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Reported from the Committee on Local Government and Related Matters, May 10, 2002, with recommendation that the House Committee Substitute for Senate Substitute for Senate Committee Substitute for Senate Bill No. 1107 Do Pass.

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AN ACT

To repeal sections 87.207, 99.847, 190.044, 190.050, 190.092, 190.094, 190.100, 190.101, 190.105, 190.108, 190.109, 190.120, 190.131, 190.133, 190.142, 190.143, 190.160, 190.165, 190.171, 190.175, 190.185, 190.196 and 321.130, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof fifty new sections relating to emergency services, with penalty provisions.

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

Section A. Sections 87.207, 99.847, 190.044, 190.050, 190.092, 190.094, 190.100, 190.101, 190.105, 190.108, 190.109, 190.120, 190.131, 190.133, 190.142, 190.143, 190.160, 190.165, 190.171, 190.175, 190.185, 190.196 and 321.130, RSMo, are repealed and fifty new sections enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as sections 87.177, 87.207, 87.231, 87.238, 99.847, 190.050, 190.051, 190.053, 190.054, 190.092, 190.094, 190.100, 190.101, 190.105, 190.108, 190.109, 190.120, 190.131, 190.133, 190.142, 190.143, 190.145, 190.160, 190.165, 190.171, 190.172, 190.175, 190.185, 190.196, 190.248, 190.525, 190.528, 190.531, 190.534, 190.537, 191.630, 191.631, 198.199, 321.130, 321.552, 321.554, 321.556, 650.390, 650.393, 650.396, 650.399, 650.402, 650.405, 650.408, and 650.411, to read as follows:

87.177. 1. Any firefighter who terminates employment with five or more years of service but less than twenty years may apply at age sixty-two for a service retirement allowance. Upon

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

written application to the board of trustees the benefit payable shall be equal to two percent times years of service times the average final compensation, and the member shall also be repaid the total amount of the member's contribution, without interest.

2. The benefits provided in subsection 1 of this section shall be in lieu of any benefits payable pursuant to the provisions of section 87.240.

3. Any survivor of a firefighter retiring pursuant to the provisions of subsection 1 of this section shall be entitled to fifty percent of the retirement allowance of the retired member at his or her date of death.

4. Any surviving spouse of a firefighter who had five or more years of service but less than twenty years and who dies prior to application for retirement benefits payable pursuant to this section shall be entitled to fifty percent of the retirement allowance of the member at his or her date of death payable at the date the member would have reached age sixty-two, or to the immediate refund of the member's contribution plus interest. If no surviving spouse exists, a benefit shall be payable pursuant to subdivisions (2) and (3) of subsection 1 of section 87.220, or by the immediate refund of the member's contribution plus interest.

5. Any firefighter retiring pursuant to the provisions of this section shall be entitled to receive a cost-of-living allowance of five percent per year for a maximum of five years.

87.207. The following allowances due under the provisions of sections 87.120 to [87.370] **87.371** of any member who retired from service shall be increased annually, as approved by the board of trustees beginning with the first increase in the October following his **or her** retirement and subsequent increases in each October thereafter, at the rates designated:

- (1) With a retirement service allowance or ordinary disability allowance
 - (a) One and one-half percent per year, compounded each year, up to age sixty for those retiring with twenty to twenty-four years of service,
 - (b) Two and one-fourth percent per year, compounded each year, up to age sixty for those retiring with twenty-five to twenty-nine years of service,
 - (c) Three percent per year, compounded each year, up to age sixty for those retiring with thirty or more years of service,
 - (d) After age sixty, five percent per year for five years [or until a total maximum increase of twenty-five percent is reached];
- (2) With an accidental disability allowance, three percent per year, compounded each year, up to age sixty, then five percent per year for five years [or until a total maximum increase of twenty-five percent is reached].

[Each increase, however, is subject to a determination by the board of trustees that the consumer price index (United States Average Index) as published by the United States Department of Labor shows an

increase of not less than the approved rate during the latest twelve-month period for which the index is available at date of determination. If the increase is in excess of the approved rate for any year, the excess shall be accumulated as to any retired member and increases may be granted in subsequent years subject to the maximum allowed for each full year from October following his retirement but not to exceed a total increase of twenty-five percent. If the board of trustees determines that the index has decreased for any year, the benefits of any retired member that have been increased shall be decreased but not below his initial benefit. No annual increase shall be made of less than one percent and no decrease of less than three percent except that any decrease shall be limited by the initial benefit.]

87.231. 1. In lieu of any benefits payable pursuant to section 87.230, any surviving spouse who is receiving retirement benefits, upon application to the board of trustees of the retirement system, shall be made, constituted, appointed and employed by the board as a special consultant on the problems of retirement, aging, and other state matters, for the remainder of his or her life, and upon request of the board, give opinions, and be available to give opinions in writing, or orally, in response to such request, as may be required, and for such services shall be compensated monthly, in an amount, which, when added to any monthly retirement benefits being received, shall not exceed fifty percent of the deceased member's average final compensation or five hundred twenty-five dollars, whichever is greater.

2. This compensation shall be consolidated with any other retirement benefits payable to such surviving spouse, and shall be paid in the manner and from the same fund as his or her other retirement benefits under this chapter, and shall be treated in all aspects under the laws of this state as retirement benefits paid pursuant to this chapter.

3. The employment provided for by this section shall in no way affect any person's eligibility for retirement benefits under this chapter, or in any way have the effect of reducing retirement benefits, anything to the contrary notwithstanding.

87.238. 1. In lieu of any benefit payable pursuant to section 87.237, any person who served as a firefighter and who is retired and receiving a retirement allowance of less than six hundred twenty-five dollars may act as a special advisor to the retirement system.

2. For the additional service as a special advisor, each retired person shall receive, in addition to the retirement allowance provided pursuant to this chapter, an additional amount, which amount, together with the retirement allowance he or she is receiving pursuant to other provisions of this chapter, shall equal, but not exceed, six hundred twenty-five dollars. Any retirement allowance paid to a retiree pursuant to this subsection shall be withdrawn from the firefighters' retirement and relief system fund and no moneys shall be withdrawn from the general revenue fund of any city not within a county.

99.847. Any district providing emergency services pursuant to chapter 190 or 321, RSMo, [upon the provision of evidence to the governing body of the municipality that direct costs incurred by such district

in providing emergency services to the redevelopment area are directly attributable to the operation of redevelopment projects as these terms are defined in section 99.805, in the redevelopment area,] shall be entitled to reimbursement from the special allocation fund [for direct costs to the extent that such district can demonstrate that the increased tax revenues it receives from such projects in such areas are insufficient to fund such direct costs. However, such reimbursement shall not be less than twenty-five] **in the amount of fifty** percent nor more than one hundred percent of the district's tax increment.

190.050. 1. After the ambulance district has been declared organized, the declaring county commission, except in counties of the second class having more than one hundred five thousand inhabitants located adjacent to a county of the first class having a charter form of government which has a population of over nine hundred thousand inhabitants, shall divide the district into six election districts as equal in population as possible, and shall by lot number the districts from one to six inclusive. The county commission shall cause an election to be held in the ambulance district within ninety days after the order establishing the ambulance district to elect ambulance district directors. Each voter shall vote for one director from the ambulance election district in which the voter resides. The directors elected from districts one and four shall serve for a term of one year, the directors elected from districts two and five shall serve for a term of two years, and the directors from districts three and six shall serve for a term of three years; thereafter, the terms of all directors shall be three years. All directors shall serve the term to which they were elected or appointed, and until their successors are elected and qualified, except in cases of resignation or disqualification. The county commission shall reapportion the ambulance districts within sixty days after the population of the county is reported to the governor for each decennial census of the United States. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, if the number of candidates for the office of director is no greater than the number of directors to be elected, no election shall be held, and the candidates shall assume the responsibilities of their offices at the same time and in the same manner as if they have been elected.

2. In all counties of the second class having more than one hundred five thousand inhabitants located adjacent to a county of the first class having a charter form of government which has a population of over nine hundred thousand inhabitants, the voters shall vote for six directors elected at large from within the district for a term of three years. Those directors holding office in any district in such a county on August 13, 1976, shall continue to hold office until the expiration of their terms, and their successors shall be elected from the district at large for a term of three years. In any district formed in such counties after August 13, 1976, the governing body of the county shall cause an election to be held in that district within ninety days after the order establishing the ambulance district to elect ambulance district directors. Each voter shall vote for six directors. The two candidates receiving the highest number of votes at such election shall be elected for a term of three years, the two candidates receiving the third and fourth highest number of votes shall be elected for a term of two years, the two candidates receiving the fifth and sixth highest number of votes shall be elected for a term of one year; thereafter, the term of all directors shall be three

years.

3. A candidate for director of the ambulance district shall, at the time of filing, be a citizen of the United States, a qualified voter of the election district as provided in subsection 1 of this section, a resident of the [state for one year] **district for two years** next preceding the election, and shall be at least [twenty-one] **twenty-four** years of age. In an established district which is located within the jurisdiction of more than one election authority, the candidate shall file his **or her** declaration of candidacy with the secretary of the board. In all other districts, a candidate shall file [his] **a** declaration of candidacy with the county clerk of the county in which he **or she** resides. A candidate shall file a statement under oath that he **or she** possesses the required qualifications. No candidate's name shall be printed on any official ballot unless the candidate has filed a written declaration of candidacy pursuant to subsection 5 of section 115.127, RSMo. If the time between the county commission's call for a special election and the date of the election is not sufficient to allow compliance with subsection 5 of section 115.127, RSMo, the county commission shall, at the time it calls the special election, set the closing date for filing declarations of candidacy.

190.051. 1. Notwithstanding the provisions of sections 190.050 and 190.052 to the contrary, upon a motion by the board of directors in districts where there are six-member boards, and upon approval by the voters in the district, the number of directors may be increased to seven with one board member running district wide, or decreased to five or three board members. The ballot to be used for the approval of the voters to increase or decrease the number of members on the board of directors of the ambulance district shall be substantially in the following form:

Shall the number of members of the board of directors of the (Insert name of district) Ambulance District be (increased to seven members/decreased to five members/decreased to three members)?

G YES

G NO

2. If a majority of the voters voting on a proposition to increase the number of board members to seven vote in favor of the proposition, then at the next election of board members after the voters vote to increase the number of directors, the voters shall select one person to serve in addition to the existing six directors as the member who shall run district wide.

3. If a majority of the voters voting on a proposition to decrease the number of board members vote in favor of the proposition, then the county clerk shall redraw the district into the resulting number of subdistricts with equal population bases and hold elections by subdistricts pursuant to section 190.050. Thereafter, members of the board shall be elected to serve terms of three years and until their successors are duly elected and qualified.

4. Members of the board of directors in office on the date of an election pursuant to this section to increase or decrease the number of members of the board of directors shall serve the term to which they were elected or appointed and until their successors are elected and qualified.

190.053. 1. Each member of an ambulance district board shall be subject to recall from office by the registered voters of the subdistrict from which he or she was elected. Proceedings may be commenced for the recall of any ambulance district board member by the filing of a notice of intention to circulate a recall petition pursuant to this section and section 190.054.

2. Proceedings may not be commenced against any member if, at the time of commencement, that member:

(1) Has not held office during his or her current term for a period of more than one hundred eighty days; or

(2) Has one hundred eighty days or less remaining in his or her term; or

(3) Has had a recall election determined in his or her favor within the current term of office.

3. The notice of intention to circulate a recall petition shall be served personally, or by certified mail, on the board member sought to be recalled. A copy thereof shall be filed, along with an affidavit of the time and manner of service, with the election authority, as defined in chapter 115, RSMo. A separate notice shall be filed for each board member sought to be recalled and shall contain all of the following:

(1) The name of the board member sought to be recalled;

(2) A statement, not exceeding two hundred words in length, of the reasons for the proposed recall; and

(3) The names and business or residence addresses of at least one and not more than five proponents of the recall.

4. Within seven days after the filing of the notice of intention, the board member may file with the election authority a statement, not exceeding two hundred words in length, in answer to the statement of the proponents. If an answer is filed, the board member shall also serve a copy of it, personally or by certified mail, on one of the proponents named in the notice of intention. The statement and answer are intended solely for the information of the voters. No insufficiency in form or substance of such statements shall affect the validity of the election proceedings.

5. Before any signature may be affixed to a recall petition, the petition must bear all of the following:

(1) A request that an election be called to elect a successor to the board member;

(2) A copy of the notice of intention, including the statement of grounds for recall;

(3) The answer of the board member sought to be recalled, if any. If the board member has not answered, the petition shall so state; and

(4) A place for each signer to affix his or her signature, printed name and residence address, including city or unincorporated community.

6. Each section of the petition, when submitted to the election authority, shall have

attached to it an affidavit signed by the circulation of that section, setting forth all of the following:

- (1) The printed name of the affiant;
- (2) The residence address of the affiant;
- (3) That the affiant circulated that section and saw the appended signatures be written;
- (4) That according to the best information and belief of the affiant, each signature is the genuine signature of the person whose name it purports to be;
- (5) That the affiant is a registered voter of the subdistrict of the board member sought to be recalled; and
- (6) The dates between which all the signatures to the petition were obtained.

7. A recall petition shall be filed with the election authority not more than one hundred eighty days after the filing of the notice of intention.

8. The number of qualified signatures required in order to recall a board member shall be equal in number to at least twenty-five percent of the number of voters who voted in the most recent gubernatorial election in that subdistrict.

9. Within twenty days from the filing of the recall petition the election authority shall determine whether or not the petition was signed by the required number of qualified signatures. The election authority shall file with the petition a certificate showing the results of the examination. The authority shall give the proponents a copy of the certificate upon their request.

10. If the election authority certifies the petition to be insufficient, it may be supplemented within ten days of the date of certificate by filing additional petition sections containing all of the information required by this section. Within ten days after the supplemental copies are filed, the election authority shall file with it a certificate stating whether or not the petition as supplemented is sufficient.

11. If the certificate shows that the petition as supplemented is insufficient, no action shall be taken on it; however, the petition shall remain on file.

190.054. 1. If the election authority finds the signatures on the petition described in section 190.053, together with the supplementary petition sections, if any, to be sufficient, it shall submit its certificate as to the sufficiency of the petition to the ambulance district board prior to its next meeting. The certificate shall contain:

- (1) The name of the member whose recall is sought;
- (2) The number of signatures required by law;
- (3) The total number of signatures on the petition; and
- (4) The number of valid signatures on the petition.

2. Following the ambulance district board's receipt of the certificate, the election authority shall order an election to be held on one of the election days specified in section 115.123, RSMo.

The election shall be held not less than forty-five days nor more than one hundred twenty days after the ambulance district board receives the petition. Nominations pursuant to this section shall be made by filing a statement of candidacy with the election authority.

3. At any time prior to forty-two days before the election, the member sought to be recalled may offer his or her resignation. If his or her resignation is offered, the recall question shall be removed from the ballot and the office declared vacant. The member who resigned may not fill the vacancy, which shall be filled as provided by law.

4. The provisions of chapter 115, RSMo, governing the conduct of elections shall apply, where appropriate, to recall elections held pursuant to this section. The costs of the election shall be paid as provided in chapter 115, RSMo.

190.092. 1. [For purposes of this section, "first responder" shall be defined as a person who has successfully completed an emergency first response course meeting or exceeding the national curriculum of the United States Department of Transportation and any modifications to such curricula specified by the department through rules adopted pursuant to sections 190.001 to 190.180 and who provides emergency medical care through employment by, or in association with, an emergency medical response agency. Any rule or portion of a rule, as that term is defined in section 536.010, RSMo, that is promulgated under the authority of this chapter, shall become effective only if the agency has fully complied with all of the requirements of chapter 536, RSMo, including but not limited to, section 536.028, RSMo, if applicable, after August 28, 1998. All rulemaking authority delegated prior to August 28, 1998, is of no force and effect and repealed as of August 28, 1998, however nothing in this section shall be interpreted to repeal or affect the validity of any rule adopted and promulgated prior to August 28, 1998. If the provisions of section 536.028, RSMo, apply, the provisions of this section are nonseverable and if any of the powers vested with the general assembly pursuant to section 536.028, RSMo, to review, to delay the effective date, or to disapprove and annul a rule or portion of a rule are held unconstitutional or invalid, the purported grant of rulemaking authority and any rule so proposed and contained in the order of rulemaking shall be invalid and void, except that nothing in this section shall affect the validity of any rule adopted and promulgated prior to August 28, 1998.

2. Any county, municipality or fire protection district may establish a program to allow the use of automated external defibrillators by any person properly qualified who follows medical protocol for use of the device or member of a fire, police, ambulance service, emergency medical response agency or first responder agency provided that such person has completed a course certified by the American Red Cross or American Heart Association that includes cardiopulmonary resuscitation training and demonstrated proficiency in the use of such automated external defibrillators.

3.] A person or entity who acquires an automated external defibrillator shall ensure that:

(1) Expected defibrillator users receive training by the American Red Cross or American Heart Association in cardiopulmonary resuscitation and the use of automated external defibrillators, or an

equivalent nationally recognized course in defibrillator use and cardiopulmonary resuscitation;

(2) The defibrillator is maintained and tested according to the manufacturer's operational guidelines;

(3) Any person who renders emergency care or treatment on a person in cardiac arrest by using an automated external defibrillator activates the emergency medical services system as soon as possible; and

(4) Any person **or entity** that owns an automated external defibrillator that is for use outside of a health care facility shall have a physician [provide medical protocol for the use of the device] **review and approve the clinical protocol for the use of the defibrillator, review and advise regarding the training and skill maintenance of the intended users of the defibrillator and assure proper review of all situations when the defibrillator is used to render emergency care.**

[4.] **2.** Any person or entity who acquires an automated external defibrillator shall notify the emergency communications district or the ambulance dispatch center of the primary provider of emergency medical services where the automated external defibrillator is to be located.

[5.] **3.** Any person who has had appropriate training, including a course in cardiopulmonary resuscitation, has demonstrated a proficiency in the use of an automated external defibrillator, and who gratuitously and in good faith renders emergency care when medically appropriate by use of or provision of an automated external defibrillator, without objection of the injured victim or victims thereof, shall not be held liable for any civil damages as a result of such care or treatment, where the person acts as an ordinarily reasonable, prudent person, or with regard to a health care professional, **including the licensed physician who reviews and approves the clinical protocol**, as a reasonably prudent and careful health care provider would have acted, under the same or similar circumstances. Nothing in this section shall affect any claims brought pursuant to chapter 537 or 538, RSMo.

190.094. In any county of the second classification containing part of a city which is located in four counties and any county bordering said county on the east and south and in any county of the third classification with a population of at least eight thousand four hundred but less than eight thousand five hundred inhabitants containing part of a lake of nine hundred fifty-eight miles of shoreline but less than one thousand miles of shoreline each ambulance, when in use as an ambulance, shall be staffed with a minimum of one emergency medical technician and one other crew member as set forth in rules adopted by the department. When transporting a patient, at least one licensed emergency medical technician, [mobile emergency medical technician,] registered nurse or physician shall be in attendance with the patient in the patient compartment at all times.

190.100. As used in sections 190.001 to 190.245, the following words and terms mean:

(1) "Advanced life support (ALS)", an advanced level of care as provided to the adult and pediatric patient such as defined by national curricula, and any modifications to that curricula specified in rules adopted by the department pursuant to sections 190.001 to 190.245;

(2) "Ambulance", any privately or publicly owned vehicle or craft that is specially designed,

constructed or modified, staffed or equipped for, and is intended or used, maintained or operated for the transportation of persons who are sick, injured, wounded or otherwise incapacitated or helpless, or who require the presence of medical equipment being used on such individuals, but the term does not include any motor vehicle specially designed, constructed or converted for the regular transportation of persons who are disabled, handicapped, normally using a wheelchair, or otherwise not acutely ill, or emergency vehicles used within airports;

(3) "Ambulance service", a person or entity that provides emergency or nonemergency ambulance transportation and services, or both, in compliance with sections 190.001 to 190.245, and the rules promulgated by the department pursuant to sections 190.001 to 190.245;

(4) "Ambulance service area", a specific geographic area in which an ambulance service has been authorized to operate;

(5) "Basic life support (BLS)", a basic level of care, as provided to the adult and pediatric patient as defined by national curricula, and any modifications to that curricula specified in rules adopted by the department pursuant to sections 190.001 to 190.245;

(6) "Council", the state advisory council on emergency medical services;

(7) "Department", the department of health and senior services, state of Missouri;

(8) "Director", the director of the department of health and senior services or the director's duly authorized representative;

(9) "Dispatch agency", any person or organization that receives requests for emergency medical services from the public, by telephone or other means, and is responsible for dispatching emergency medical services;

(10) "Emergency", the sudden and, at the time, unexpected onset of a health condition that manifests itself by symptoms of sufficient severity that would lead a prudent layperson, possessing an average knowledge of health and medicine, to believe that the absence of immediate medical care could result in:

(a) Placing the person's health, or with respect to a pregnant woman, the health of the woman or her unborn child, in significant jeopardy;

(b) Serious impairment to a bodily function;

(c) Serious dysfunction of any bodily organ or part;

(d) Inadequately controlled pain;

(11) "Emergency medical dispatcher", a person who receives emergency calls from the public and has successfully completed an emergency medical dispatcher course, meeting or exceeding the national curriculum of the United States Department of Transportation and any modifications to such curricula specified by the department through rules adopted pursuant to sections 190.001 to 190.245;

(12) "Emergency medical response agency", any person that regularly provides a level of care that includes first response, basic life support or advanced life support, exclusive of patient transportation;

(13) "Emergency medical services for children (EMS-C) system", the arrangement of personnel, facilities and equipment for effective and coordinated delivery of pediatric emergency medical services required in prevention and management of incidents which occur as a result of a medical emergency or of an injury event, natural disaster or similar situation;

(14) "Emergency medical services (EMS) system", the arrangement of personnel, facilities and equipment for the effective and coordinated delivery of emergency medical services required in prevention and management of incidents occurring as a result of an illness, injury, natural disaster or similar situation;

(15) "Emergency medical technician", a person licensed in emergency medical care in accordance with standards prescribed by sections 190.001 to 190.245, and by rules adopted by the department pursuant to sections 190.001 to 190.245;

(16) "Emergency medical technician-basic" or "EMT-B", a person who has successfully completed a course of instruction in basic life support as prescribed by the department and is licensed by the department in accordance with standards prescribed by sections 190.001 to 190.245 and rules adopted by the department pursuant to sections 190.001 to 190.245;

(17) "Emergency medical technician-intermediate" or "EMT-I", a person who has successfully completed a course of instruction in advanced life support care as prescribed by the department, and is serving with an emergency medical response agency licensed in any county of the first classification without a charter form of government and with more than one hundred eighty-four thousand but less than one hundred eighty-eight thousand inhabitants, any county with a charter form of government and with more than six hundred thousand but less than seven hundred thousand inhabitants, or any county of the first classification with more than seventy-three thousand seven hundred but less than seventy-three thousand eight hundred inhabitants, and is licensed by the department in accordance with sections 190.001 to 190.245 and rules and regulations adopted by the department pursuant to sections 190.001 to 190.245;

[(17)] (18) "Emergency medical technician-paramedic" or "EMT-P", a person who has successfully completed a course of instruction in advanced life support care as prescribed by the department and is licensed by the department in accordance with sections 190.001 to 190.245 and rules adopted by the department pursuant to sections 190.001 to 190.245;

[(18)] (19) "Emergency services", health care items and services furnished or required to screen and stabilize an emergency which may include, but shall not be limited to, health care services that are provided in a licensed hospital's emergency facility by an appropriate provider or by an ambulance service or emergency medical response agency;

[(19)] (20) "First responder", a person who has successfully completed an emergency first response course meeting or exceeding the national curriculum of the United States Department of Transportation and any modifications to such curricula specified by the department through rules adopted pursuant to sections 190.001 to 190.245 and who provides emergency medical care through employment

by or in association with an emergency medical response agency;

[(20)] **(21)** "Health care facility", a hospital, nursing home, physician's office or other fixed location at which medical and health care services are performed;

[(21)] **(22)** "Hospital", an establishment as defined in the hospital licensing law, subsection 2 of section 197.020, RSMo, or a hospital operated by the state;

[(22)] **(23)** "Medical control", supervision provided by or under the direction of physicians to providers by written or verbal communications;

[(23)] **(24)** "Medical direction", medical guidance and supervision provided by a physician to an emergency services provider or emergency medical services system;

[(24)] **(25)** "Medical director", a physician licensed pursuant to chapter 334, RSMo, designated by the ambulance service or emergency medical response agency and who meets criteria specified by the department by rules pursuant to sections 190.001 to 190.245;

[(25)] **(26)** "Memorandum of understanding", an agreement between an emergency medical response agency or dispatch agency and an ambulance service or services within whose territory the agency operates, in order to coordinate emergency medical services;

[(26)] **(27)** "Patient", an individual who is sick, injured, wounded, diseased, or otherwise incapacitated or helpless, or dead, excluding deceased individuals being transported from or between private or public institutions, homes or cemeteries, and individuals declared dead prior to the time an ambulance is called for assistance;

[(27)] **(28)** "Person", as used in these definitions and elsewhere in sections 190.001 to 190.245, any individual, firm, partnership, copartnership, joint venture, association, cooperative organization, corporation, municipal or private, and whether organized for profit or not, state, county, political subdivision, state department, commission, board, bureau or fraternal organization, estate, public trust, business or common law trust, receiver, assignee for the benefit of creditors, trustee or trustee in bankruptcy, or any other service user or provider;

[(28)] **(29)** "Physician", a person licensed as a physician pursuant to chapter 334, RSMo;

[(29)] **(30)** "Political subdivision", any municipality, city, county, city not within a county, ambulance district or fire protection district located in this state which provides or has authority to provide ambulance service;

[(30)] **(31)** "Professional organization", any organized group or association with an ongoing interest regarding emergency medical services. Such groups and associations could include those representing volunteers, labor, management, firefighters, EMT-B's, nurses, EMT-P's, physicians, communications specialists and instructors. Organizations could also represent the interests of ground ambulance services, air ambulance services, fire service organizations, law enforcement, hospitals, trauma centers, communication centers, pediatric services, labor unions and poison control services;

[(31)] **(32)** "**Proof of financial responsibility**", **proof of ability to respond to damages for**

liability, on account of accidents occurring subsequent to the effective date of such proof, arising out of the ownership, maintenance or use of a motor vehicle in the financial amount set in rules promulgated by the department, but in no event less than the statutory minimum required for motor vehicles. Proof of financial responsibility shall be used as proof of self-insurance;

(33) "Protocol", a predetermined, written medical care guideline, which may include standing orders;

[(32)] (34) "Regional EMS advisory committee", a committee formed within an emergency medical services (EMS) region to advise ambulance services, the state advisory council on EMS and the department;

(35) "Specialty care transportation", the transportation of a patient requiring the services of a paramedic who has received additional training beyond the minimum accepted standard of training. Specialty care transportation services shall be defined in writing in the appropriate local protocols for ground and air ambulance services and approved by the local physician medical director. The protocol shall be maintained by the local ambulance service and shall define the additional training required of the paramedic.

[(33)] (36) "Stabilize", with respect to an emergency, the provision of such medical treatment as may be necessary to attempt to assure within reasonable medical probability that no material deterioration of an individual's medical condition is likely to result from or occur during ambulance transportation unless the likely benefits of such transportation outweigh the risks;

[(34)] (37) "State advisory council on emergency medical services", a committee formed to advise the department on policy affecting emergency medical service throughout the state;

[(35)] (38) "State EMS medical directors advisory committee", a subcommittee of the state advisory council on emergency medical services formed to advise the state advisory council on emergency medical services and the department on medical issues;

[(36)] (39) "Trauma", an injury to human tissues and organs resulting from the transfer of energy from the environment;

[(37)] (40) "Trauma care" includes injury prevention, triage, acute care and rehabilitative services for major single system or multisystem injuries that potentially require immediate medical or surgical intervention or treatment;

[(38)] (41) "Trauma center", a hospital that is currently designated as such by the department.

190.101. 1. There is hereby established a "State Advisory Council on Emergency Medical Services" which shall consist of [fifteen] **sixteen** members, **one of which shall be a resident of a city not within a county**. The members of the council shall be appointed by the governor with the advice and consent of the senate and shall serve terms of four years. The governor shall designate one of the members as chairperson. The chairperson may appoint subcommittees that include noncouncil members.

2. The state EMS medical directors advisory committee and the regional EMS advisory

committees will be recognized as subcommittees of the state advisory council on emergency medical services.

3. The council shall have geographical representation and representation from appropriate areas of expertise in emergency medical services including volunteers, professional organizations involved in emergency medical services, EMT's, paramedics, nurses, firefighters, physicians, ambulance service administrators, hospital administrators and other health care providers concerned with emergency medical services. The regional EMS advisory committees shall serve as a resource for the identification of potential members of the state advisory council on emergency medical services.

4. The members of the council and subcommittees shall serve without compensation except that the department of health and senior services shall budget for reasonable travel expenses and meeting expenses related to the functions of the council.

5. The purpose of the council is to make recommendations to the governor, the general assembly, and the department on policies, plans, procedures and proposed regulations on how to improve the statewide emergency medical services system. The council shall advise the governor, the general assembly, and the department on all aspects of the emergency medical services system.

190.105. 1. No person, either as owner, agent or otherwise, shall furnish, operate, conduct, maintain, advertise, or otherwise be engaged in or profess to be engaged in the business or service of the transportation of patients by ambulance in the air, upon the streets, alleys, or any public way or place of the state of Missouri unless such person holds a currently valid license from the department for an ambulance service issued pursuant to the provisions of sections 190.001 to 190.245.

2. No ground ambulance shall be operated for ambulance purposes, and no individual shall drive, attend or permit it to be operated for such purposes in the state of Missouri unless the ground ambulance is under the immediate supervision and direction of a person who is holding a currently valid Missouri license as an emergency medical technician[; except that]. Nothing in this section shall be construed to mean that a duly registered nurse or a duly licensed physician be required to hold an emergency medical technician's license. Each ambulance service is responsible for assuring that any person driving its ambulance is competent in emergency vehicle operations and has a safe driving record. **Each ground ambulance shall be staffed with at least two licensed individuals when transporting a patient, except as provided in section 190.094.**

3. No license shall be required for an ambulance service, or for the attendant of an ambulance, which:

(1) Is rendering assistance in the case of an emergency, major catastrophe or any other unforeseen event or series of events which jeopardizes the ability of the local ambulance service to promptly respond to emergencies; or

(2) Is operated from a location or headquarters outside of Missouri in order to transport patients who are picked up beyond the limits of Missouri to locations within or outside of Missouri, but no such

outside ambulance shall be used to pick up patients within Missouri for transportation to locations within Missouri, except as provided in subdivision (1) of this subsection.

4. The issuance of a license [under] **pursuant to** the provisions of sections 190.001 to 190.245 shall not be construed so as to authorize any person to provide ambulance services or to operate any ambulances without a franchise in any city not within a county or in a political subdivision in any county with a population of over nine hundred thousand inhabitants, or a franchise, contract or mutual-aid agreement in any other political subdivision which has enacted an ordinance making it unlawful to do so.

5. Sections 190.001 to 190.245 shall not preclude the adoption of any law, ordinance or regulation not in conflict with such sections by any city not within a county, or at least as strict as such sections by any county, municipality or political subdivision except that no such regulations or ordinances shall be adopted by a political subdivision in a county with a population of over nine hundred thousand inhabitants except by the county's governing body.

6. In a county with a population of over nine hundred thousand inhabitants, the governing body of the county shall set the standards for all ambulance services which shall comply with subsection 5 of this section. All such ambulance services must be licensed by the department. The governing body of such county shall not prohibit a licensed ambulance service from operating in the county, as long as the ambulance service meets county standards.

7. An ambulance service or vehicle when operated for the purpose of transporting persons who are sick, injured, or otherwise incapacitated shall not be treated as a common or contract carrier under the jurisdiction of the Missouri [public service commission] **division of motor carrier and railroad safety**.

8. Sections 190.001 to 190.245 shall not apply to, nor be construed to include, any motor vehicle used by an employer for the transportation of such employer's employees whose illness or injury occurs on private property, and not on a public highway or property, nor to any person operating such a motor vehicle.

9. A political subdivision that is authorized to operate a licensed ambulance service may establish, operate, maintain and manage its ambulance service, and select and contract with a licensed ambulance service. Any political subdivision may contract with a licensed ambulance service.

10. Except as provided in subsections 5 and 6, nothing in section 67.300, RSMo, or subsection 2 of section 190.109, shall be construed to authorize any municipality or county which is located within an ambulance district or a fire protection district that is authorized to provide ambulance service to promulgate laws, ordinances or regulations related to the provision of ambulance services. This provision shall not apply to any municipality or county which operates an ambulance service established prior to August 28, 1998.

11. Nothing in section 67.300, RSMo, or subsection 2 of section 190.109 shall be construed to authorize any municipality or county which is located within an ambulance district or a fire protection district that is authorized to provide ambulance service to operate an ambulance service without a franchise in an

ambulance district or a fire protection district that is authorized to provide ambulance service which has enacted an ordinance making it unlawful to do so. This provision shall not apply to any municipality or county which operates an ambulance service established prior to August 28, 1998.

12. No provider of ambulance service within the state of Missouri which is licensed by the department to provide such service shall discriminate regarding treatment or transportation of emergency patients on the basis of race, sex, age, color, religion, sexual preference, national origin, ancestry, handicap, medical condition or ability to pay.

13. No provision of this section, other than subsections 5, 6, 10 and 11 of this section, is intended to limit or supersede the powers given to ambulance districts pursuant to this chapter or to fire protection districts pursuant to chapter 321, RSMo, or to counties, cities, towns and villages pursuant to chapter 67, RSMo.

14. Upon the sale or transfer of any ground ambulance service ownership, the owner of such service shall notify the department of the change in ownership within thirty days of such sale or transfer. After receipt of such notice, the department shall conduct an inspection of the ambulance service to verify compliance with the licensure standards of sections 190.001 to 190.245.

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

2. The department shall have the authority and responsibility to license an air ambulance service in accordance with sections 190.001 to 190.245, and in accordance with rules adopted by the department pursuant to sections 190.001 to 190.245. The department may promulgate rules relating to the requirements for an air ambulance license including, but not limited to:

- (1) Medical control plans;
- (2) Medical director qualifications;
- (3) Air medical staff qualifications;
- (4) Response and operations standards to assure that the health and safety needs of the public are met;
- (5) Standards for air medical communications;
- (6) Criteria for compliance with licensure requirements;
- (7) Records and forms;
- (8) Equipment requirements;
- (9) Five-year license renewal;
- (10) Quality improvement committees; and
- (11) Response time, patient care and transportation standards.

3. Application for an air ambulance service license shall be made upon such forms as prescribed

by the department in rules adopted pursuant to sections 190.001 to 190.245. The application form shall contain such information as the department deems necessary to make a determination as to whether the air ambulance service meets all the requirements of sections 190.001 to 190.245 and rules promulgated pursuant to sections 190.001 to 190.245.

4. Upon the sale or transfer of any air ambulance service ownership, the owner of such service shall notify the department of the change in ownership within thirty days of such sale or transfer. After receipt of such notice, the department shall conduct an inspection of the ambulance service to verify compliance with the licensure standards of sections 190.001 to 190.245.

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

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

3. The department shall issue a new ground ambulance service license to an ambulance service that is not currently licensed by the department, or is currently licensed by the department and is seeking to expand its ambulance service area, except as provided in subsection 4 of this section, to be valid for a period of five years, unless suspended, revoked or terminated, when the director finds that the applicant meets the requirements of ambulance service licensure established pursuant to sections 190.100 to 190.245 and the rules adopted by the department pursuant to sections 190.001 to 190.245. In order to be considered for a new ambulance service license, an ambulance service shall submit to the department a letter of endorsement from each ambulance district or fire protection district that is authorized to provide ambulance service, or from each municipality not within an ambulance district or fire protection district that is authorized to provide ambulance service, in which the ambulance service proposes to operate. If an ambulance service proposes to operate in unincorporated portions of a county not within an ambulance district or fire protection district that is authorized to provide ambulance service, in order to be considered for a new ambulance service license, the ambulance service shall submit to the department a letter of endorsement from the county. Any letter of endorsement **required pursuant to this section** shall verify that the political subdivision has conducted a public hearing regarding the endorsement and that the governing body of the political subdivision has adopted a resolution approving the endorsement. **The letter of endorsement shall affirmatively state that the proposed ambulance service:**

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

- (2) Will maintain or enhance the public's access to ambulance services;**
 - (3) Will maintain or improve the public health and promote the continued development of the regional emergency medical service system;**
 - (4) Has demonstrated the appropriate expertise in the operation of ambulance services;**
- and**
- (5) Has demonstrated the financial resources necessary for the operation of the proposed ambulance service.**

4. A contract between a political subdivision and a licensed ambulance service for the provision of ambulance services for that political subdivision shall expand, without further action by the department, the ambulance service area of the licensed ambulance service to include the jurisdictional boundaries of the political subdivision. The termination of the aforementioned contract shall result in a reduction of the licensed ambulance service's ambulance service area by removing the geographic area of the political subdivision from its ambulance service area, except that licensed ambulance service providers may provide ambulance services as are needed at and around the state fair grounds for protection of attendees at the state fair.

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

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

- (1) Vehicle design, specification, operation and maintenance standards;
- (2) Equipment requirements;
- (3) Staffing requirements;
- (4) Five-year license renewal;
- (5) Records and forms;
- (6) Medical control plans;
- (7) Medical director qualifications;
- (8) Standards for medical communications;
- (9) Memorandums of understanding with emergency medical response agencies that provide advanced life support;
- (10) Quality improvement committees; and
- (11) Response time, patient care and transportation standards.

7. Application for a ground ambulance service license shall be made upon such forms as prescribed by the department in rules adopted pursuant to sections 190.001 to 190.245. The application form shall contain such information as the department deems necessary to make a determination as to whether the ground ambulance service meets all the requirements of sections 190.001 to 190.245 and rules

promulgated pursuant to sections 190.001 to 190.245.

190.120. 1. No ambulance service license shall be issued pursuant to sections 190.001 to 190.245, nor shall such license be valid after issuance, nor shall any ambulance be operated in Missouri unless there is at all times in force and effect insurance coverage[issued by an insurance company] **or proof of financial responsibility with adequate reserves maintained** for each and every ambulance owned or operated by or for the applicant or licensee[, or unless any city not within a county which owns or operates the license has at all times sufficient self-insurance coverage] to provide for the payment of damages in an amount as prescribed in regulation:

(1) For injury to or death of individuals in accidents resulting from any cause for which the owner of [said] **such** vehicle would be liable on account of liability imposed on him **or her** by law, regardless of whether the ambulance was being driven by the owner or the owner's agent; and

(2) For the loss of or damage to the property of another, including personal property, under like circumstances.

2. The insurance policy[, or in the case of a self-insured city not within a county, proof of self-insurance,] **or proof of financial responsibility** shall be submitted by all licensees required to provide such insurance pursuant to sections 190.001 to 190.245. The insurance policy, or proof of the existence of [self-insurance of a city not within a county] **financial responsibility**, shall be submitted to the director, in such form as the director may specify, for the director's approval prior to the issuance of each ambulance service license.

3. Every insurance policy **or proof of financial responsibility document** required by the provisions of this section shall contain [or in the case of a self-insured city not within a county shall have] proof of a provision for a continuing liability thereunder to the full amount thereof, notwithstanding any recovery thereon; that the liability of the insurer shall not be affected by the insolvency or the bankruptcy of the assured; and that until the policy is revoked the insurance company or self-insured [city not within a county] **licensee or entity** will not be relieved from liability on account of nonpayment of premium, failure to renew license at the end of the year, or any act or omission of the named assured. Such policy of insurance or self-insurance shall be further conditioned for the payment of any judgments up to the limits of [said] **such** policy, recovered against any person other than the owner, the owner's agent or employee, who may operate the same with the consent of the owner.

4. Every insurance policy or self-insured [city not within a county] **licensee or entity** as required by the provisions of this section shall extend for the period to be covered by the license applied for and the insurer shall be obligated to give not less than thirty days' written notice to the director and to the insured before any cancellation or termination thereof earlier than its expiration date, and the cancellation or other termination of any such policy shall automatically revoke and terminate the licenses issued for the ambulance service covered by such policy unless covered by another insurance policy in compliance with sections 190.001 to 190.245.

190.131. 1. The department shall accredit or certify training entities for first responders, emergency medical dispatchers, emergency medical technicians-basic, **emergency medical technicians-intermediate**, and emergency medical technicians-paramedic, for a period of five years, if the applicant meets the requirements established pursuant to sections 190.001 to 190.245.

2. Such rules promulgated by the department shall set forth the minimum requirements for entrance criteria, training program curricula, instructors, facilities, equipment, medical oversight, record keeping, and reporting.

3. Application for training entity accreditation or certification shall be made upon such forms as prescribed by the department in rules adopted pursuant to sections 190.001 to 190.245. The application form shall contain such information as the department deems reasonably necessary to make a determination as to whether the training entity meets all requirements of sections 190.001 to 190.245 and rules promulgated pursuant to sections 190.001 to 190.245.

4. Upon receipt of such application for training entity accreditation or certification, the department shall determine whether the training entity, its instructors, facilities, equipment, curricula and medical oversight meet the requirements of sections 190.001 to 190.245 and rules promulgated pursuant to sections 190.001 to 190.245.

5. Upon finding these requirements satisfied, the department shall issue a training entity accreditation or certification in accordance with rules promulgated by the department pursuant to sections 190.001 to 190.245.

6. Subsequent to the issuance of a training entity accreditation or certification, the department shall cause a periodic review of the training entity to assure continued compliance with the requirements of sections 190.001 to 190.245 and all rules promulgated pursuant to sections 190.001 to 190.245.

7. No person or entity shall hold itself out or provide training required by this section without accreditation or certification by the department.

190.133. 1. The department shall, within a reasonable time after receipt of an application, cause such investigation as the department deems necessary to be made of the applicant for an emergency medical response agency license.

2. The department shall issue a license to any emergency medical response agency which provides advanced life support if the applicant meets the requirements established pursuant to sections 190.001 to 190.245, and the rules adopted by the department pursuant to sections 190.001 to 190.245. The department may promulgate rules relating to the requirements for an emergency medical response agency including, but not limited to:

- (1) A licensure period of five years;
- (2) Medical direction;
- (3) Records and forms; and
- (4) Memorandum of understanding with local ambulance services.

3. Application for an emergency medical response agency license shall be made upon such forms as prescribed by the department in rules adopted pursuant to sections 190.001 to 190.245. The application form shall contain such information as the department deems necessary to make a determination as to whether the emergency medical response agency meets all the requirements of sections 190.001 to 190.245 and rules promulgated pursuant to sections 190.001 to 190.245.

4. No person or entity shall hold itself out as an emergency medical response agency that provides advanced life support or provide the services of an emergency medical response agency that provides advanced life support unless such person or entity is licensed by the department.

5 . O n l y emergency medical response agencies licensed and serving in any county of the first classification without a charter form of government and with more than one hundred eighty-four thousand but less than one hundred eighty-eight thousand inhabitants, any county with a charter form of government and with more than six hundred thousand but less than seven hundred thousand inhabitants, or any county of the first classification with more than seventy-three thousand seven hundred but less than seventy-three thousand eight hundred inhabitants will be licensed to provide ALS services with the services of EMT-Is.

6. Emergency medical response agencies functioning with the services of EMT-Is must work in collaboration with an ambulance service providing advanced life support with personnel trained to the paramedic level.

190.142. 1. The department shall, within a reasonable time after receipt of an application, cause such investigation as it deems necessary to be made of the applicant for an emergency medical technician's license. The director may authorize investigations into criminal records in other states for any applicant.

2. The department shall issue a license to all levels of emergency medical technicians, for a period of five years, if the applicant meets the requirements established pursuant to sections 190.001 to 190.245 and the rules adopted by the department pursuant to sections 190.001 to 190.245. The department may promulgate rules relating to the requirements for an emergency medical technician including but not limited to:

- (1) Age requirements;
- (2) Education and training requirements based on respective national curricula of the United States Department of Transportation and any modification to such curricula specified by the department through rules adopted pursuant to sections 190.001 to 190.245;
- (3) Initial licensure testing requirements;
- (4) Continuing education and relicensure requirements; and
- (5) Ability to speak, read and write the English language.

3. Application for all levels of emergency medical technician license shall be made upon such forms as prescribed by the department in rules adopted pursuant to sections 190.001 to 190.245. The application form shall contain such information as the department deems necessary to make a determination

as to whether the emergency medical technician meets all the requirements of sections 190.001 to 190.245 and rules promulgated pursuant to sections 190.001 to 190.245.

4. All levels of emergency medical technicians may perform only that patient care which is:

(1) Consistent with the training, education and experience of the particular emergency medical technician; and

(2) Ordered by a physician or set forth in protocols approved by the medical director.

5. No person shall hold themselves out as an emergency medical technician or provide the services of an emergency medical technician unless such person is licensed by the department.

6. [All patients transported in a supine position in a vehicle other than an ambulance shall receive an appropriate level of care. The department shall promulgate rules regarding the provisions of this section. This subsection shall only apply to vehicles transporting patients for a fee.] **Any rule or portion of a rule, as that term is defined in section 536.010, RSMo, that is created under the authority delegated in this section shall become effective only if it complies with and is subject to all of the provisions of chapter 536, RSMo, and, if applicable, section 536.028, RSMo. This section and chapter 536, RSMo, are nonseverable and if any of the powers vested with the general assembly pursuant to chapter 536, RSMo, to review, to delay the effective date or to disapprove and annul a rule are subsequently held unconstitutional, then the grant of rulemaking authority and any rule proposed or adopted after August 28, 2002, shall be invalid and void.**

190.143. 1. Notwithstanding any other provisions of law, the department may grant a ninety-day temporary emergency medical technician license to all levels of emergency medical technicians who meet the following:

(1) Can demonstrate that they have, or will have employment requiring an emergency medical technician license;

(2) **Are not currently licensed as an emergency medical technician in Missouri** or have been licensed as an emergency medical technician in Missouri and fingerprints need to be submitted to the Federal Bureau of Investigation to verify the existence or absence of a criminal history, or they are currently licensed and the license will expire before a verification can be completed of the existence or absence of a criminal history;

(3) Have submitted a complete application upon such forms as prescribed by the department in rules adopted pursuant to sections 190.001 to 190.245;

(4) Have not been disciplined pursuant to sections 190.001 to 190.245 and rules promulgated pursuant to sections 190.001 to 190.245;

(5) Meet all the requirements of rules promulgated pursuant to sections 190.001 to 190.245.

2. A temporary emergency medical technician license shall only authorize the license to practice while under the immediate supervision of a licensed emergency medical technician-basic, emergency medical technician-paramedic, registered nurse or physician who is currently licensed, without restrictions,

to practice in Missouri.

3. A temporary emergency medical technician license shall automatically expire either ninety days from the date of issuance or upon the issuance of a five-year emergency medical technician license.

190.145. Any licensee allowing a license to lapse may within two years of the lapse request that their license be returned to active status by notifying the department in advance of such intention, and submit a complete application upon such forms as prescribed by the department in rules adopted pursuant to sections 190.001 to 190.245. If the licensee meets all the requirements for relicensure, the department shall issue a new emergency medical technician license to the licensee.

190.160. The renewal of any license shall require conformance with sections 190.001 to 190.245 and sections 190.525 to 190.537, and rules adopted by the department pursuant to sections 190.001 to 190.245 and sections 190.525 to 190.537.

190.165. 1. The department may refuse to issue or deny renewal of any certificate, permit or license required pursuant to sections 190.100 to 190.245 for failure to comply with the provisions of [this act] sections 190.100 to 190.245 or any lawful regulations promulgated by the department to implement its provisions as described in subsection 2 of this section. The department shall notify the applicant in writing of the reasons for the refusal and shall advise the applicant of his or her right to file a complaint with the administrative hearing commission as provided by chapter 621, RSMo.

2. The department may cause a complaint to be filed with the administrative hearing commission as provided by chapter 621, RSMo, against any holder of any certificate, permit or license required by sections 190.100 to 190.245 or any person who has failed to renew or has surrendered his or her certificate, permit or license for failure to comply with the provisions of sections 190.100 to 190.245 or any lawful regulations promulgated by the department to implement such sections. Those regulations shall be limited to the following:

(1) Use or unlawful possession of any controlled substance, as defined in chapter 195, RSMo, or alcoholic beverage to an extent that such use impairs a person's ability to perform the work of any activity licensed or regulated by sections 190.100 to 190.245;

(2) Being finally adjudicated and found guilty, or having entered a plea of guilty or nolo contendere, in a criminal prosecution under the laws of any state or of the United States, for any offense reasonably related to the qualifications, functions or duties of any activity licensed or regulated pursuant to sections 190.100 to 190.245, for any offense an essential element of which is fraud, dishonesty or an act of violence, or for any offense involving moral turpitude, whether or not sentence is imposed;

(3) Use of fraud, deception, misrepresentation or bribery in securing any certificate, permit or license issued pursuant to sections 190.100 to 190.245 or in obtaining permission to take any examination given or required pursuant to sections 190.100 to 190.245;

(4) Obtaining or attempting to obtain any fee, charge, tuition or other compensation by fraud,

deception or misrepresentation;

(5) Incompetency, misconduct, gross negligence, fraud, misrepresentation or dishonesty in the performance of the functions or duties of any activity licensed or regulated by sections 190.100 to 190.245;

(6) Violation of, or assisting or enabling any person to violate, any provision of sections 190.100 to 190.245, or of any lawful rule or regulation adopted by the department pursuant to sections 190.100 to 190.245;

(7) Impersonation of any person holding a certificate, permit or license or allowing any person to use his or her certificate, permit, license or diploma from any school;

(8) Disciplinary action against the holder of a license or other right to practice any activity regulated by sections 190.100 to 190.245 granted by another state, territory, federal agency or country upon grounds for which revocation or suspension is authorized in this state;

(9) For an individual being finally adjudged insane or incompetent by a court of competent jurisdiction;

(10) Assisting or enabling any person to practice or offer to practice any activity licensed or regulated by sections 190.100 to 190.245 who is not licensed and currently eligible to practice pursuant to sections 190.100 to 190.245;

(11) Issuance of a certificate, permit or license based upon a material mistake of fact;

(12) Violation of any professional trust or confidence;

(13) Use of any advertisement or solicitation which is false, misleading or deceptive to the general public or persons to whom the advertisement or solicitation is primarily directed;

(14) Violation of the drug laws or rules and regulations of this state, any other state or the federal government;

(15) Refusal of any applicant or licensee to cooperate with the department of health and senior services during any investigation;

(16) Any conduct or practice which is or might be harmful or dangerous to the mental or physical health of a patient or the public;

(17) Repeated negligence in the performance of the functions or duties of any activity licensed or regulated by sections 190.100 to 190.245.

3. After the filing of such complaint, the proceedings shall be conducted in accordance with the provisions of chapter 621, RSMo. Upon a finding by the administrative hearing commission that the grounds, provided in subsection 2 of this section, for disciplinary action are met, the department may, singly or in combination, censure or place the person named in the complaint on probation on such terms and conditions as the department deems appropriate for a period not to exceed five years, or may suspend, for a period not to exceed three years, or revoke the license, certificate or permit.

4. An individual whose license has been revoked shall wait one year from the date of revocation to apply for relicensure. Relicensure shall be at the discretion of the department after compliance with all

the requirements of sections 190.100 to 190.245 relative to the licensing of an applicant for the first time. **Any individual whose license has been revoked twice within a ten-year period shall not be eligible for relicensure.**

5. The department may notify the proper licensing authority of any other state in which the person whose license was suspended or revoked was also licensed of the suspension or revocation.

6. Any person, organization, association or corporation who reports or provides information to the department pursuant to the provisions of sections 190.100 to 190.245 and who does so in good faith shall not be subject to an action for civil damages as a result thereof.

7. The department of health and senior services may suspend any certificate, permit or license required pursuant to sections 190.100 to 190.245 simultaneously with the filing of the complaint with the administrative hearing commission as set forth in subsection 2 of this section, if the department finds that there is an imminent threat to the public health. The notice of suspension shall include the basis of the suspension and notice of the right to appeal such suspension. The licensee may appeal the decision to suspend the license, certificate or permit to the department. The appeal shall be filed within ten days from the date of the filing of the complaint. A hearing shall be conducted by the department within ten days from the date the appeal is filed. The suspension shall continue in effect until the conclusion of the proceedings, including review thereof, unless sooner withdrawn by the department, dissolved by a court of competent jurisdiction or stayed by the administrative hearing commission.

190.171. Any person aggrieved by an official action of the department of health and senior services affecting the licensed status of a person [under] **pursuant to** the provisions of sections 190.001 to 190.245 **and sections 190.525 to 190.537**, including the refusal to grant, the grant, the revocation, the suspension, or the failure to renew a license, may seek a determination thereon by the administrative hearing commission pursuant to the provisions of section 621.045, RSMo, and it shall not be a condition to such determination that the person aggrieved seek a reconsideration, a rehearing, or exhaust any other procedure within the department of health and senior services or the department of social services.

190.172. Notwithstanding the provisions of subdivision (3) of subsection 3 of section 621.045, RSMo, to the contrary, if no contested case has been filed against the licensee, the agency shall submit a copy of the settlement agreement signed by all of the parties within fifteen days after signature to the administrative hearing commission for determination that the facts agreed to by the parties to the settlement constitute grounds for denying or disciplining the license of the licensee. Any person who is directly harmed by the specific conduct for which the discipline is sought may submit a written impact statement to the administrative hearing commission for consideration in connection with the commission's review of the settlement agreement.

190.175. 1. Each ambulance service licensee or emergency medical response agency licensee shall maintain accurate records, which contain information concerning the care and, if applicable, the

transportation of each patient.

2. Records will be retained by the ambulance service licensees and emergency medical response agency licensees for five years, readily available for inspection by the department, notwithstanding transfer, sale or discontinuance of the ambulance services or business.

3. [An ambulance] **A patient care** report, approved by the department, shall be completed for each ambulance run on which are entered pertinent remarks by the emergency medical technician, **registered nurse or physician** and such other items as specified by rules promulgated by the department.

4. **A written or electronic patient care document shall be completed and given to the ambulance service personnel by the health care facility when a patient is transferred between health care facilities. Such patient care record shall contain such information pertinent to the continued care of the patient as well as the health and safety of the ambulance service personnel during the transport. Nothing in this section shall be construed as to limit the reporting requirements established in federal law relating to the transfer of patients between health care facilities.**

5. Such records shall be available for inspection by the department at any reasonable time during business hours.

190.185. The department shall adopt, amend, promulgate, and enforce such rules, regulations and standards with respect to the provisions of this chapter as may be designed to further the accomplishment of the purpose of this law in promoting state-of-the-art emergency medical services in the interest of public health, safety and welfare. When promulgating such rules and regulations, the department shall consider the recommendations of the state advisory council on emergency medical services. [No] **Any rule or portion of a rule promulgated pursuant to the authority of sections 190.001 to 190.245 or sections 190.525 to 190.537 shall become effective [unless it has been promulgated pursuant to the provisions of chapter 536, RSMo] only if it complies with and is subject to all of the provisions of chapter 536, RSMo, and, if applicable, section 536.028, RSMo. This section and chapter 536, RSMo, are nonseverable and if any of the powers vested with the general assembly pursuant to chapter 536, RSMo, to review, to delay the effective date or to disapprove and annul a rule are subsequently held unconstitutional, then the grant of rulemaking authority and any rule proposed or adopted after August 28, 2002, shall be invalid and void.**

190.196. 1. No employer shall knowingly employ or permit any employee to perform any services for which a license, certificate or other authorization is required by sections 190.001 to 190.245, or by rules adopted pursuant to sections 190.001 to 190.245, unless and until the person so employed possesses all licenses, certificates or authorizations that are required.

2. Any person or entity that employs or supervises a person's activities as a first responder [or], emergency medical dispatcher, **emergency medical technician-basic, emergency medical technician-**

paramedic, registered nurse or physician shall cooperate with the department's efforts to monitor and enforce compliance by those individuals subject to the requirements of sections 190.001 to 190.245.

3. Any person or entity who employs individuals licensed by the department pursuant to sections 190.001 to 190.245 shall report to the department within seventy-two hours of their having knowledge of any charges filed against a licensee in their employ for possible criminal action involving the following felony offenses:

- (1) Child abuse or sexual abuse of a child;**
- (2) Crimes of violence; or**
- (3) Rape or sexual abuse.**

4. Any licensee who has charges filed against him or her for the felony offenses in subsection 3 of this section shall report such an occurrence to the department within seventy-two hours of the charges being filed.

5. The department will monitor these reports for possible licensure action authorized pursuant to section 190.165.

190.248. 1. All investigations conducted in response to allegations of violations of sections 190.001 to 190.245 shall be completed within six months of receipt of the allegation.

2. In the course of an investigation the department shall have access to all records directly related to the alleged violations from persons or entities licensed pursuant to this chapter or chapter 197 or 198, RSMo.

3. Any department investigations that involve other administrative or law enforcement agencies shall be completed within six months of notification and final determination by such administrative or law enforcement agencies.

190.525. As used in sections 190.525 to 190.537, the following terms mean:

(1) "Department", the department of health and senior services;

(2) "Director", the director of the department of health and senior services or the director's duly authorized representative;

(3) "Passenger", an individual needing transportation in a supine position who does not require medical monitoring, observation, aid, care or treatment during transportation, with the exception of self-administered oxygen as ordered by a physician during transportation;

(4) "Patient", an individual who is sick, injured, wounded, diseased, or otherwise incapacitated or helpless, and who may require medical monitoring, medical observation, aid, care or treatment during transportation, with the exception of self-administered oxygen as ordered by a physician;

(5) "Person", any individual, firm, partnership, copartnership, joint venture, association, cooperative organization, corporation, municipal or private, and whether organized for profit or not, state, county, political subdivision, state department, commission, board, bureau or fraternal

organization, estate, public trust, business or common law trust, receiver, assignee for the benefit of creditors, trustee or trustee in bankruptcy, or any other service user or provider;

(6) "Stretcher van", any vehicle other than an ambulance designed and equipped to transport passengers in a supine position. No such vehicle shall be used to provide medical services;

(7) "Stretcher van service", any person or agency that provides stretcher van transportation to passengers who are confined to stretchers and whose conditions are such that they do not need and are not likely to need medical attention during transportation.

190.528. 1. No person, either as owner, agent or otherwise, shall furnish, operate, conduct, maintain, advertise, or otherwise be engaged in or profess to be engaged in the business or service of the transportation of passengers by stretcher van upon the streets, alleys, or any public way or place of the state of Missouri unless such person holds a currently valid license from the department for a stretcher van service issued pursuant to the provisions of sections 190.525 to 190.537 notwithstanding any provisions of chapter 390 or 622, RSMo, to the contrary.

2. Subsection 1 of this section shall not preclude any political subdivision that is authorized to operate a licensed ambulance service from adopting any law, ordinance or regulation governing the operation of stretcher vans that is at least as strict as the minimum state standards, except that no such regulations or ordinances shall be adopted by a political subdivision in any county with a charter form of government and with more than one million inhabitants except by the county's governing body and no such regulations or ordinances shall prohibit stretcher van services that were legally picking up passengers within a political subdivision prior to January 1, 2001, from continuing to operate within that political subdivision and no political subdivision which did not regulate or prohibit stretcher van services as of January 1, 2001, shall implement unreasonable regulations or ordinances to prevent the establishment and operation of such services.

3. In any county with a charter form of government and with more than one million inhabitants, the governing body of the county shall set reasonable standards for all stretcher van services which shall comply with subsection 2 of this section. All such stretcher van services must be licensed by the department. The governing body of such county shall not prohibit a licensed stretcher van service from operating in the county, as long as the stretcher van service meets county standards.

4. Nothing shall preclude the enforcement of any laws, ordinances or regulations of any political subdivision authorized to operate a licensed ambulance service that were in effect prior to August 28, 2001.

5. Stretcher van services may transport passengers.

6. A stretcher van shall be staffed by at least two individuals when transporting

passengers.

7. The crew of the stretcher van is required to immediately contact the appropriate ground ambulance service if a passenger's condition deteriorates.

8. Stretcher van services shall not transport patients, persons currently admitted to a hospital or persons being transported to a hospital for admission or emergency treatment.

9. The department of health and senior services shall promulgate regulations, including but not limited to adequate insurance, on-board equipment, vehicle staffing, vehicle maintenance, vehicle specifications, vehicle communications, passenger safety and records and reports.

10. The department of health and senior services shall issue service licenses for a period of no more than five years for each service meeting the established rules.

11. Application for a stretcher van license shall be made upon such forms as prescribed by the department in rules adopted pursuant to sections 190.525 to 190.537. The application form shall contain such information as the department deems necessary to make a determination as to whether the stretcher van agency meets all the requirements of sections 190.525 to 190.537 and rules promulgated pursuant to sections 190.525 to 190.537. The department shall conduct an inspection of the stretcher van service to verify compliance with the licensure standards of sections 190.525 to 190.537.

12. Upon the sale or transfer of any stretcher van service ownership, the owner of the stretcher van service shall notify the department of the change in ownership within thirty days prior to the sale or transfer. The department shall conduct an inspection of the stretcher van service to verify compliance with the licensure standards of sections 190.525 to 190.537.

13. Ambulance services licensed pursuant to this chapter or any rules promulgated by the department of health and senior services pursuant to this chapter may provide stretcher van and wheel chair transportation services pursuant to sections 190.525 to 190.537.

14. Any rule or portion of a rule, as that term is defined in section 536.010, RSMo, that is created under the authority delegated in this section shall become effective only if it complies with and is subject to all of the provisions of chapter 536, RSMo, and, if applicable, section 536.028, RSMo. This section and chapter 536, RSMo, are nonseverable and if any of the powers vested with the general assembly pursuant to chapter 536, RSMo, to review, to delay the effective date or to disapprove and annul a rule are subsequently held unconstitutional, then the grant of rulemaking authority and any rule proposed or adopted after August 28, 2002, shall be invalid and void.

190.531. 1. The department may refuse to issue or deny renewal of any license required pursuant to sections 190.525 to 190.537 for failure to comply with the provisions of sections 190.525 to 190.537 or any lawful regulations promulgated by the department to implement the provisions of sections 190.525 to 190.537. The department shall notify the applicant in writing

of the reasons for the refusal and shall advise the applicant of his or her right to file a complaint with the administrative hearing commission as provided by chapter 621, RSMo.

2. The department may cause a complaint to be filed with the administrative hearing commission as provided by chapter 621, RSMo, against any holder of any license required by sections 190.525 to 190.537 or any person who has failed to renew or has surrendered his or her license for failure to comply with the provisions of sections 190.525 to 190.537 or any lawful regulations promulgated by the department to implement such sections. Those regulations shall be limited to the following:

(1) Use or unlawful possession of any controlled substance, as defined in chapter 195, RSMo, or alcoholic beverage to an extent that such use impairs a person's ability to perform the work of any activity licensed or regulated by sections 190.525 to 190.537;

(2) Being finally adjudicated and found guilty, or having entered a plea of guilty or nolo contendere, in a criminal prosecution pursuant to the laws of any state or of the United States, for any offense reasonably related to the qualifications, functions or duties of any activity licensed or regulated pursuant to sections 190.525 to 190.537, for any offense an essential element of which is fraud, dishonesty or an act of violence, or for any offense involving moral turpitude, whether or not sentence is imposed;

(3) Use of fraud, deception, misrepresentation or bribery in securing any certificate, permit or license issued pursuant to sections 190.525 to 190.537 or in obtaining permission to take any examination given or required pursuant to sections 190.537 to 190.540;

(4) Obtaining or attempting to obtain any fee, charge, tuition or other compensation by fraud, deception or misrepresentation;

(5) Incompetency, misconduct, gross negligence, fraud, misrepresentation or dishonesty in the performance of the functions or duties of any activity licensed or regulated by sections 190.525 to 190.537;

(6) Violation of, or assisting or enabling any person to violate, any provision of sections 190.525 to 190.537, or of any lawful rule or regulation adopted by the department pursuant to sections 190.525 to 190.537;

(7) Impersonation of any person holding a license or allowing any person to use his or her license;

(8) Disciplinary action against the holder of a license or other right to practice any activity regulated by sections 190.525 to 190.537 granted by another state, territory, federal agency or country upon grounds for which revocation or suspension is authorized in this state;

(9) For an individual, being finally adjudged insane or incompetent by a court of competent jurisdiction;

(10) Issuance of a license based upon a material mistake of fact;

- (11) Violation of any professional trust or confidence;
- (12) Use of any advertisement or solicitation which is false, misleading or deceptive to the general public or persons to whom the advertisement or solicitation is primarily directed;
- (13) Violation of the drug laws or rules and regulations of this state, any other state or the federal government;
- (14) Refusal of any applicant or licensee, to cooperate with the department of health and senior services during any investigation;
- (15) Any conduct or practice which is or might be harmful or dangerous to the mental or physical health of a patient or the public;
- (16) Repeated negligence in the performance of the functions or duties of any activity licensed by this chapter.

3. After the filing of such complaint, the proceedings shall be conducted in accordance with the provisions of chapter 621, RSMo. Upon a finding by the administrative hearing commission that the grounds, as provided in subsection 2 of this section, for disciplinary action are met, the department may, singly or in combination, censure or place the person named in the complaint on probation on such terms and conditions as the department deems appropriate for a period not to exceed five years, or may suspend, for a period not to exceed three years, or revoke the license.

4. An individual whose license has been revoked shall wait one year from the date of revocation to apply for relicensure. Relicensure shall be at the discretion of the department after compliance with all the requirements of sections 190.525 to 190.537 relative to the licensing of an applicant for the first time.

5. The department may notify the proper licensing authority of any other state in which the person whose license was suspended or revoked was also licensed, of the suspension or revocation.

6. Any person, organization, association or corporation who reports or provides information to the department pursuant to the provisions of sections 190.525 to 190.537 and who does so in good faith and without negligence shall not be subject to an action for civil damages as a result thereof.

7. The department of health and senior services may suspend any license required pursuant to sections 190.525 to 190.537 simultaneously with the filing of the complaint with the administrative hearing commission as set forth in subsection 2 of this section, if the department finds that there is an imminent threat to the public health. The notice of suspension shall include the basis of the suspension and notice of the right to appeal such suspension. The licensee may appeal the decision to suspend the license to the department. The appeal shall be filed within ten days from the date of the filing of the complaint. A hearing shall be conducted by the department

within ten days from the date the appeal is filed. The suspension shall continue in effect until the conclusion of the proceedings, including review thereof, unless sooner withdrawn by the department, dissolved by a court of competent jurisdiction or stayed by the administrative hearing commission.

190.534. 1. Any person violating, or failing to comply with, the provisions of section 190.525 to 190.537 is guilty of a class B misdemeanor.

2. Each day that any violation of, or failure to comply with, sections 190.525 to 190.537 is committed or permitted to continue shall constitute a separate and distinct offense, and shall be punishable as a separate offense pursuant to this section; but the court may, in appropriate cases, stay the cumulation of penalties.

3. The attorney general shall have concurrent jurisdiction with any and all prosecuting attorneys to prosecute persons in violation of sections 190.525 to 190.537, and the attorney general or prosecuting attorney may institute injunctive proceedings against any person operating in violation of sections 190.525 to 190.537.

190.537. Any rule or portion of a rule, as that term is defined in section 536.010, RSMo, that is created pursuant to the authority of sections 190.525 to 190.537 shall become effective only if it complies with and is subject to all of the provisions of chapter 536, RSMo, and, if applicable, section 536.028, RSMo. This section and chapter 536, RSMo, are nonseverable and if any of the powers vested with the general assembly pursuant to chapter 536, RSMo, to review, to delay the effective date or to disapprove and annul a rule are subsequently held unconstitutional, then the grant of rulemaking authority and any rule proposed or adopted after August 28, 2002, shall be invalid and void.

191.630. As used in sections 191.630 and 191.631, the following terms mean:

(1) "Care provider", a person who is employed as an emergency medical care provider, firefighter, or police officer;

(2) "Contagious or infectious disease", hepatitis in any form and any other communicable disease as defined in section 192.800, RSMo, except AIDS or HIV infection as defined in section 191.650, determined to be life-threatening to a person exposed to the disease as established by rules adopted by the department, in accordance with guidelines of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention of the Department of Health and Human Services;

(3) "Department", the Missouri department of health and senior services;

(4) "Emergency medical care provider", a licensed or certified person trained to provide emergency and nonemergency medical care as a first responder, EMT-B, or EMT-P as defined in section 190.100, RSMo, or other certification or licensure levels adopted by rule of the department;

(5) "Exposure", a specific eye, mouth, other mucous membrane, nonintact skin, or

parenteral contact with blood or other potentially infectious materials that results from the performance of an employee's duties;

(6) "HIV", the same meaning as defined in section 191.650;

(7) "Hospital", the same meaning as defined in section 197.020, RSMo.

191.631. 1. (1) Notwithstanding any other law to the contrary, if a care provider sustains an exposure from a person while rendering emergency health care services, the person to whom the care provider was exposed is deemed to consent to a test to determine if the person has a contagious or infectious disease and is deemed to consent to notification of the care provider of the results of the test, upon submission of an exposure report by the care provider to the hospital where the person is delivered by the care provider.

(2) The hospital where the person is delivered shall conduct the test. The sample and test results shall only be identified by a number and shall not otherwise identify the person tested.

(3) A hospital shall have written policies and procedures for notification of a care provider pursuant to this section. The policies and procedures shall include designation of a representative of the care provider to whom notification shall be provided and who shall, in turn, notify the care provider. The identity of the designated representative of the care provider shall not be disclosed to the person tested. The designated representative shall inform the hospital of those parties who receive the notification, and following receipt of such information and upon request of the person tested, the hospital shall inform the person of the parties to whom notification was provided.

2. If a person tested is diagnosed or confirmed as having a contagious or infectious disease pursuant to this section, the hospital shall notify the care provider or the designated representative of the care provider who shall then notify the care provider.

3. The notification to the care provider shall advise the care provider of possible exposure to a particular contagious or infectious disease and recommend that the care provider seek medical attention. The notification shall be provided as soon as is reasonably possible following determination that the individual has a contagious or infectious disease. The notification shall not include the name of the person tested for the contagious or infectious disease unless the person consents. If the care provider who sustained an exposure determines the identity of the person diagnosed or confirmed as having a contagious or infectious disease, the identity of the person shall be confidential information and shall not be disclosed by the care provider to any other individual unless a specific written release obtained by the person diagnosed with or confirmed as having a contagious or infectious disease.

4. This section does not require or permit, unless otherwise provided, a hospital to administer a test for the express purpose of determining the presence of a contagious or infectious disease; except that testing may be performed if the person consents and if the

requirements of this section are satisfied.

5. This section does not preclude a hospital from providing notification to a care provider under circumstances in which the hospital's policy provides for notification of the hospital's own employees of exposure to a contagious or infectious disease that is not life-threatening if the notice does not reveal a patient's name, unless the patient consents.

6. A hospital participating in good faith in complying with the provisions of this section is immune from any liability, civil or criminal, which may otherwise be incurred or imposed.

7. A hospital's duty of notification pursuant to this section is not continuing but is limited to diagnosis of a contagious or infectious disease made in the course of admission, care, and treatment following the rendering of health care services to which notification pursuant to this section applies.

8. A hospital that performs a test in compliance with this section or that fails to perform a test authorized pursuant to this section is immune from any liability, civil or criminal, which may otherwise be incurred or imposed.

9. A hospital has no duty to perform the test authorized.

10. The department shall adopt rules to implement this section. The department may determine by rule the contagious or infectious diseases for which testing is reasonable and appropriate and which may be administered pursuant to this section. No rule or portion of a rule promulgated under the authority of this section shall become effective unless it has been promulgated pursuant to chapter 536, RSMo.

11. The employer of a care provider who sustained an exposure pursuant to this section shall pay the costs of testing for the person who is the source of the exposure and of the testing of the care provider if the exposure was sustained during the course of employment.

198.199. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the licensing or certification provisions of sections 198.003 to 198.186, shall not apply to any entity that:

(1) Has presented its operating model to the department of health and senior services or the department of social services before beginning operation;

(2) Has received a letter from the department confirming that no licensure or certification is required for such operating model;

(3) Continues to follow the model presented to the department; and

(4) Has received zoning or other governmental approval before April 20, 2001, for no more than two additional properties to be operated according to the previously approved model.

321.130. 1. A person, to be qualified to serve as a director, shall be a voter of the district at least two years [prior to his] before the election or appointment and be over the age of twenty-five years; except as provided in subsections 2 and 3 of this section. Nominations and declarations of candidacy shall be filed at the headquarters of the fire protection district by paying a ten dollar filing fee and filing a

statement under oath that such person possesses the required qualifications.

2. In any fire protection district located in more than one county one of which is a first class county without a charter form of government having a population of more than one hundred ninety-eight thousand and not adjoining any other first class county or located wholly within a first class county as described herein, a resident shall have been a resident of the district for more than one year to be qualified to serve as a director.

3. In any fire protection district located in a county of the third or fourth classification, a person to be qualified to serve as a director shall be over the age of twenty-five years and shall be a voter of the [county in which the] district [is located] for more than two years [prior to his] **before the** election or appointment, except that for the first board of directors in such district, a person need only be a voter of the [county in which the] district [is located] for one year [prior to his] **before the** election or appointment.

4. A person desiring to become a candidate for the first board of directors of the proposed district shall pay the sum of five dollars as a filing fee to the treasurer of the county and shall file with the election authority a statement under oath that [he] **such person** possesses all of the qualifications set out in this chapter for a director of a fire protection district. Thereafter, such candidate shall have [his] **the candidate's** name placed on the ballot as a candidate for director.

321.552. 1. Except in any county of the first classification with over two hundred thousand inhabitants, the governing body of any ambulance or fire protection district may impose a sales tax in an amount up to one-half of one percent on all retail sales made in such ambulance or fire protection district which are subject to taxation pursuant to the provisions of sections 144.010 to 144.525, RSMo, provided that such sales tax shall be accompanied by a reduction in the district's tax rate as defined in section 137.073, RSMo. The tax authorized by this section shall be in addition to any and all other sales taxes allowed by law, except that no sales tax imposed pursuant to the provisions of this section shall be effective unless the governing body of the ambulance or fire protection district submits to the voters of such ambulance or fire protection district, at a municipal or state general, primary or special election, a proposal to authorize the governing body of the ambulance or fire protection district to impose a tax pursuant to this section.

2. The ballot of submission shall contain, but need not be limited to, the following language:

"Shall (insert name of ambulance or fire protection district) impose a sales tax of (insert amount up to one-half) of one percent for the purpose of providing revenues for the operation of the (insert name of ambulance or fire protection district) and the total property tax levy on properties in the (insert name of the ambulance or fire protection district) shall be reduced annually by an amount which reduces property tax revenues by an amount equal to fifty percent of the previous year's revenue collected from this sales tax?"

G Yes

G No

If you are in favor of the question, place an "X" in the box opposite "Yes". If you are opposed to the question, place an "X" in the box opposite "No".

3. If a majority of the votes cast on the proposal by the qualified voters voting thereon are in favor of the proposal, then the sales tax authorized in this section shall be in effect and the governing body of the ambulance or fire protection district shall lower the level of its tax rate by an amount which reduces property tax revenues by an amount equal to fifty percent of the amount of sales tax collected in the preceding year. If a majority of the votes cast by the qualified voters voting are opposed to the proposal, then the governing body of the ambulance or fire protection district shall not impose the sales tax authorized in this section unless and until the governing body of such ambulance or fire protection district resubmits a proposal to authorize the governing body of the ambulance or fire protection district to impose the sales tax authorized by this section and such proposal is approved by a majority of the qualified voters voting thereon.

4. All revenue received by a district from the tax authorized pursuant to this section shall be deposited in a special trust fund, and be used solely for the purposes specified in the proposal submitted pursuant to this section for so long as the tax shall remain in effect.

5. All sales taxes collected by the director of revenue pursuant to this section, less one percent for cost of collection which shall be deposited in the state's general revenue fund after payment of premiums for surety bonds as provided in section 32.087, RSMo, shall be deposited in a special trust fund, which is hereby created, to be known as the "Ambulance or Fire Protection District Sales Tax Trust Fund". The moneys in the ambulance or fire protection district sales tax trust fund shall not be deemed to be state funds and shall not be commingled with any funds of the state. The director of revenue shall keep accurate records of the amount of money in the trust and the amount collected in each district imposing a sales tax pursuant to this section, and the records shall be open to inspection by officers of the county and to the public. Not later than the tenth day of each month the director of revenue shall distribute all moneys deposited in the trust fund during the preceding month to the governing body of the district which levied the tax; such funds shall be deposited with the board treasurer of each such district.

6. The director of revenue may authorize the state treasurer to make refunds from the amounts in the trust fund and credit any district for erroneous payments and overpayments made, and may redeem dishonored checks and drafts deposited to the credit of such district. If any district abolishes the tax, the district shall notify the director of revenue of the action at least ninety days prior to the effective date of the repeal and the director of revenue may order retention in the trust fund, for a period of one year, of two percent of the amount collected after receipt of such notice to cover possible refunds or overpayment of the tax and to redeem

dishonored checks and drafts deposited to the credit of such accounts. After one year has elapsed after the effective date of abolition of the tax in such district, the director of revenue shall remit the balance in the account to the district and close the account of that district. The director of revenue shall notify each district of each instance of any amount refunded or any check redeemed from receipts due the district.

7. Except as modified in this section, all provisions of sections 32.085 and 32.087, RSMo, shall apply to the tax imposed pursuant to this section.

321.554. 1. When the revenue from the ambulance or fire protection district sales tax is collected for distribution pursuant to section 321.552, the board of the ambulance or fire protection district, after determining its budget for the year pursuant to section 67.010, RSMo, and the rate of levy needed to produce the required revenue and after making any other adjustments to the levy that may be required by any other law, shall reduce the total operating levy of the district in an amount sufficient to decrease the revenue it would have received therefrom by an amount equal to fifty percent of the previous fiscal year's sales tax receipts. Loss of revenue, due to a decrease in the assessed valuation of real property located within the ambulance or fire protection district as a result of general reassessment, and from state-assessed railroad and utility distributable property based upon the previous fiscal year's receipts shall be considered in lowering the rate of levy to comply with this section in the year of general reassessment and in each subsequent year. In the event that in the immediately preceding year the ambulance or fire protection district actually received more or less sales tax revenue than estimated, the ambulance or fire protection district board may adjust its operating levy for the current year to reflect such increase or decrease. The director of revenue shall certify the amount payable from the ambulance or fire protection district sales tax trust fund to the general revenue fund to the state treasurer.

2. Except that, in the first year in which any sales tax is collected pursuant to section 321.552, the collector shall not reduce the tax rate as defined in section 137.073, RSMo.

3. In a year of general reassessment, as defined by section 137.073, RSMo, or assessment maintenance as defined by section 137.115, RSMo, in which an ambulance or fire protection district in reliance upon the information then available to it relating to the total assessed valuation of such ambulance or fire protection district revises its property tax levy pursuant to section 137.073 or 137.115, RSMo, and it is subsequently determined by decisions of the state tax commission or a court pursuant to sections 138.430 to 138.433, RSMo, or due to clerical errors or corrections in the calculation or recordation of assessed valuations that the assessed valuation of such ambulance or fire protection district has been changed, and but for such change the ambulance or fire protection district would have adopted a different levy on the date of its original action, then the ambulance or fire protection district may adjust its levy to an

amount to reflect such change in assessed valuation, including, if necessary, a change in the levy reduction required by this section to the amount it would have levied had the correct assessed valuation been known to it on the date of its original action, provided:

(1) The ambulance or fire protection district first levies the maximum levy allowed without a vote of the people by article X, section 11(b) of the constitution; and

(2) The ambulance or fire protection district first adopts the tax rate ceiling otherwise authorized by other laws of this state; and

(3) The levy adjustment or reduction may include a one-time correction to recoup lost revenues the ambulance or fire protection district was entitled to receive during the prior year.

321.556. 1. The governing body of any ambulance or fire protection district, when presented with a petition signed by at least twenty percent of the registered voters in the ambulance or fire protection district that voted in the last gubernatorial election, calling for an election to repeal the tax pursuant to section 321.552, shall submit the question to the voters using the same procedure by which the imposition of the tax was voted. The ballot of submission shall be in substantially the following form:

"Shall (insert name of ambulance or fire protection district) repeal the (insert amount up to one-half) of one percent sales tax now in effect in the (insert name of ambulance or fire protection district) and reestablish the property tax levy in the district to the rate in existence prior to the enactment of the sales tax?"

G Yes

G No

If you are in favor of the question, place an "X" in the box opposite "Yes". If you are opposed to the question, place an "X" in the box opposite "No".

2. If a majority of the votes cast on the proposal by the qualified voters of the district voting thereon are in favor of repeal, that repeal shall become effective December thirty-first of the calendar year in which such repeal was approved.

650.390. As used in sections 650.390 to 650.411, the following words and terms mean:

(1) "Board of commissioners", a board appointed by the chief executive officer of the governing body within a service area for the purpose of administering a county emergency communications system. No board of commissioners established pursuant to sections 650.390 to 650.411 shall have jurisdiction over local emergency or police dispatching agencies;

(2) "County", any county with a charter form of government and with more than one million inhabitants;

(3) "Emergency communications system", a wireless radio communication network, including infrastructure hardware and software, providing communications links that permit participating governmental or public safety entities to communicate within the area served by

such system which is coterminous with the geographic boundaries of the county in which the emergency communications system is situated;

(4) "Governing body", the legislative body of any county with a charter form of government and with more than one million inhabitants.

650.393. 1. The governing body of a county may establish an emergency communications system commission within the geographical boundaries of such county. Each such commission shall be composed of seven commissioners appointed by the chief executive officer of the county in which the commission is established.

2. The commission shall include a chief of police of a municipality located within the county, the chief of the police or the sheriff of the county, a chief of a municipal fire department located within the county, a chief of a fire protection district located within the county, and three at-large commissioners, who shall be residents of the county, all subject to the confirmation of the governing body of the county. Where applicable, the member who is a municipal chief of police shall be chosen from those persons nominated by a local police chiefs association. The members who are chiefs of either a municipal fire department or a fire protection district shall be chosen from those persons nominated by a local fire chiefs association. One at-large commissioner shall be chosen from those persons nominated by a local municipal league or organization. At least two of the at-large commissioners shall be persons who are not employed by a fire department or district, a police or sheriff's department, or any emergency medical system, or who are not elected or appointed officials of a political subdivision of the state or are not employed by the state of Missouri.

3. The terms of office of the commissioner who is a chief of police or sheriff of the county shall be coterminous with such person's term of office as chief of police or sheriff. At the first meeting of the commission, the other commissioners shall choose the length of their terms, with two commissioners serving for two years, three commissioners serving for three years and one commissioner serving for four years. All succeeding commissioners shall serve for five years. Terms shall end on December thirty-first of the respective year. No commissioner shall serve for more than two consecutive full terms. A commissioner who is not an at-large commissioner shall remain in office only so long as he or she retains office with the department or district that such commissioner served at the time such person was appointed to the board of commissioners. Vacancies on the board of commissioners shall be filled by persons appointed by the chief executive officer of the county in the same manner by which the commissioner whose office is vacant was first appointed.

650.396. A county in which an emergency communications system commission has been established may, by a majority vote of the qualified voters voting thereon, levy and collect either a tax on the taxable real property in the district, not to exceed six cents per one hundred dollars

of assessed valuation or a sales tax not to exceed one-tenth of one percent, to accomplish any of the following purposes:

(1) The provision of necessary funds to establish, operate and maintain an emergency communications system to serve the county in which the commission is located; and

(2) The provision of funds to supplement existing funds for the operation and maintenance of an existing emergency communications system in the county in which the commission is located.

650.399. 1. The board of commissioners may, by a majority vote of its members, request that the governing body of the county submit to the qualified voters of such county at a general, primary or special election either of the questions contained in subsection 2 of this section. The governing body may approve or deny such request. The governing body may also vote to submit such question without a request of the board of commissioners. The county election official shall give legal notice of the election pursuant to chapter 115, RSMo.

2. The questions shall be put in substantially the following form:

(1) "Shall (name of county) establish an emergency communications system fund to establish (and/or) maintain an emergency communications system, and for which the county shall levy a tax of (insert exact amount, not to exceed six cents) per each one hundred dollars assessed valuation therefor, to be paid into the fund for that purpose?"

G YES

G NO; or

(2) "Shall (name of county) establish an emergency communications system fund to establish (and/or) maintain an emergency communications system, and for which the county shall levy a sales tax of (insert exact amount, not to exceed one-tenth of one percent), to be paid into the fund for that purpose?"

G YES

G NO

3. The election shall be conducted and vote canvassed in the same manner as other county elections. If the majority of the qualified voters voting thereon vote in favor of such tax, then the county shall levy such tax in the specified amount, beginning in the tax year immediately following its approval. The tax so levied shall be collected along with other county taxes in the manner provided by law. If the majority of the qualified voters voting thereon vote against such tax, then such tax shall not be imposed unless such tax is resubmitted to the voters and a majority of the qualified voters voting thereon approve such tax.

650.402. All funds collected from any tax approved pursuant to section 650.399 shall be deposited in a special county fund, to be designated the "Emergency Communications System Fund". The fund shall be held and managed in the same manner as all other funds of such county. The fund shall be administered by the board of commissioners to accomplish the purposes set out in sections 650.396, 650.405 and 650.411, and shall be used for no other purpose.

650.405. The board of commissioners shall have the following powers and responsibilities:

(1) To supervise and administer, within the acquisition and purchasing procedures of the county, the building, acquisitions by purchase or otherwise, construction and operation of an emergency communications system for the county in which the commission is located;

(2) To administratively control and manage the emergency communications system;

(3) To negotiate and recommend to the governing body that the county contract with such companies or other business or governmental entities, which in the opinion of the board of commissioners are necessary to provide equipment, material and professional services to establish, construct and maintain an emergency communications system and conduct the business of the commission;

(4) To promulgate an annual report of the financial condition and operation of the commission and the emergency communications system;

(5) To recommend to the governing body that the county purchase or acquire by gift such real estate and equipment and materials necessary to accomplish the purposes of the commission and the emergency communications system; and

(6) To adopt such bylaws, rules and regulations as in the opinion of the board of commissioners shall best serve the purpose of the commission.

650.408. 1. The funds necessary for payment of any obligation of the county in connection with the establishment, operation and maintenance of the emergency communications system may be paid by the county out of the fund established pursuant to section 650.402, or from bonds issued pursuant to this section.

2. For the purpose of supporting the operation and other purposes of the commission and the emergency communications system, the county may issue bonds for and on behalf of the county, payable out of funds derived from the sales tax authorized in sections 650.396 and 650.399 or from taxation of all taxable real property in the county, up to an amount not exceeding six percent of the assessed valuation of such property, with such evaluation to be ascertained by the assessment immediately prior to the most recent assessment for state and county purposes, or from revenue generated from any other tax or fee authorized and approved by the voters pursuant to section 650.399. Such bonds shall be issued in denominations of one hundred dollars, or some multiple thereof, and the provisions of section 108.170, RSMo, to the contrary notwithstanding, such bonds may bear interest at a rate determined by the emergency communications system commissioners, payable semiannually, to become payable no later than twenty years after the date of the bonds.

3. Whenever the board of commissioners of any such emergency communications district proposes to issue bonds pursuant to subdivision (3) of subsection 2 of this section, they shall submit the question to the voters in the district pursuant to this section. The notice for any such

election shall, in addition to the requirements of chapter 115, RSMo, state the amount of bonds to be issued.

4. The question shall be submitted in substantially the following form:

"Shall County issue bonds in the amount of dollars, the purpose of which are to support the construction, repair and maintenance of the Emergency Communications System?"

G YES

G NO

5. The result of the election on the question shall be entered upon the records of the county. If it shall appear that four-sevenths of the voters voting on the question shall have voted in favor of the issue of the bonds, the commissioners shall order and direct the execution of the bonds for and on behalf of such county and the commission. If the general law of the state is such that an amount other than a four-sevenths majority is required on ballot measures of such type, the amount set by the general law of the state shall control.

6. The county shall not sell such bonds for less than ninety-five percent of the par value thereof, and the proceeds shall be paid over to the county treasurer, and disbursed on warrants drawn by the president or vice president of the board of commissioners and attested by the secretary. The proceeds of the sale of such bonds shall be used for the purpose only of paying the cost of holding such election, and constructing, repairing and maintaining the emergency communications system and its appurtenances.

7. Such bonds shall be payable and collectible only out of moneys derived from tax revenues authorized by section 650.399, from the sale of such bonds or from interest that may accrue on funds so derived while on deposit with any county depository. The county treasurer shall hold in reserve, for payment of interest on such bonds, a sufficient amount of the money so derived that may come into his or her hands in excess of the amount then necessary to pay all bonds and interest then past due, to pay all interest that will become payable before the next installment of such special tax becomes payable, and three percent of the principal amount of the bonds not then due. The county treasurer shall, whenever any of the bonds or interest thereon become due, apply such money as may be in his or her custody and applicable thereto, or that may thereafter come into his or her custody and be applicable thereto, to payment of such bonds and interest as may be due and unpaid.

8. All money derived from the tax authorized pursuant to section 650.399 shall be used in paying the bonds and the interest thereon, except that the money that may be collected pursuant to such tax in excess of the amount necessary to pay all bonds then past due and such bonds and interest as will become payable before another assessment of such tax becomes payable may, less an amount equal to three percent of the principal amount of the bonds not then due, be used for the purposes authorized in section 650.411.

9. The county treasurer shall, as such bonds are sold, deliver them to the purchaser upon being ordered to do so by the commissioners. The county treasurer shall cancel bonds as such bonds are paid, and shall deliver them to the clerk of the county.

650.411. All money derived from the sale of bonds pursuant to section 650.408 except such portion as is required to be reserved pursuant to subsections 7 and 8 of section 650.408, all money collected on any tax authorized according to section 650.399 and all interest that may accrue on moneys so derived while deposited with any county depository and not required to be used in paying such bonds or interest thereon, shall be used, and warrants drawn on the treasurer therefor, to pay:

(1) The cost and expenses incurred by the county maintaining any real or personal property used in the operation of the emergency communications system; and

(2) Such working, administrative and incidental expenses, not otherwise provided by law, as may be incurred in operating such emergency communications system.

[190.044. 1. No taxpayer shall be required to pay property taxes for ground ambulance service to both an ambulance district and a fire protection district or two ambulance districts which operate a ground ambulance service, unless reaffirmed and authorized pursuant to this section. In the event that a taxpayer in a third class county is paying taxes to both entities to provide ground ambulance service, any taxpayer residing in the area subject to the double tax may file a petition with the county clerk in which the area, or greatest part thereof, is situated requesting that the double tax be eliminated and that the area only pay a tax to one entity.

2. Upon receipt of such petition, the county clerk shall determine the area taxed by two such entities and place the question before the voters of such area at the next state or municipal election. The petition shall request that the following question be submitted to the voters residing within the geographic limits of the area:

The (description of area) is currently paying a tax to provide ambulance service to the (name of entity created first) and the (name of entity created second).

As a result, choose only one of the following districts to provide ambulance service and taxation:

..... (name of entity created first)

..... (name of entity created second).

3. The entity receiving the most votes shall be declared as the single taxing entity for the area in question. The taxpayers within the area shall thereafter only pay one tax to the single taxing entity following a three-year period, over which the tax rate levied and collected shall be decreased by one-third each year until such tax is no longer levied or collected by the entity not chosen to provide service.

4. All costs incurred by the county clerk as a result of this section, including election costs, shall be paid by the entity not chosen to provide service.

5. The boundaries and service area of the entities providing ambulance service will reflect the change as determined by the election.]

Section B. Because immediate action is necessary to provide for adequate retirement allowances of certain emergency personnel and their surviving spouses, the enactment of sections 87.231 and 87.238 of section A of this act is deemed necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health, welfare,

peace, and safety, and is hereby declared to be an emergency act within the meaning of the constitution, and the enactment of sections 87.231 and 87.238 of section A of this act shall be in full force and effect upon its passage and approval.

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