

Senate Bill No. 445–Committee on Finance

CHAPTER.....

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

Legislative Counsel’s Digest:

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

Existing law authorizes the Division or the district board of health, as applicable, to issue annual permits and provisional permits for the operation of an ambulance, an air ambulance or certain vehicles of a fire-fighting agency. Existing law requires the State Board of Health or district board of health, as applicable, to establish fees for such annual and provisional permits. (NRS 450B.200, 450B.210) **Sections 2 and 3** of this bill provide that revenue from such fees collected by the Division of Public and Behavioral Health must be accounted for separately and does not revert to the State General Fund at the end of any fiscal year.

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

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

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

450B.1505 1. Any money the Division receives from a fee set by the State Board of Health pursuant to NRS 439.150 for the issuance or renewal of a license pursuant to NRS 450B.160, an administrative penalty imposed pursuant to NRS 450B.900 or an



appropriation made by the Legislature for the purposes of training related to emergency medical services:

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

(b) May be used ~~only~~ to ~~carry~~ :

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(1) At the scene of an emergency; and

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

7. The health authority shall:

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

(b) Bring an action in any court for violation of this chapter or the regulations adopted pursuant to this chapter,
↳ only after the holder of a permit is afforded an opportunity for a public hearing pursuant to regulations adopted by the board.

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

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

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

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

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

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



in a county whose population is 700,000 or more is not required to obtain a permit from the Division, even if the ambulance, air ambulance or vehicle of a fire-fighting agency has routine operations outside the county.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

