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ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 358—ASSEMBLYMEN GRAY, O’NEILL;
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JOINT SPONSOR: SENATOR STONE

Referred to Committee on Health and Human Services

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

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

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

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

Legislative Counsel’s Digest:

1 Existing law establishes the State Fire Marshal Division in the Department of
2 Public Safety, consisting of the Fire Protection and Control Section, the Fire
3 Investigation Section, the Public Education Section, the Fire Service Training
4 Section and the Fire Data Section. (NRS 477.010) **Section 42** of this bill adds the
5 Bureau of Emergency Medical Services to the State Fire Marshal Division. **Section**
6 **43** of this bill requires the State Fire Marshal to appoint as Chief of the Bureau a
7 person who has experience as a paramedic and has at least a bachelor’s degree in
8 some related field.

9 Existing law regulates emergency medical services in this State. (Chapter 450B
10 of NRS) Certain authority and duties relating to emergency medical services are
11 given to the “board,” which means: (1) the State Board of Health in a county whose
12 population is less than 700,000 (currently all counties other than Clark County); or
13 (2) the district board of health in a county whose population is 700,000 or more
14 (currently only Clark County). (NRS 450B.060) The authority and duties given to



15 the board include: (1) establishing certain minimum standards and requirements for
16 ambulances and air ambulances, for permits for the operation of air ambulances and
17 for the certification or licensure of certain persons who provide emergency medical
18 care; (2) approving certain training for emergency medical dispatchers; (3) issuing
19 licenses to ambulance attendants and certain firefighters; (4) approving programs of
20 training for certification as an emergency medical technician, advanced emergency
21 medical technician or paramedic; (5) setting forth certain procedures that may be
22 performed and drugs that may be administered by an advanced emergency medical
23 technician or an attendant or a fire firefighter who is a paramedic; (6) determining
24 eligibility for training as a paramedic; (7) setting forth certain provisions relating to
25 the issuance of an endorsement on a permit which allows certain emergency
26 medical providers to provide community paramedicine services; (8) setting forth
27 qualifications for and issuing a permit to operate an ambulance, air ambulance or a
28 vehicle of a fire-fighting agency and maintaining a registry of such permits; (9)
29 issuing provisional permits to operate an ambulance, air ambulance or a vehicle of
30 a fire-fighting agency; (10) adopting regulations specifying the acceptable
31 documentation that staff of an air ambulance meet certain minimum qualifications;
32 (11) setting forth the equipment required for an ambulance, air ambulance or
33 vehicle used in providing emergency medical care; and (12) designating geographic
34 areas in which an ambulance driver or attendant that meet certain lesser
35 qualifications may transport a sick or injured person. (NRS 450B.120, 450B.130,
36 450B.140, 450B.155, 450B.160, 450B.180, 450B.1905, 450B.191, 450B.1915,
37 450B.195, 450B.197, 450B.1993, 450B.200, 450B.210, 450B.225, 450B.230,
38 450B.260) **Sections 9, 12, 13 and 19-33** of this bill transfer from the State Board of
39 Health to the Bureau such authority and duties in a county whose population is less
40 than 700,000. (NRS 450B.077) **Sections 7, 8 and 10** of this bill make conforming
41 changes to amend the definition of “advanced emergency medical technician,”
42 “emergency medical technician” and “paramedic” to clarify that the terms mean
43 certain persons certified by the health authority. (NRS 450B.025, 450B.065,
44 450B.095) **Section 1** of this bill makes a conforming change relating to the transfer
45 of certain powers and duties to a health authority, as set forth in **sections 12, 13**
46 **and 19-33**, to create an exception to the provision that the State Board of Health is
47 supreme in all nonadministrative health matters. (NRS 439.150)

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

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

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

59 Existing law provides that certain money received by the Division of Public
60 and Behavioral Health of the Department of Health and Human Services must be
61 accounted for separately, administered by the Administrator of the Division and
62 used only to carry out a training program for emergency medical services personnel
63 who work for a volunteer ambulance service or firefighting agency. (NRS
64 450B.1505) **Section 14** provides instead that such money must be administered by
65 the Chief of the Bureau.

66 Existing law creates the Committee on Emergency Medical Services, consisting
67 of nine members appointed by the State Board of Health, which has various duties
68 relating to emergency medical services. (NRS 450B.151, 450B.153) **Section 15** of
69 this bill provides that the Director of the Department of Public Safety appoints the



70 members of the Committee and revises the membership of the Committee. **Section**
 71 **16** of this bill makes a conforming change to provide that the per diem and travel
 72 expenses of members of the Committee are paid by the Bureau rather than the
 73 Division of Public and Behavioral Health of the Department of Health and Human
 74 Services. (NRS 450B.152) **Section 17** of this bill revises the duties of the
 75 Committee to require the Committee to advise the Bureau rather than the Division
 76 of Public and Behavioral Health of the Department of Health and Human Services.
 77 (NRS 450B.153) **Section 18** of this bill provides that the Bureau, rather than the
 78 Division, is required to provide administrative support and assistance to the
 79 Committee.

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

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

98 Existing law authorizes the Division of Public and Behavioral Health of the
 99 Department of Health and Human Services to impose an administrative penalty
 100 against any person who violates any of the provisions of chapter 450B of NRS.
 101 (NRS 450B.900) **Section 40** of this bill authorizes the Bureau to similarly impose
 102 an administrative penalty against a person who violates any provision of chapter
 103 450B of NRS that is administered by the Bureau.

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

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

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

1 **Section 1.** NRS 439.150 is hereby amended to read as follows:
 2 439.150 1. ~~[The]~~ *Except as otherwise provided in chapter*
 3 *450B of NRS, the* State Board of Health is hereby declared to be



1 supreme in all nonadministrative health matters. It has general
2 supervision over all matters, except for administrative matters and
3 as otherwise provided in NRS 439.950 to 439.983, inclusive,
4 relating to the preservation of the health and lives of citizens of this
5 State and over the work of the Chief Medical Officer and all district,
6 county and city health departments, boards of health and health
7 officers.

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

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

22 (a) Licensing, registering, certifying, inspecting or granting of
23 permits for any facility, establishment or service regulated by the
24 Division;

25 (b) Programs and services of the Division;

26 (c) Review of plans; and

27 (d) Certification and licensing of personnel.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



1 **Sec. 5.5. 1.** *Notwithstanding any provision of this chapter*
2 *that authorizes or requires the Bureau or the Chief to adopt any*
3 *regulation, after adopting any such regulation and before*
4 *submitting the regulation to the Legislative Counsel for review by*
5 *the Legislative Commission pursuant to NRS 233B.067, the*
6 *Bureau or Chief, as applicable, must submit the regulation for*
7 *approval to the State Board of Health.*

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

13 **3.** *If the Board objects to the regulation, the Board shall*
14 *attach to the regulation a written notice of the objection,*
15 *including, if practicable, a statement of the reasons for the*
16 *objection, and shall promptly return the regulation to the Bureau*
17 *or Chief, as applicable. The Bureau or Chief, as applicable, may*
18 *not submit a regulation to which the Board has objected to the*
19 *Legislative Counsel for review by the Legislative Commission.*

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

21 450B.020 As used in this chapter, unless the context otherwise
22 requires, the words and terms defined in NRS 450B.025 to
23 450B.110, inclusive, *and sections 3, 4 and 5 of this act* have the
24 meanings ascribed to them in those sections.

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

26 450B.025 “Advanced emergency medical technician” means a
27 person certified by the health ~~officer~~ *authority* as having
28 satisfactorily completed a program of training for certification as an
29 advanced emergency medical technician pursuant to NRS 450B.191.

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

31 450B.065 “Emergency medical technician” means a person
32 certified by the health ~~officer~~ *authority* as having satisfactorily
33 completed a program of training for certification as an emergency
34 medical technician pursuant to NRS 450B.1905.

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

36 450B.077 “Health authority” means:

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

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

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

42 450B.095 “Paramedic” means a person certified by the health
43 ~~officer~~ *authority* as having satisfactorily completed a program of
44 training for certification 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
3 promulgate such rules, regulations, standards and procedures as ~~fit~~
4 ~~determines~~ are necessary to administer the provisions of this
5 chapter.

6 **Sec. 12.** NRS 450B.130 is hereby amended to read as follows:
7 450B.130 1. The ~~board~~ *health authority* shall adopt
8 regulations establishing reasonable minimum standards for:

- 9 (a) Sanitation in ambulances and air ambulances;
- 10 (b) Medical and nonmedical equipment and supplies to be
11 carried in ambulances and medical equipment and supplies to be
12 carried in air ambulances and vehicles of a fire-fighting agency;
- 13 (c) Interior configuration, design and dimensions of ambulances
14 placed in service after July 1, 1979;
- 15 (d) Permits for operation of ambulances, air ambulances and
16 vehicles of a fire-fighting agency;
- 17 (e) Records to be maintained by an operator of an ambulance or
18 air ambulance or by a fire-fighting agency; and
- 19 (f) Treatment of patients who are critically ill or in urgent need
20 of treatment.

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

- 25 (a) Except as otherwise provided in paragraph (b), be based on
26 the medical aspects of the operation of an air ambulance, including,
27 without limitation, aspects related to patient care; and
- 28 (b) Not be based on economic factors, including, without
29 limitation, factors related to the prices, routes or nonmedical
30 services of an air ambulance.

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

43 4. A health officer may adopt regulations that impose
44 additional requirements for the certification or licensure of persons
45 who provide emergency medical care in the jurisdiction of the



1 health officer, but the health officer must accept the certification or
2 licensure of a person who provides emergency medical care from
3 the jurisdiction of another health officer as proof that the person
4 who provides emergency medical care has met the minimum
5 requirements for certification or licensure.

6 5. As used in this section, “person who provides emergency
7 medical care” means an emergency medical technician, advanced
8 emergency medical technician, paramedic, attendant of an
9 ambulance or air ambulance or firefighter employed by or serving
10 with a fire-fighting agency.

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

12 450B.140 1. In adopting regulations under NRS 450B.120
13 and 450B.130, the board *or health authority, as applicable*, may
14 use standards and regulations proposed by:

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

17 (b) The United States Department of Transportation;

18 (c) The United States Public Health Service;

19 (d) The Bureau of Health Insurance of the Social Security
20 Administration;

21 (e) The American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons;

22 (f) The National Academy of Sciences—National Research
23 Council;

24 (g) The American Heart Association; and

25 (h) Regional, state and local emergency medical services
26 committees and councils.

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

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

33 450B.1505 1. *The Chief shall establish by regulation:*

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

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

40 2. Any money ~~[the Division receives]~~ *received* from a fee ~~[set~~
41 ~~by the State Board of Health]~~ *established* pursuant to ~~[NRS 439.150~~
42 ~~for the issuance or renewal of a license pursuant to NRS 450B.160,]~~
43 *subsection 1*, an administrative penalty imposed pursuant to NRS
44 450B.900 or an appropriation made by the Legislature for the
45 purposes of training related to emergency medical services:



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

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

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

9 ~~[2.]~~ 3. Any interest or income earned on the money in the
10 account must be credited to the account. Any claims against
11 the account must be paid in the manner that other claims against the
12 State are paid.

13 ~~[3.]~~ 4. The ~~[Administrator of the Division]~~ *Chief* shall
14 administer the account.

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

16 450B.151 1. The Committee on Emergency Medical
17 Services, consisting of nine members appointed by the ~~[State Board~~
18 ~~of Health,]~~ *Director of the Department of Public Safety*, is hereby
19 created.

20 2. Upon request of the ~~[State Board of Health,]~~ *Director of the*
21 *Department of Public Safety*, employee associations that represent
22 persons that provide emergency medical services, including, without
23 limitation, physicians and nurses that provide emergency medical
24 services, emergency medical technicians, ambulance attendants,
25 firefighters, fire chiefs and employees of rural hospitals, shall
26 submit to the ~~[State Board of Health]~~ *Director of the Department of*
27 *Public Safety* written nominations for appointments to the
28 Committee.

29 3. After considering the nominations submitted pursuant to
30 subsection 2, the ~~[State Board of Health]~~ *Director of the*
31 *Department of Public Safety* shall appoint to the Committee:

32 (a) One member who is a physician licensed pursuant to chapter
33 630 or 633 of NRS and who ~~[has experience providing]~~ *is a director*
34 *or holds an equivalent position for a provider of* emergency
35 medical services;

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

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

42 (d) One member who is *a certified emergency medical*
43 *technician and* employed by a *volunteer organization that provides*
44 *emergency medical services or by a* fire-fighting agency at which
45 some of the firefighters and persons who provide emergency



1 medical services for the agency are employed and some serve as
2 volunteers;

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

24 (a) An employee of the ~~[Division.]~~ *Department of Health and*
25 *Human Services*, appointed by the ~~[Administrator]~~ *Director* of the
26 ~~[Division.]~~ *Department*, whose duties relate to administration and
27 enforcement of the provisions of this chapter ~~[:]~~ *over which the*
28 *Department has authority.*

29 (b) The county health officer appointed pursuant to NRS
30 439.290 in each county whose population is 100,000 or more, or the
31 county health officer's designee;

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

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

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

43 6. The ~~[State Board of Health]~~ *Director of the Department of*
44 *Public Safety* shall not appoint to the Committee two persons who
45 are employed by or volunteer with the same organization, except the



1 ~~{State Board of Health}~~ *Director of the Department of Public*
2 *Safety* may appoint a person who is employed by or volunteers with
3 the same organization of which a member who serves ex officio is
4 an employee.

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

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

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

13 450B.152 1. The Committee shall elect a Chair from among
14 its members. The term of the Chair is 1 year.

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

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

18 4. A member of the Committee serves without compensation,
19 except that, for each day or portion of a day during which a member
20 attends a meeting of the Committee or is otherwise engaged in the
21 business of the Committee, the member of the Committee is entitled
22 to receive the per diem allowance and travel expenses provided for
23 state officers and employees generally. The per diem allowance and
24 travel expenses must be paid by the ~~{Division}~~ *Bureau* from money
25 not allocated by specific statute for another use.

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

27 450B.153 The Committee shall:

28 1. Review and advise the ~~{Division}~~ *Bureau* regarding the
29 management and performance of emergency medical services in this
30 State and regarding statewide emergency medical protocols;

31 2. Advise the ~~{Division}~~ *Bureau* on matters of policy relating
32 to emergency care, including, without limitation, the qualifications
33 of persons who provide emergency medical services;

34 3. Advise the board and ~~{Division}~~ *the Bureau* with respect to
35 the preparation and adoption of regulations regarding emergency
36 care;

37 4. Review periodically the budget of the ~~{Division that relates~~
38 ~~to emergency medical services;}~~ *Bureau;*

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

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



1 **Sec. 18.** NRS 450B.154 is hereby amended to read as follows:
2 450B.154 The ~~[Division]~~ **Bureau** shall provide administrative
3 support and assistance to the Committee.

4 **Sec. 19.** NRS 450B.155 is hereby amended to read as follows:
5 450B.155 1. An educational institution, public or private
6 agency or other entity may provide a training program for
7 emergency medical dispatchers and issue certificates of completion
8 if the program meets the requirements set forth in the regulations of
9 the ~~[board]~~ **health authority** and is approved by the ~~[board]~~ **health**
10 **authority**.

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

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

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

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

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

20 450B.160 1. The health authority may issue licenses to
21 attendants and to firefighters employed by or serving as volunteers
22 with a fire-fighting agency.

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

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

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

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

38 (c) A signed statement showing:

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

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

41 and

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

32 ↪ The certification must be issued by the Board of Medical
33 Examiners for a physician or licensed physician assistant or by the
34 State Board of Nursing for a registered nurse.

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

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

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

43 (c) Any other course or training,
44 ↪ approved by the Board of Medical Examiners or the State Board
45 of Nursing, whichever is issuing the certification.



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

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

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

8 2. The health authority, pursuant to regulations and procedures
9 adopted by the ~~{board}~~ *health authority*, shall make a determination
10 of the applicant’s qualifications to be certified as an emergency
11 medical technician, advanced emergency medical technician or
12 paramedic and shall issue the appropriate certificate to each
13 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}~~ *health*
18 *authority* pursuant to this chapter. The regulations and standards
19 established by the ~~{board}~~ *health authority* must provide for the
20 completion of:

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

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

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

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

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

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

37 ➤ The ~~{board}~~ *health authority* may thereafter determine whether
38 to establish regulations and standards requiring additional courses of
39 instruction relating to the medical consequences of an act of
40 terrorism that involves the use of a weapon of mass destruction.

41 (b) Training before initial certification concerning identifying
42 and interacting with persons with developmental disabilities.
43 Training completed pursuant to this paragraph also satisfies the
44 requirement for such training prescribed by NRS 289.605 or
45 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~~ *health authority*.

7 5. The ~~board~~ *health authority* shall determine the procedures
8 and techniques which may be performed by an emergency medical
9 technician, 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~~ *Bureau* or a
12 district board of health.

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

16 8. The ~~board~~ *health authority* shall adopt such regulations as
17 are necessary to 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. 22.** NRS 450B.190 is hereby amended to read as follows:

32 450B.190 1. The health authority may, at its discretion, issue
33 a provisional license as an attendant to a person who does not meet
34 the qualifications established pursuant to this chapter, if the health
35 authority determines that such issuance will be in the public interest.

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

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

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

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



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

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

6 450B.1905 1. A program of training for certification as an
7 emergency medical technician must be:

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

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

13 2. A program of training for certification as an emergency
14 medical technician must follow the curriculum or educational
15 standards prepared by the United States Department of
16 Transportation as a national standard for emergency medical
17 technicians.

18 3. The ~~board~~ *health authority* may adopt regulations which
19 prescribe other requirements of training for certification as an
20 emergency medical technician.

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

27 5. The ~~board~~ *health authority* may by regulation prescribe
28 additional requirements for receiving and maintaining certification
29 as an emergency medical technician. The curriculum or educational
30 standards for training must be:

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

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

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

36 450B.191 1. A program of training for certification as an
37 advanced emergency medical technician must be supervised by a
38 licensed physician and approved by the health authority.

39 2. A program of training for certification as an advanced
40 emergency medical technician must include an approved curriculum
41 in intravenous therapy and the management of a passage for air to
42 the lungs. Only a certified emergency medical technician with
43 experience as established by the ~~board~~ *health authority* is eligible
44 for this training.



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

27 450B.1915 An advanced emergency medical technician may
28 perform any procedure and administer any drug:

- 29 1. Approved by regulation of the ~~{board}~~ *health authority*; or
30 2. Authorized pursuant to NRS 450B.1975, if the advanced
31 emergency medical technician has obtained an endorsement
32 pursuant to that section.

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

34 450B.195 1. Only a certified emergency medical technician
35 with experience as established by the ~~{board}~~ *health authority* is
36 eligible for training as a paramedic.

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

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

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

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



1 4. The ~~board~~ *health authority* may by regulation prescribe
2 the curriculum and other requirements for training and maintaining
3 certification as a paramedic. The curriculum must be at least
4 equivalent to any curriculum or educational standards prepared by
5 the United States Department of Transportation as a national
6 standard for paramedics.

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

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

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

17 450B.197 An attendant or a firefighter who is a paramedic or
18 emergency medical services registered nurse may perform any
19 procedure and administer any drug:

20 1. Approved by regulation of the ~~board~~ *health authority*; or

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

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

26 450B.1993 1. The ~~board~~ *health authority* shall adopt
27 regulations to provide for the issuance of an endorsement on a
28 permit which allows an emergency medical provider who is
29 employed by or serves as a volunteer for the holder of the permit to
30 provide community paramedicine services. Such regulations must
31 establish, without limitation:

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

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

35 (c) The required training and qualifications of an emergency
36 medical provider who will provide community paramedicine
37 services and the proof necessary to demonstrate such training and
38 qualifications;

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

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



1 (f) Such other requirements as the ~~board~~ *health authority*
2 deems necessary to carry out the provisions of this section and NRS
3 450B.199 and 450B.1996.

4 2. The holder of a permit may apply for an endorsement to
5 provide community paramedicine services by submitting to the
6 health authority an application upon forms prescribed by the ~~board~~
7 *health authority* and in accordance with procedures established by
8 the ~~board~~ *health authority*. The health authority must not approve
9 an application for an endorsement or a renewal of an endorsement
10 unless the applicant meets the requirements prescribed by the
11 ~~board~~ *health authority* by regulation pursuant to subsection 1. No
12 additional fee may be charged for an endorsement.

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

16 4. An emergency medical provider may provide community
17 paramedicine services only as an employee of or volunteer for the
18 holder of a permit who has obtained an endorsement and only if the
19 emergency medical provider possesses the training and
20 qualifications required by the ~~board~~ *health authority*. Any
21 services provided must not exceed the scope of practice of the
22 emergency medical provider.

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

24 450B.200 1. The health authority may issue a permit for:

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

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

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

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

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

33 3. No permit may be issued unless the applicant is qualified
34 pursuant to the regulations of the ~~board~~ *health authority*.

35 4. An application for a permit must be made upon forms
36 prescribed by the ~~board~~ *health authority* and in accordance with
37 procedures established by the ~~board~~ *health authority*, and must
38 contain the following:

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

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

43 (c) A description of each ambulance, air ambulance or vehicle of
44 a fire-fighting agency, including the make, year of manufacture and
45 chassis number, and the color scheme, insigne, name, monogram or



1 other distinguishing characteristics to be used to designate the
2 applicant's ambulance, air ambulance or vehicle;

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

6 (e) Such other information as the ~~board~~ *health authority*
7 deems reasonable and necessary to a fair determination of
8 compliance with the provisions of this chapter.

9 5. The ~~board~~ *health authority* shall establish a reasonable fee
10 for annual permits.

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

14 7. The health authority shall:

15 (a) Revoke, suspend or refuse to renew any permit issued
16 pursuant to this section for violation of any provision of this chapter
17 or of any regulation adopted by the ~~board~~ *health authority*; or

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

20 ↪ only after the holder of a permit is afforded an opportunity for a
21 public hearing pursuant to regulations adopted by the ~~board~~ *health authority*.
22

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

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

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

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

36 10. The issuance of a permit pursuant to this section or NRS
37 450B.210 does not authorize any person or governmental entity to
38 provide those services or to operate any ambulance, air ambulance
39 or vehicle of a fire-fighting agency not in conformity with any
40 ordinance or regulation enacted by any county, municipality or
41 special purpose district.

42 11. A permit issued pursuant to this section is valid throughout
43 the State, whether issued by the ~~Division~~ *Bureau* or a district
44 board of health. An ambulance, air ambulance or vehicle of a fire-
45 fighting agency which has received a permit from the district board



1 of health in a county whose population is 700,000 or more is not
2 required to obtain a permit from the ~~{Division}~~ *Bureau*, even if the
3 ambulance, air ambulance or vehicle of a fire-fighting agency has
4 routine operations outside the county.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

29 450B.225 1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2,
30 during any period in which an air ambulance is used to provide
31 medical transportation services for which a permit is required, the
32 air ambulance must be staffed with, at a minimum:

33 (a) One primary attendant who:

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

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

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

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

43 (1) Is certified as a paramedic;

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



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

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

6 2. If, as determined by the pilot and medical director of the air
7 ambulance, the weight of the secondary attendant could compromise
8 the performance of the air ambulance, safety or patient care, an air
9 ambulance providing medical transportation services may be staffed
10 with only a primary attendant as described in paragraph (a) of
11 subsection 1.

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

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

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

20 450B.230 1. The public or private owner of an ambulance or
21 air ambulance or the fire-fighting agency who owns a vehicle used
22 in providing emergency medical care shall not permit its operation
23 and use without the equipment required by regulations and standards
24 of the ~~{board}~~ *health authority*.

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

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

29 450B.260 1. Except as otherwise provided in this section, the
30 public or private owner of an ambulance or air ambulance or a fire-
31 fighting agency which owns a vehicle used in providing medical
32 care to sick or injured persons at the scene of an emergency or while
33 transporting those persons to a medical facility shall not permit its
34 operation and use by any person not licensed under this chapter.

35 2. An ambulance carrying a sick or injured patient must be
36 occupied by a driver and an attendant, each of whom is licensed as
37 an attendant pursuant to this chapter or exempt from licensing
38 pursuant to subsection 7 of NRS 450B.160, except as otherwise
39 provided in subsection 5 or in geographic areas which may be
40 designated by the ~~{board}~~ *health authority* and for which the
41 ~~{board}~~ *health authority* may prescribe lesser qualifications.

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



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

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

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

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

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

14 **Sec. 34.** NRS 450B.410 is hereby amended to read as follows:
15 450B.410 “Do-not-resuscitate identification” means:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

31 450B.490 1. The board shall adopt regulations to carry out
32 the provisions of NRS 450B.400 to 450B.590, inclusive. The
33 regulations must establish:

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

35 (b) The procedure to apply for a do-not-resuscitate
36 identification.

37 2. The board may establish a fee for:

38 (a) A do-not-resuscitate identification to be collected by the
39 ~~health authority,~~ *Division or, in a county whose population is*
40 *700,000 or more, the district board of health.* The fee may not
41 exceed the actual cost to the ~~health authority,~~ *Division* of:

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

44 (2) Engraving the identification.



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

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

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

7 450B.500 Each do-not-resuscitate identification issued by the
8 ~~health authority~~ *Division or, in a county whose population is*
9 *700,000 or more, the district board of health,* must include, without
10 limitation:

11 1. An identification number that is unique to the qualified
12 patient to whom the identification is issued;

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

14 3. The name of the attending physician or attending advanced
15 practice registered nurse of the patient.

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

17 450B.520 Except as otherwise provided in NRS 450B.525:

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

32 2. An application must include, without limitation:

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

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

40 (1) Executed:

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

17 450B.525 1. A parent or legal guardian of a minor may apply
18 to the ~~health authority~~ *Division or, in a county whose population*
19 *is 700,000 or more, the district board of health* for a do-not-
20 resuscitate identification on behalf of the minor if the minor has
21 been:

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

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

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

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

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

31 3. An application submitted pursuant to subsection 2 must
32 include, without limitation:

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

35 (1) Suffers from a terminal condition; and

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

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

44 (c) The name of the minor;



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

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

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

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

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

17 (b) The minor may revoke the authorization to withhold life-
18 resuscitating treatment by removing or destroying or requesting the
19 removal or destruction of the identification or otherwise indicating
20 to a person that the minor wishes to have the identification removed
21 or destroyed.

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

23 450B.855 1. A governmental entity which licenses and
24 regulates emergency response employees may, within the limits of
25 available money, enter into a contract with a nonprofit organization
26 to establish a program to provide peer support counseling to
27 emergency response employees.

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

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

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

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

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

42 (2) Information concerning local and national support groups
43 for mental health issues.

44 3. The ~~Division~~ **Bureau** shall post on an Internet website
45 maintained by the ~~Division~~ **Bureau**.



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

3 (b) Information concerning local and national support groups for
4 mental health issues.

5 4. To the extent money is available, the ~~[Division]~~ *Bureau*
6 shall collect information regarding suicide and attempted suicide
7 among emergency response employees and report that information
8 to the ~~[Chief Medical Officer]~~ *State Fire Marshal* or his or her
9 designee. Such a report must not include any confidential or
10 privileged information.

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

12 450B.900 1. Any person who violates any of the provisions
13 of this chapter is guilty of a misdemeanor.

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

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

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

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

24 417.0194 1. Each state agency and regulatory body identified
25 in subsections 2 to 16, inclusive, shall report, subject to any
26 limitations or restrictions contained in any state or federal law
27 governing the privacy or confidentiality of records, the data
28 identified in subsections 2 to 17, inclusive, as applicable, to the
29 Interagency Council on Veterans Affairs. Each state agency and
30 regulatory body shall submit such information for the immediately
31 preceding fiscal year to the Council not later than November 30 of
32 each year and shall provide the information in aggregate and in
33 digital form, and in a manner such that the data is capable of
34 integration by the Council.

35 2. The Department of Veterans Services shall provide annual
36 statistics regarding:

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

19 3. The Department of Administration shall provide:

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

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

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

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

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

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

36 5. The Department of Corrections shall provide:

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

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

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



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

4 8. The Department of Employment, Training and
5 Rehabilitation shall provide a summary of:

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

9 (b) The average number of initial and continuing claims for
10 benefits filed per week by veterans pursuant to NRS 612.455 to
11 612.530, inclusive;

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

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

16 9. The Department of Health and Human Services shall
17 provide ~~f~~:

18 ~~—(a) The total number of veterans who have applied for and~~
19 ~~received certification as an Emergency Medical Technician-B,~~
20 ~~Advanced Emergency Medical Technician and Paramedic through~~
21 ~~the State Emergency Medical Systems program; and~~

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

24 10. The Department of Motor Vehicles shall provide:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

40 *(a) The total number of veterans who have applied for and*
41 *received certification as an Emergency Medical Technician-B,*
42 *Advanced Emergency Medical Technician and Paramedic*
43 *through the Bureau of Emergency Medical Services; and*

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



1 13. The Department of Taxation shall provide the total number
2 of veterans receiving tax exemptions pursuant to NRS 361.090,
3 361.091, 361.155, 371.103 and 371.104.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

31 (c) "Have you ever served the Commissioned Corps of the
32 United States Public Health Service or the Commissioned Corps of
33 the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration of the United
34 States in the capacity of a commissioned officer while on active
35 duty in defense of the United States and separated from such service
36 under conditions other than dishonorable?"

37 18. The Council shall, upon receiving the information
38 submitted pursuant to this section and NRS 612.237, synthesize and
39 compile the information, including any recommendations of the
40 Council, and submit the information with the report submitted
41 pursuant to subsection 8 of NRS 417.0195.

42 19. As used in this section:

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

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



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

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

4 477.010 1. The State Fire Marshal Division is hereby
5 established in the Department of Public Safety.

6 2. The Division consists of the *Bureau of Emergency Medical*
7 *Services, the* Fire Protection and Control Section, the Fire
8 Investigation Section, the Public Education Section, the Fire Service
9 Training Section and the Fire Data Section.

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

11 477.013 1. The Director of the Department of Public Safety
12 shall consult the State Board of Fire Services and appoint the State
13 Fire Marshal from the list of candidates presented by the Board. The
14 Chief of the State Fire Marshal Division is the State Fire Marshal.

15 2. ~~[The]~~ *Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, the*
16 *State Fire Marshal may appoint, within the limits of legislative*
17 *appropriations, an assistant, deputies and such staff as is necessary*
18 *to the performance of the duties of the State Fire Marshal. The State*
19 *Fire Marshal shall appoint as Chief of the Bureau of Emergency*
20 *Medical Services a person who has experience as a paramedic and*
21 *at least a bachelor's degree in some related field.*

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

25 **Sec. 44.** 1. Any administrative regulations adopted by an
26 officer or an agency whose name has been changed or whose
27 responsibilities have been transferred pursuant to the provisions of
28 this act to another officer or agency remain in force until amended
29 by the officer or agency to which the responsibility for the adoption
30 of the regulations has been transferred.

31 2. Any contracts or other agreements entered into by an officer
32 or agency whose name has been changed or whose responsibilities
33 have been transferred pursuant to the provisions of this act to
34 another officer or agency are binding upon the officer or agency to
35 which the responsibility for the administration of the provisions of
36 the contract or other agreement has been transferred. Such contracts
37 and other agreements may be enforced by the officer or agency to
38 which the responsibility for the enforcement of the provisions of the
39 contract or other agreement has been transferred.

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



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

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

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

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

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