Legislative
37 Counsel shall remove those regulations from the Nevada
38 Administrative Code as soon as practicable after July 1, 2025.

39 2. As used in this section, "board" has the meaning ascribed to
40 it in NRS 450B.060, as amended by section 4 of this act.

41 **Sec. 13.** This act becomes effective on July 1, 2025.



