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By Senator Robinson; by request of Department of Health

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1 AN ACT Relating to allowing emergency medical technicians to
2 provide medical evaluation, testing, and vaccines outside of an
3 emergency in response to a public health agency request; and amending
4 RCW 18.73.030.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

6 **Sec. 1.** RCW 18.73.030 and 2021 c 69 s 1 are each amended to read
7 as follows:

8 The definitions in this section apply throughout this chapter
9 unless the context clearly requires otherwise.

10 (1) "Advanced life support" means invasive emergency medical
11 services requiring advanced medical treatment skills as defined by
12 chapter 18.71 RCW.

13 (2) "Aid service" means an organization that operates one or more
14 aid vehicles.

15 (3) "Aid vehicle" means a vehicle used to carry aid equipment and
16 individuals trained in first aid or emergency medical procedure.

17 (4) "Ambulance" means a ground or air vehicle designed and used
18 to transport the ill and injured and to provide personnel,
19 facilities, and equipment to treat patients before and during
20 transportation.

1 (5) "Ambulance service" means an organization that operates one
2 or more ambulances.

3 (6) "Basic life support" means noninvasive emergency medical
4 services requiring basic medical treatment skills as defined in this
5 chapter.

6 (7) "Collaborative medical care" means medical treatment and care
7 provided in collaboration and partnership with local, regional, or
8 state public health agencies to control and prevent the spread of
9 communicable diseases which is rendered separately from emergency
10 medical service.

11 (8) "Communications system" means a radio and landline network
12 which provides rapid public access, coordinated central dispatching
13 of services, and coordination of personnel, equipment, and facilities
14 in an emergency medical services and trauma care system.

15 (~~(8)~~) (9) "Council" means the local or regional emergency
16 medical services and trauma care council as authorized under chapter
17 70.168 RCW.

18 (~~(9)~~) (10) "Department" means the department of health.

19 (~~(10)~~) (11) "Emergency medical service" means medical treatment
20 and care which may be rendered at the scene of any medical emergency
21 or while transporting any patient in an ambulance to an appropriate
22 medical facility, including ambulance transportation between medical
23 facilities.

24 (~~(11)~~) (12) "Emergency medical services medical program
25 director" means a person who is an approved medical program director
26 as defined by RCW 18.71.205(4).

27 (~~(12)~~) (13) "Emergency medical technician" means a person who
28 is authorized by the secretary to render emergency medical care
29 pursuant to RCW 18.73.081 (~~(e)~~), under the responsible supervision
30 and direction of an approved medical program director, (~~(to~~
31 ~~participate)~~) which may include participating in an emergency
32 services supervisory organization or a community assistance referral
33 and education services program established under RCW 35.21.930, or
34 providing collaborative medical care if the participation or
35 provision of collaborative medical care does not exceed the
36 participant's training and certification.

37 (~~(13)~~) (14) "Emergency services supervisory organization" means
38 an entity that is authorized by the secretary to use certified
39 emergency medical services personnel to provide medical evaluation or
40 initial treatment, or both, to sick or injured people, while in the

1 course of duties with the organization for on-site medical care prior
2 to any necessary activation of emergency medical services. Emergency
3 services supervisory organizations include law enforcement agencies,
4 disaster management organizations, search and rescue operations,
5 diversion centers, and businesses with organized industrial safety
6 teams.

7 ~~((14))~~ (15) "First responder" means a person who is authorized
8 by the secretary to render emergency medical care as defined by RCW
9 18.73.081.

10 ~~((15))~~ (16) "Patient care procedures" means written operating
11 guidelines adopted by the regional emergency medical services and
12 trauma care council, in consultation with the local emergency medical
13 services and trauma care councils, emergency communication centers,
14 and the emergency medical services medical program director, in
15 accordance with statewide minimum standards. The patient care
16 procedures shall identify the level of medical care personnel to be
17 dispatched to an emergency scene, procedures for triage of patients,
18 the level of trauma care facility to first receive the patient, and
19 the name and location of other trauma care facilities to receive the
20 patient should an interfacility transfer be necessary. Procedures on
21 interfacility transfer of patients shall be consistent with the
22 transfer procedures in chapter 70.170 RCW.

23 ~~((16))~~ (17) "Prehospital patient care protocols" means the
24 written procedure adopted by the emergency medical services medical
25 program director which direct the out-of-hospital emergency care of
26 the emergency patient which includes the trauma care patient. These
27 procedures shall be based upon the assessment of the patient's
28 medical needs and what treatment will be provided for emergency
29 conditions. The protocols shall meet or exceed statewide minimum
30 standards developed by the department in rule as authorized in
31 chapter 70.168 RCW.

32 ~~((17))~~ (18) "Secretary" means the secretary of the department
33 of health.

34 ~~((18))~~ (19) "Stretcher" means a cart designed to serve as a
35 litter for the transportation of a patient in a prone or supine
36 position as is commonly used in the ambulance industry, such as
37 wheeled stretchers, portable stretchers, stair chairs, solid
38 backboards, scoop stretchers, basket stretchers, or flexible
39 stretchers. The term does not include personal mobility aids that
40 recline at an angle or remain at a flat position, that are owned or

1 leased for a period of at least one week by the individual using the
2 equipment or the individual's guardian or representative, such as
3 wheelchairs, personal gurneys, or banana carts.

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