

SENATE BILL NO. 206

103RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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AN ACT

To repeal sections 190.053, 190.098, 190.101, and 190.109, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof seven new sections relating to emergency medical services.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Sections 190.053, 190.098, 190.101, and
2 190.109, RSMo, are repealed and seven new sections enacted in
3 lieu thereof, to be known as sections 190.053, 190.076, 190.098,
4 190.101, 190.109, 190.112, and 190.166, to read as follows:

190.053. 1. All members of the board of directors of
2 an ambulance district first elected on or after January 1,
3 2008, shall attend and complete an educational seminar or
4 conference or other suitable training on the role and duties
5 of a board member of an ambulance district. The training
6 required under this section shall be offered by a statewide
7 association organized for the benefit of ambulance districts
8 or be approved by the state advisory council on emergency
9 medical services. Such training shall include, at a minimum:

- 10 (1) Information relating to the roles and duties of an
11 ambulance district director;
- 12 (2) A review of all state statutes and regulations
13 relevant to ambulance districts;
- 14 (3) State ethics laws;
- 15 (4) State sunshine laws, chapter 610;
- 16 (5) Financial and fiduciary responsibility;

EXPLANATION-Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in this bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.

17 (6) State laws relating to the setting of tax rates;
18 and

19 (7) State laws relating to revenue limitations.

20 2. [If any ambulance district board member fails to
21 attend a training session within twelve months after taking
22 office, the board member shall not be compensated for
23 attendance at meetings thereafter until the board member has
24 completed such training session. If any ambulance district
25 board member fails to attend a training session within
26 twelve months of taking office regardless of whether the
27 board member received an attendance fee for a training
28 session, the board member shall be ineligible to run for
29 reelection for another term of office until the board member
30 satisfies the training requirement of this section; however,
31 this requirement shall only apply to board members elected
32 after August 28, 2022] **All members of the board of directors
33 of an ambulance district shall complete three hours of
34 continuing education for each term of office. The
35 continuing education shall be offered by a statewide
36 association organized for the benefit of ambulance districts
37 or be approved by the state advisory council on emergency
38 medical services.**

39 3. Any ambulance district board member who fails to
40 complete the initial training and continuing education
41 requirements on or before the anniversary date of his or her
42 election or appointment shall immediately be disqualified
43 from office and his or her position shall be vacant without
44 further process or declaration. The vacancy shall be filled
45 in the manner provided for pursuant to section 190.052.

190.076. Each ambulance district shall arrange for an
2 audit of the records and accounts of the district at least
3 every three years by a certified public accountant or firm

4 of certified public accountants. The audit shall be made
5 available to the public on the district's website or
6 otherwise freely available by other electronic means.

190.098. 1. In order for a person to be eligible for
2 certification by the department as a community paramedic, an
3 individual shall:

4 (1) Be currently [certified] licensed as a paramedic;

5 (2) Successfully complete or have successfully
6 completed a community paramedic certification program from a
7 college, university, or educational institution that has
8 been approved by the department or accredited by a national
9 accreditation organization approved by the department; and

10 (3) Complete an application form approved by the
11 department.

12 2. [A community paramedic shall practice in accordance
13 with protocols and supervisory standards established by the
14 medical director. A community paramedic shall provide
15 services of a health care plan if the plan has been
16 developed by the patient's physician or by an advanced
17 practice registered nurse through a collaborative practice
18 arrangement with a physician or a physician assistant
19 through a collaborative practice arrangement with a
20 physician and there is no duplication of services to the
21 patient from another provider.]

22 3. Any ambulance service shall enter into a written
23 contract to provide community paramedic services in another
24 ambulance service area, as that term is defined in section
25 190.100. The contract that is agreed upon may be for an
26 indefinite period of time, as long as it includes at least a
27 sixty-day cancellation notice by either ambulance service.]

28 As used in this section, the term "community paramedic
29 services" shall mean services provided by any entity that

30 employs licensed paramedics who are certified by the
31 department as community paramedics for services that are:

32 (1) Provided in a nonemergent setting that is
33 independent of an emergency telephone service, 911 system,
34 or emergency summons;

35 (2) Consistent with the training and education
36 requirements described in subdivision (2) of subsection 1 of
37 this section, the scope of skill and practice for community
38 paramedics, and the supervisory standard approved by the
39 entity's medical director; and

40 (3) Reflected and documented in the entity's medical
41 director-approved patient care plans or protocols in
42 accordance with the provisions of section 190.142.

43 3. (1) Any ambulance service that seeks to provide
44 community paramedic services outside of the ambulance
45 service's service area:

46 (a) Shall have a memorandum of understanding (MOU)
47 regarding the provision of such services with the ambulance
48 service in that service area if that ambulance service is
49 already providing community paramedic services; or

50 (b) Shall not be required to have a MOU with the
51 ambulance service in that service area if that ambulance
52 service is not already providing community paramedic
53 services, provided that the ambulance service seeking to
54 provide such services shall provide notification to the
55 other ambulance service of the community paramedic services
56 to be provided.

57 (2) Any emergency medical response agency (EMRA) that
58 seeks to provide community paramedic services within its
59 designated response service area may do so if the ground
60 ambulance service area within which the EMRA operates does
61 not already provide such services. If the ground ambulance

62 service does provide community paramedic services, then the
63 ground ambulance service may enter into a MOU with the EMRA
64 in order to coordinate programs and avoid service
65 duplication. If the EMRA provides community paramedic
66 services in the ground ambulance service's service area
67 prior to the provision of such services by the ground
68 ambulance service, then the EMRA and the ground ambulance
69 service shall enter into a MOU for the coordination of
70 services.

71 (3) Any community paramedic program shall notify the
72 appropriate local ambulance service when providing services
73 within the service area of an ambulance service.

74 (4) The department shall promulgate rules and
75 regulations for the purpose of recognizing which community
76 paramedic services entities have met the standards necessary
77 to provide community paramedic services, including, but not
78 limited to, physician medical oversight, training, patient
79 record retention, formal relationships with primary care
80 services as needed, and quality improvement policies.
81 Community paramedic services entities shall be certified by
82 the department, allowing such entities to provide community
83 paramedic services for a period of five years.

84 4. A community paramedic is subject to the provisions
85 of sections 190.001 to 190.245 and rules promulgated under
86 sections 190.001 to 190.245.

87 5. No person shall hold himself or herself out as a
88 community paramedic or provide the services of a community
89 paramedic unless such person is certified by the department.

90 6. The medical director shall approve the
91 implementation of the community paramedic program.

92 7. Any rule or portion of a rule, as that term is
93 defined in section 536.010, that is created under the

94 authority delegated in this section shall become effective
95 only if it complies with and is subject to all of the
96 provisions of chapter 536 and, if applicable, section
97 536.028. This section and chapter 536 are nonseverable and
98 if any of the powers vested with the general assembly
99 pursuant to chapter 536 to review, to delay the effective
100 date, or to disapprove and annul a rule are subsequently
101 held unconstitutional, then the grant of rulemaking
102 authority and any rule proposed or adopted after August 28,
103 2013, shall be invalid and void.

190.101. 1. There is hereby established a "State
2 Advisory Council on Emergency Medical Services" which shall
3 consist of **[sixteen] no more than twenty-three** members[, one
4 of which shall be a resident of a city not within a
5 county]. The members of the council shall be appointed [by
6 the governor with the advice and consent of the senate]
7 **pursuant to subsection 2 of this section** and shall serve
8 terms of four years. The [governor shall designate one of
9 the members as chairperson] **council members shall annually**
10 **select a chairperson, along with other officers as the**
11 **council deems necessary.** The chairperson may appoint
12 subcommittees that include noncouncil members.

13 2. **Council members shall be appointed as follows:**

14 (1) **The director of the department of health and**
15 **senior services shall make appointments to the council from**
16 **the recommendations provided by the following:**

17 (a) **The statewide professional association**
18 **representing ambulance service managers;**

19 (b) **The statewide professional association**
20 **representing EMT's and paramedics;**

21 (c) **The statewide professional association**
22 **representing ambulance districts;**

23 (d) The statewide professional association
24 representing fire chiefs;

25 (e) The statewide professional association
26 representing fire protection districts;

27 (f) The statewide professional association
28 representing firefighters;

29 (g) The statewide professional association
30 representing emergency nurses;

31 (h) The statewide professional association
32 representing the air ambulance industry;

33 (i) The statewide professional association
34 representing emergency medicine physicians;

35 (j) The statewide association representing hospitals;
36 and

37 (k) The statewide association representing pediatric
38 emergency professionals;

39 (2) The director of health and senior services shall
40 appoint a member to the council with a background in mobile
41 integrated healthcare-community paramedicine (MIH-CP);

42 (3) Each regional EMS advisory committee shall appoint
43 one member; and

44 (4) The time-critical diagnosis advisory committee
45 established under section 190.257 shall appoint one member.

46 3. The state EMS medical directors advisory committee
47 and the regional EMS advisory committees will be recognized
48 as subcommittees of the state advisory council on emergency
49 medical services.

50 [3.] 4. The council shall have geographical
51 representation and representation from appropriate areas of
52 expertise in emergency medical services including
53 volunteers, professional organizations involved in emergency
54 medical services, EMT's, paramedics, nurses, firefighters,

55 physicians, ambulance service administrators, hospital
56 administrators and other health care providers concerned
57 with emergency medical services. [The regional EMS advisory
58 committees shall serve as a resource for the identification
59 of potential members of the state advisory council on
60 emergency medical services.]

61 [4.] 5. The state EMS medical director, as described
62 under section 190.103, shall serve as an ex officio member
63 of the council.

64 [5.] 6. The members of the council and subcommittees
65 shall serve without compensation except that members of the
66 council shall, subject to appropriations, be reimbursed for
67 reasonable travel expenses and meeting expenses related to
68 the functions of the council.

69 [6.] 7. The purpose of the council is to make
70 recommendations to the governor, the general assembly, and
71 the department on policies, plans, procedures and proposed
72 regulations on how to improve the statewide emergency
73 medical services system. The council shall advise the
74 governor, the general assembly, and the department on all
75 aspects of the emergency medical services system.

76 [7.] 8. (1) There is hereby established a standing
77 subcommittee of the council to monitor the implementation of
78 the recognition of the EMS personnel licensure interstate
79 compact under sections 190.900 to 190.939, the interstate
80 commission for EMS personnel practice, and the involvement
81 of the state of Missouri. The subcommittee shall meet at
82 least biannually and receive reports from the Missouri
83 delegate to the interstate commission for EMS personnel
84 practice. The subcommittee shall consist of at least seven
85 members appointed by the chair of the council, to include at
86 least two members as recommended by the Missouri state

87 council of firefighters and one member as recommended by the
88 Missouri Association of Fire Chiefs. The subcommittee may
89 submit reports and recommendations to the council, the
90 department of health and senior services, the general
91 assembly, and the governor regarding the participation of
92 Missouri with the recognition of the EMS personnel licensure
93 interstate compact.

94 (2) The subcommittee shall formally request a public
95 hearing for any rule proposed by the interstate commission
96 for EMS personnel practice in accordance with subsection 7
97 of section 190.930. The hearing request shall include the
98 request that the hearing be presented live through the
99 internet. The Missouri delegate to the interstate
100 commission for EMS personnel practice shall be responsible
101 for ensuring that all hearings, notices of, and related
102 rulemaking communications as required by the compact be
103 communicated to the council and emergency medical services
104 personnel under the provisions of subsections 4, 5, 6, and 8
105 of section 190.930.

106 (3) The department of health and senior services shall
107 not establish or increase fees for Missouri emergency
108 medical services personnel licensure in accordance with this
109 chapter for the purpose of creating the funds necessary for
110 payment of an annual assessment under subdivision (3) of
111 subsection 5 of section 190.924.

112 [8.] 9. The council shall consult with the time-
113 critical diagnosis advisory committee, as described under
114 section 190.257, regarding time-critical diagnosis.

190.109. 1. The department shall, within a reasonable
2 time after receipt of an application, cause such
3 investigation as the department deems necessary to be made
4 of the applicant for a ground ambulance license.

5 2. Any person that owned and operated a licensed
6 ambulance on December 31, 1997, shall receive an ambulance
7 service license from the department, unless suspended,
8 revoked or terminated, for that ambulance service area which
9 was, on December 31, 1997, described and filed with the
10 department as the primary service area for its licensed
11 ambulances on August 28, 1998, provided that the person
12 makes application and adheres to the rules and regulations
13 promulgated by the department pursuant to sections 190.001
14 to 190.245.

15 3. The department shall issue a new ground ambulance
16 service license to an ambulance service that is not
17 currently licensed by the department, or is currently
18 licensed by the department and is seeking to expand its
19 ambulance service area, except as provided in subsection 4
20 of this section, to be valid for a period of five years,
21 unless suspended, revoked or terminated, when the director
22 finds that the applicant meets the requirements of ambulance
23 service licensure established pursuant to sections 190.100
24 to 190.245 and the rules adopted by the department pursuant
25 to sections 190.001 to 190.245. In order to be considered
26 for a new ambulance service license, an ambulance service
27 shall submit to the department a letter of endorsement from
28 each ambulance district or fire protection district that is
29 authorized to provide ambulance service, or from each
30 municipality not within an ambulance district or fire
31 protection district that is authorized to provide ambulance
32 service, in which the ambulance service proposes to
33 operate. If an ambulance service proposes to operate in
34 unincorporated portions of a county not within an ambulance
35 district or fire protection district that is authorized to
36 provide ambulance service, in order to be considered for a

37 new ambulance service license, the ambulance service shall
38 submit to the department a letter of endorsement from the
39 county. Any letter of endorsement required pursuant to this
40 section shall verify that the political subdivision has
41 conducted a public hearing regarding the endorsement and
42 that the governing body of the political subdivision has
43 adopted a resolution approving the endorsement. The letter
44 of endorsement shall affirmatively state that the proposed
45 ambulance service:

46 (1) Will provide a benefit to public health that
47 outweighs the associated costs;

48 (2) Will maintain or enhance the public's access to
49 ambulance services;

50 (3) Will maintain or improve the public health and
51 promote the continued development of the regional emergency
52 medical service system;

53 (4) Has demonstrated the appropriate expertise in the
54 operation of ambulance services; and

55 (5) Has demonstrated the financial resources necessary
56 for the operation of the proposed ambulance service.

57 4. A contract between a political subdivision and a
58 licensed ambulance service for the provision of ambulance
59 services for that political subdivision shall expand,
60 without further action by the department, the ambulance
61 service area of the licensed ambulance service to include
62 the jurisdictional boundaries of the political subdivision.
63 The termination of the aforementioned contract shall result
64 in a reduction of the licensed ambulance service's ambulance
65 service area by removing the geographic area of the
66 political subdivision from its ambulance service area,
67 except that licensed ambulance service providers may provide

68 ambulance services as are needed at and around the state
69 fair grounds for protection of attendees at the state fair.

70 5. The department shall renew a ground ambulance
71 service license if the applicant meets the requirements
72 established pursuant to sections 190.001 to 190.245, and the
73 rules adopted by the department pursuant to sections 190.001
74 to 190.245.

75 6. The department shall promulgate rules relating to
76 the requirements for a ground ambulance service license
77 including, but not limited to:

78 (1) Vehicle design, specification, operation and
79 maintenance standards;

80 (2) Equipment requirements;

81 (3) Staffing requirements;

82 (4) Five-year license renewal;

83 (5) Records and forms;

84 (6) Medical control plans;

85 (7) Medical director qualifications;

86 (8) Standards for medical communications;

87 (9) Memorandums of understanding with emergency
88 medical response agencies that provide advanced life support;

89 (10) Quality improvement committees; [and]

90 (11) Response time, patient care and transportation
91 standards;

92 **(12) Participation with regional emergency medical
93 services advisory committees; and**

94 **(13) Ambulance service administrator qualifications.**

95 7. Application for a ground ambulance service license
96 shall be made upon such forms as prescribed by the
97 department in rules adopted pursuant to sections 190.001 to
98 190.245. The application form shall contain such
99 information as the department deems necessary to make a

100 determination as to whether the ground ambulance service
101 meets all the requirements of sections 190.001 to 190.245
102 and rules promulgated pursuant to sections 190.001 to
103 190.245.

190.112. 1. Each ambulance service licensed under
2 this chapter shall identify to the department the individual
3 serving as the ambulance service administrator who is
4 responsible for the operations and staffing of the ambulance
5 service. The ambulance service administrator shall be
6 required to have achieved basic training of at least forty
7 hours regarding the operations of an ambulance service and
8 two hours of annual continuing education. The training
9 required under this section shall be offered by a statewide
10 association organized for the benefit of ambulance districts
11 or be approved by the state advisory council on emergency
12 medical services and shall include the following:

- 13 (1) Basic principles of accounting and economics;
- 14 (2) State and federal laws applicable to ambulance
15 services;
- 16 (3) Regulatory requirements applicable to ambulance
17 services;
- 18 (4) Human resources management and laws;
- 19 (5) Grant writing, contracts, and fundraising;
- 20 (6) State sunshine laws in chapter 610, as well as
21 applicable ethics requirements; and
- 22 (7) Volunteer and community involvement.

23 2. Ambulance service administrators serving in this
24 capacity as of August 28, 2025, shall have until January 1,
25 2027, to demonstrate compliance with the provisions of this
26 section.

190.166. 1. In addition to the provisions of section
2 190.165, the department of health and senior services may

3 refuse to issue, deny renewal of, or suspend a license
4 required pursuant to section 190.109, or take other
5 corrective actions as described in this section, based on
6 the following considerations:

7 (1) The license holder is determined to be financially
8 insolvent;

9 (2) The ambulance service has inadequate personnel to
10 operate the ambulance service to provide for basic emergency
11 operations, determined by the ability to staff a minimum of
12 one ambulance unit twenty-four hours per day, seven days per
13 week, with at least two licensed emergency medical
14 technicians and a reasonable plan and schedule for the
15 services of a second ambulance;

16 (3) The ambulance service requires an inordinate
17 amount of mutual aid from neighboring services, such as more
18 than ten percent of the total runs in the service area in
19 any given month, or than would be considered prudent and
20 thus cannot provide an appropriate level of emergency
21 response for the service area as would be considered prudent
22 by the typical ground ambulance services operator;

23 (4) The principal manager, board members, or other
24 executives are determined to be criminally liable for
25 actions related to the license or service provided;

26 (5) The license holder or principal manager, board
27 members, or other executives are determined by the Centers
28 for Medicare and Medicaid Services to be ineligible for
29 participation in Medicare;

30 (6) The license holder or principal manager, board
31 members, or other executives are determined by the MO
32 HealthNet division to be ineligible for participation in MO
33 HealthNet;

34 (7) The ambulance service administrator has failed to
35 meet the required qualifications or failed to complete the
36 training required pursuant to section 190.112; and

37 (8) Three or more board members have failed to
38 complete required training pursuant to section 190.053 if
39 the ambulance service is an ambulance district.

40 2. If the department makes a determination of
41 insolvency or insufficiency of operations of a license
42 holder under subsection 1 of this section, then the
43 department may require the license holder to submit a
44 corrective plan within fifteen days and require
45 implementation of the corrective plan within thirty days.

46 3. The department shall be required to provide notice
47 of any determination by the department of insolvency or
48 insufficiency of operations of a license holder to other
49 license holders operating in the license holder's vicinity,
50 members of the general assembly who represent the license
51 holder's service area, the governing officials of any county
52 or municipal entity in the license holder's service area,
53 the appropriate regional emergency medical services advisory
54 committee, and the state advisory council on emergency
55 medical services.

56 4. The department shall immediately engage with other
57 license holders in the area to determine the extent to which
58 ground ambulance service may be provided to the affected
59 service area during the time in which the license holder is
60 unable to provide adequate services, including any long-term
61 service arrangements. The nature of the agreement between
62 the license holder and other license holders providing
63 services to the affected area may include an agreement to
64 provide services, a joint powers agreement, formal
65 consideration, or some payment for services rendered.

66 5. Any license holder who provides assistance in the
67 service area of another license holder whose license has
68 been suspended under this section shall have the right to
69 seek reasonable compensation from the license holder whose
70 license to operate has been suspended for all calls, stand-
71 by time, and responses to medical emergencies during such
72 time as the license remains suspended. The reasonable
73 compensation shall not be limited to those expenses incurred
74 in actual responses, but may also include reasonable
75 expenses to maintain ambulance service, including, but not
76 limited to, the daily operation costs of maintaining the
77 service, personnel wages and benefits, equipment purchases
78 and maintenance, and other costs incurred in the operation
79 of a ground ambulance service. The license holder providing
80 assistance shall be entitled to an award of costs and
81 reasonable attorney fees in any action to enforce the
82 provisions of this subsection.

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