

1 **EMERGENCY VEHICLE OPERATORS TRAINING**

2 **REQUIREMENTS**

3 2013 GENERAL SESSION

4 STATE OF UTAH

5 **Chief Sponsor: Gage Froerer**

6 Senate Sponsor: Daniel W. Thatcher

8 **LONG TITLE**

9 **General Description:**

10 This bill amends provisions relating to emergency medical service vehicle operator
11 training requirements.

12 **Highlighted Provisions:**

13 This bill:

14 ▶ provides that beginning on or after January 31, 2014, every operator of an
15 emergency medical service vehicle shall annually provide proof of the successful
16 completion of an emergency vehicle operator's course approved by the Department
17 of Health to be eligible for an emergency medical service vehicle permit;

18 ▶ grants the Department of Health rulemaking authority to approve an emergency
19 vehicle operator's course; and

20 ▶ makes technical corrections.

21 **Money Appropriated in this Bill:**

22 None

23 **Other Special Clauses:**

24 None

25 **Utah Code Sections Affected:**

26 AMENDS:

27 **26-8a-105**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2008, Chapter 382

28 **26-8a-304**, as enacted by Laws of Utah 1999, Chapter 141

30 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:*

31 Section 1. Section **26-8a-105** is amended to read:

32 **26-8a-105. Department powers.**

33 The department shall:

- 34 (1) coordinate the emergency medical services within the state;
- 35 (2) administer this chapter and the rules established pursuant to it;
- 36 (3) establish a voluntary task force representing a diversity of emergency medical
- 37 service providers to advise the department and the committee on rules; and
- 38 (4) adopt rules in accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative

39 Rulemaking Act, to:

- 40 (a) license ambulance providers and paramedic providers;
- 41 (b) permit ambulances and emergency medical response vehicles, including approving
- 42 an emergency vehicle operator's course in accordance with Section 26-8a-304;
- 43 (c) establish application, submission, and procedural requirements for licenses,
- 44 designations, certificates, and permits; and
- 45 (d) establish and implement the programs, plans, and responsibilities as specified in
- 46 other sections of this chapter.

47 Section 2. Section **26-8a-304** is amended to read:

48 **26-8a-304. Permits for emergency medical service vehicles.**

49 (1) ~~(a)~~ To ensure that emergency medical service vehicles are adequately staffed, safe,
50 maintained, ~~and~~ properly equipped, and safely operated, the committee shall establish permit
51 requirements at levels it considers appropriate in the following categories:

- 52 ~~(a)~~ (i) ambulance; and
- 53 ~~(b)~~ (ii) emergency medical response vehicle.

54 (b) The permit requirements under this Subsection (1) shall include a requirement that
55 beginning on or after January 31, 2014, every operator of an ambulance or emergency medical
56 response vehicle annually provide proof of the successful completion of an emergency vehicle
57 operator's course approved by the department for all ambulances and emergency medical

58 response vehicle operators.

59 (2) The department shall, based on the requirements established in Subsection (1),

60 issue permits to emergency medical service vehicles.