

SENATE BILL NO. 127—SENATOR BUCK

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Referred to Committee on Health and Human Services

SUMMARY—Revises provisions relating to certain training for first responders. (BDR 40-30)

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 response; requiring certain first responders to receive human trafficking awareness training; revising provisions relating to the training of certain law enforcement dispatchers; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel’s Digest:

1 Existing law provides for the licensure of ambulance attendants and firefighters
2 and the certification of emergency medical technicians, advanced emergency
3 medical technicians and paramedics. (NRS 450B.160, 450B.180) **Sections 1 and 2**
4 of this bill require each of those persons to receive 1 hour of human trafficking
5 awareness training before initial licensure or certification, as applicable, and each
6 year thereafter. **Sections 1 and 2** also prescribe certain requirements relating to
7 such training.

8 Existing law requires the Peace Officers’ Standards and Training Commission
9 to: (1) establish by regulation standards for a voluntary program of training for law
10 enforcement dispatchers; and (2) issue certificates to dispatchers who complete
11 such training. (NRS 289.650) **Section 3** of this bill requires the standards adopted
12 by the Commission to include the human trafficking awareness training described
13 in **sections 1 and 2**.



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

1 **Section 1.** NRS 450B.160 is hereby amended to read as
2 follows:

3 450B.160 1. The health authority may issue licenses to
4 attendants and to firefighters employed by or serving as volunteers
5 with a fire-fighting agency.

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

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

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

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

21 (c) A signed statement showing:

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

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

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

26 (d) Proof that the applicant has completed the training required
27 by subsection 4.

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

30 4. In addition to the training required by subsection 3, each
31 applicant for **[a]**:

32 (a) A license must complete **[training]**:

33 (1) **Training** concerning identifying and interacting with
34 persons with developmental disabilities **[a]**; and

35 (2) **At least 1 hour of human trafficking awareness**
36 **training, which may be conducted in person or online, and must**
37 **include, without limitation:**

38 (I) **Training concerning identifying and interacting with**
39 **victims of human trafficking in a manner that ensures the safety**
40 **of the victim and licensee; and**

41 (II) **Protocols for reporting human trafficking.**



1 ***(b) The renewal of a license must complete the training***
2 ***required by subparagraph (2) of paragraph (a) annually during***
3 ***each renewal period after licensure.***

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

39 (c) Any other course or training,

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

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



1 **Sec. 2.** 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.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

37 (b) Training before initial certification concerning identifying
38 and interacting with persons with developmental disabilities.

39 (c) *At least 1 hour of human trafficking awareness training*
40 *before initial certification and each year thereafter, which may be*
41 *conducted in person or online, and must include, without*
42 *limitation:*

43 (1) *Training concerning identifying and interacting with*
44 *victims of human trafficking in a manner that ensures the safety*
45 *of the victim and the holder of a certificate; and*



1 (2) *Protocols for reporting human trafficking.*

2 4. Training completed pursuant to ~~[this]~~ paragraph (b) or (c) of
3 *subsection 3* also satisfies the requirement for such training
4 prescribed by NRS 289.605 or 450B.160, if applicable.

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

11 ~~[5.]~~ 6. The board shall determine the procedures and techniques
12 which may be performed by an emergency medical technician,
13 advanced emergency medical technician or paramedic.

14 ~~[6.]~~ 7. A certificate issued pursuant to this section is valid
15 throughout the State, whether issued by the Division or a district
16 board of health.

17 ~~[7.]~~ 8. The Division shall maintain a central registry of all
18 certificates issued pursuant to this section, whether issued by the
19 Division or a district board of health.

20 ~~[8.]~~ 9. The board shall adopt such regulations as are necessary
21 to carry out the provisions of this section.

22 ~~[9.]~~ 10. As used in this section:

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

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

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

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

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

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

35 **Sec. 3.** NRS 289.650 is hereby amended to read as follows:

36 289.650 1. The Commission shall:

37 (a) Establish by regulation the minimum standards of a
38 voluntary program for the training of law enforcement dispatchers.
39 Such standards must include ~~[training]~~ :

40 (1) *Training* relating to behavioral health crisis intervention
41 as described in NRS 289.510 ~~[]~~ ; and

42 (2) *Human trafficking awareness training as described in*
43 *NRS 450B.160 and 450B.180.*



1 (b) Certify qualified instructors for approved courses of training
2 for law enforcement dispatchers and issue appropriate certificates to
3 instructors who become certified.

4 (c) Issue appropriate certificates to law enforcement dispatchers
5 who have satisfactorily completed the voluntary program.

6 2. As used in this section, “law enforcement dispatcher” means
7 a person who is employed by a law enforcement agency or regional
8 telecommunication center and who promotes public safety by:

9 (a) Receiving calls for service related to crimes, traffic incidents,
10 public safety and any other related calls for assistance; and

11 (b) Providing immediate and critical communication between
12 the public and law enforcement agencies.

13 **Sec. 4.** This act becomes effective on July 1, 2025.



