
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the existing Hawaii
2 Revised Statutes laws relating to certification of emergency
3 medical personnel does not address emergency medical technicians
4 who successfully complete National Registry of Emergency Medical
5 Technicians certification, which is based on the national
6 curriculum of the United States Department of Transportation, to
7 be qualified to perform emergency medical services as an
8 emergency medical technician in the State. These personnel
9 include firefighters and ocean safety lifeguards who are
10 dispatched to and are providing care to patients in need of
11 emergency medical care, but are not working on an ambulance.
12 The benefits of addressing this issue will be that:

13 (1) The State will have some oversight as to requirements
14 and performance similar to its current oversight of
15 emergency medical technicians; and

16 (2) The system will be more robust and resilient by
17 licensing an additional one thousand four hundred



1 emergency medical technicians to provide care during
2 times of urgent need, including during disaster
3 response.

4 The legislature notes that this Act is not intended to
5 change the functionality of the current day-to-day system. Only
6 current state-licensed ambulance employed emergency medical
7 technicians will continue to be able to work on an ambulance,
8 whereas firefighters and ocean safety lifeguards must meet
9 additional requirements, just as they do today, in order to work
10 on an ambulance.

11 The purpose of this Act is to allow emergency medical
12 personnel who successfully complete National Registry of
13 Emergency Medical Technicians certification to be qualified to
14 perform emergency medical services as emergency medical
15 technicians in the State.

16 SECTION 2. Chapter 453, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
17 amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated
18 and to read as follows:

19 **"§453- Certification of emergency medical technicians.**
20 **Personnel with proof of current certification from the National**
21 **Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians, which is based on the**



1 national curriculum of the United States Department of
2 Transportation, shall be deemed qualified to perform emergency
3 medical services as emergency medical technicians in the State.
4 The Hawaii medical board shall provide for the revocation,
5 suspension, or limitation of certification if an individual once
6 certified under this section fails to maintain or meet
7 requirements for continued certification or for good cause
8 shown."

9 SECTION 3. Section 453-32, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
10 amended to read as follows:

11 **"§453-32 Certification of emergency ambulance personnel.**

12 The Hawaii medical board shall certify individuals as qualified
13 in emergency medical services upon application therefor;
14 provided that the applicant for certification:

15 (1) Holds a certificate from the National Registry of
16 Emergency Medical Technicians, has satisfactorily
17 passed a course of training in emergency medical
18 services for emergency ambulance services personnel,
19 which shall be based on the national curriculum of the
20 United States Department of Transportation and
21 approved by the board, and meets other standards and



1 qualifications, including passage of an examination~~[7]~~
2 set by the Hawaii medical board pertinent to the
3 practice of emergency medical services in Hawaii;
4 (2) Meets continuing education requirements which shall be
5 set by the Hawaii medical board; and
6 (3) Meets other qualifications set by the Hawaii medical
7 board.

8 The board shall directly review the credentials of applicants
9 and administer required examinations [~~required~~]. Certification
10 under this section shall be a prerequisite to the practice of
11 emergency medical services as an employee of an emergency
12 ambulance service.

13 The Hawaii medical board shall provide standard application
14 forms for the certification of emergency ambulance personnel and
15 [~~shall~~] provide for the periodic renewal of such certification.

16 The Hawaii medical board shall assess a fee for such
17 application, certification, and renewal. The Hawaii medical
18 board shall provide for the revocation, suspension, or
19 limitation of certification in the event an individual once
20 certified under this section fails to maintain or meet



1 requirements for continued certification[7] or for good cause
2 shown."

3 SECTION 4. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
4 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

5 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2060.



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Report Title:

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Description:

Allows emergency medical personnel who successfully complete National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians certification to be qualified to perform emergency medical services as emergency medical technicians. Effective 7/1/2060. (HD1)

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