

SENATE AMENDMENT NO. _____

Offered by _____ Of _____

Amend SS/Senate Bill No. 107, Page 2, Section 190.053, Lines 39-45,

2 by striking all of said lines and inserting in lieu thereof
3 the following:

4 "3. Any ambulance district board member who fails to
5 complete the initial training and continuing education
6 requirements on or before the anniversary date of the
7 member's election or appointment as required under this
8 section shall immediately be disqualified from office. Upon
9 such disqualification, the member's position shall be deemed
10 vacant without further process or declaration. The vacancy
11 shall be filled in the manner provided for in section
12 190.052."; and further amend line 45, by inserting after all
13 of said line the following:

14 "190.076. In addition to the annual audit required
15 under section 190.075, each ambulance district shall, at
16 least once every three years, arrange for a certified public
17 accountant or a firm of certified public accountants to
18 audit the records and accounts of the district. The audit
19 shall be made freely available to the public on the
20 district's website or by other electronic means.

21 190.098. 1. As used in this section, the term
22 "community paramedic services" shall mean services provided
23 by any entity that employs licensed paramedics who are
24 certified by the department as community paramedics for
25 services that are:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

58 **[3.]** 4. (1) Any ambulance service shall enter into a
59 written contract to provide community paramedic services in
60 another ambulance service area, as that term is defined in
61 section 190.100. The contract that is agreed upon may be
62 for an indefinite period of time, as long as it includes at
63 least a sixty-day cancellation notice by either ambulance
64 service.

65 (2) Any ambulance service that seeks to provide
66 community paramedic services outside of the ambulance
67 service's service area:

68 (a) Shall have a memorandum of understanding regarding
69 the provision of such services with the ambulance service in
70 that service area if that ambulance service is already
71 providing community paramedic services; or

72 (b) Shall not be required to have a memorandum of
73 understanding with the ambulance service in that service
74 area if that ambulance service is not already providing
75 community paramedic services, provided that the ambulance
76 service seeking to provide such services shall provide
77 notification to the other ambulance service of the community
78 paramedic services to be provided.

79 (3) Any emergency medical response agency that seeks
80 to provide community paramedic services within its
81 designated response service area may do so if the ground
82 ambulance service area within which the emergency medical
83 response agency operates does not already provide such
84 services. If the ground ambulance service does provide
85 community paramedic services, the ground ambulance service
86 may enter into a memorandum of understanding with the
87 emergency medical response agency in order to coordinate
88 programs and avoid service duplication. If the emergency
89 medical response agency provides community paramedic
90 services in the ground ambulance service's service area

91 prior to the provision of such services by the ground
92 ambulance service, the emergency medical response agency and
93 the ground ambulance service shall enter into a memorandum
94 of understanding for the coordination of services.

95 (4) Any community paramedic program shall notify the
96 appropriate local ambulance service when providing services
97 within the service area of an ambulance service.

98 (5) The department shall promulgate rules and
99 regulations for the purpose of identifying the community
100 paramedic services entities that have met the standards
101 necessary to provide community paramedic services including,
102 but not limited to, physician medical oversight, training,
103 patient record retention, formal relationships with primary
104 care services as needed, and quality improvement policies.
105 Community paramedic services entities shall be certified by
106 the department. Any such certification shall allow the
107 entity to provide community paramedic services for a period
108 of five years.

109 **[4.]** 5. A community paramedic is subject to the
110 provisions of sections 190.001 to 190.245 and rules
111 promulgated under sections 190.001 to 190.245.

112 **[5.]** 6. No person shall hold himself or herself out as
113 a community paramedic or provide the services of a community
114 paramedic unless such person is certified by the department.

115 **[6.]** 7. The medical director shall approve the
116 implementation of the community paramedic program.

117 **[7.]** 8. Any rule or portion of a rule, as that term is
118 defined in section 536.010, that is created under the
119 authority delegated in this section shall become effective
120 only if it complies with and is subject to all of the
121 provisions of chapter 536 and, if applicable, section
122 536.028. This section and chapter 536 are nonseverable and
123 if any of the powers vested with the general assembly

pursuant to chapter 536 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, 2013, shall be invalid and void.

190.101. 1. There is hereby established a "State Advisory Council on Emergency Medical Services" which shall consist of ~~[sixteen]~~ no more than twenty-three members, one of which shall be ~~[a resident]~~ the chief paramedic 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]~~ in accordance with subsection 2 of this section and shall serve terms of four years. The ~~[governor shall designate one of the members as chairperson]~~ council members shall annually select a chairperson, along with other officers as the council deems necessary. The chairperson may appoint subcommittees that include noncouncil members.

2. Council members shall be appointed as follows:

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

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

(b) The statewide professional association representing emergency medical technicians and paramedics;

(c) The statewide professional association representing ambulance districts;

(d) The statewide professional association representing fire chiefs;

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

(f) The statewide professional association representing firefighters;

157 (g) The statewide professional association
158 representing emergency nurses;

159 (h) The statewide professional association
160 representing the air ambulance industry;

161 (i) The statewide professional association
162 representing emergency medicine physicians;

163 (j) The statewide association representing hospitals;
164 and

165 (k) The statewide association representing pediatric
166 emergency professionals;

167 (2) The director of health and senior services shall
168 appoint a member to the council with a background in mobile
169 integrated health care-community paramedicine (MIH-CP);

170 (3) Each regional EMS advisory committee shall appoint
171 one member; and

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

174 3. The state EMS medical directors advisory committee
175 and the regional EMS advisory committees will be recognized
176 as subcommittees of the state advisory council on emergency
177 medical services.

178 [3.] 4. The council shall have geographical
179 representation and representation from appropriate areas of
180 expertise in emergency medical services including
181 volunteers, professional organizations involved in emergency
182 medical services, EMT's, paramedics, nurses, firefighters,
183 physicians, ambulance service administrators, hospital
184 administrators and other health care providers concerned
185 with emergency medical services. [The regional EMS advisory
186 committees shall serve as a resource for the identification
187 of potential members of the state advisory council on
188 emergency medical services.

189 **4.] 5.** The state EMS medical director, as described
190 under section 190.103, shall serve as an ex officio member
191 of the council.

192 **[5.] 6.** The members of the council and subcommittees
193 shall serve without compensation except that members of the
194 council shall, subject to appropriations, be reimbursed for
195 reasonable travel expenses and meeting expenses related to
196 the functions of the council.

197 **[6.] 7.** The purpose of the council is to make
198 recommendations to the governor, the general assembly, and
199 the department on policies, plans, procedures and proposed
200 regulations on how to improve the statewide emergency
201 medical services system. The council shall advise the
202 governor, the general assembly, and the department on all
203 aspects of the emergency medical services system.

204 **[7.] 8.** (1) There is hereby established a standing
205 subcommittee of the council to monitor the implementation of
206 the recognition of the EMS personnel licensure interstate
207 compact under sections 190.900 to 190.939, the interstate
208 commission for EMS personnel practice, and the involvement
209 of the state of Missouri. The subcommittee shall meet at
210 least biannually and receive reports from the Missouri
211 delegate to the interstate commission for EMS personnel
212 practice. The subcommittee shall consist of at least seven
213 members appointed by the chair of the council, to include at
214 least two members as recommended by the Missouri state
215 council of firefighters and one member as recommended by the
216 Missouri Association of Fire Chiefs. The subcommittee may
217 submit reports and recommendations to the council, the
218 department of health and senior services, the general
219 assembly, and the governor regarding the participation of
220 Missouri with the recognition of the EMS personnel licensure
221 interstate compact.

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

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

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

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:

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

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

292 (3) Will maintain or improve the public health and
293 promote the continued development of the regional emergency
294 medical service system;

295 (4) Has demonstrated the appropriate expertise in the
296 operation of ambulance services; and

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

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

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

317 6. The department shall promulgate rules relating to
318 the requirements for a ground ambulance service license
319 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;
- (12) Participation with regional EMS advisory committees; and
- (13) Ambulance service administrator qualifications.

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.

190.112. 1. Each ambulance service licensed under this chapter shall identify to the department an individual as the ambulance service administrator, who shall be responsible for the operations and staffing of the ambulance service.

2. Any individual identified as the ambulance service administrator under subsection 1 of this section shall be

353 required to have achieved basic training of at least forty
354 hours regarding the operations of an ambulance service and
355 to complete two hours of annual continuing education to
356 maintain the individual's status as the ambulance service
357 administrator.

358 3. The training required under this section shall be
359 offered by a statewide association organized for the benefit
360 of ambulance districts or be approved by the state advisory
361 council on emergency medical services. Such training shall
362 include information on:

363 (1) Basic principles of accounting and economics;

364 (2) State and federal laws applicable to ambulance
365 services;

366 (3) Regulatory requirements applicable to ambulance
367 services;

368 (4) Human resources management and laws;

369 (5) Grant writing, contracts, and fundraising;

370 (6) The state sunshine law requirements under chapter
371 610 and state ethics laws; and

372 (7) Volunteer and community involvement.

373 4. Any individual serving as an ambulance service
374 administrator as of August 28, 2025, shall have until
375 January 1, 2027, to demonstrate compliance with the
376 provisions of this section.

377 190.166. 1. In addition to the provisions of section
378 190.165, the department of health and senior services may
379 refuse to issue, deny renewal of, or suspend a license
380 required under section 190.109, or take other corrective
381 actions as described in this section, based on the following
382 considerations:

383 (1) The license holder is determined to be financially
384 insolvent;

385 (2) The ambulance service has inadequate personnel to
386 operate the ambulance service to provide basic emergency
387 operations. The ambulance service shall not be deemed to
388 have such inadequate personnel as long as the ambulance
389 service is staffed to meet the needs of its emergency call
390 volume. Each ambulance service shall have the ability to
391 staff a minimum of one ambulance unit twenty-four hours each
392 day, seven days each week, with at least two licensed
393 emergency medical technicians. Any ambulance service
394 operating only one ambulance unit shall have a reasonable
395 plan and schedule for the services of a second ambulance
396 unit;

397 (3) The ambulance service requires an inordinate
398 amount of mutual aid from neighboring services, such as more
399 than ten percent of the total runs in the service area in
400 any given month or more than would be considered prudent,
401 and thus cannot provide an appropriate level of emergency
402 response for the service area as would be considered prudent
403 by the typical ground ambulance services operator;

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

407 (5) The license holder or principal manager, board
408 members, or other executives are determined by the Centers
409 for Medicare and Medicaid Services to be ineligible for
410 participation in Medicare;

411 (6) The license holder or principal manager, board
412 members, or other executives are determined by the MO
413 HealthNet division to be ineligible for participation in MO
414 HealthNet;

415 (7) The ambulance service administrator has failed to
416 meet the required qualifications or failed to complete the
417 training required under section 190.112; or

418 (8) If the ambulance service is an ambulance district,
419 three or more board members have failed to complete required
420 training under section 190.053.

421 2. If the department makes a determination of
422 insolvency or insufficiency of operations of a license
423 holder under subsection 1 of this section, the department
424 may require the license holder to submit a corrective plan
425 within fifteen days and require implementation of the
426 corrective plan within thirty days.

427 3. The department shall be required to provide notice
428 of any determination by the department of insolvency or
429 insufficiency of operations of a license holder to other
430 license holders operating in the license holder's vicinity,
431 members of the general assembly who represent the license
432 holder's service area, the governing officials of any county
433 or municipal entity in the license holder's service area,
434 the appropriate regional emergency medical services advisory
435 committee, and the state advisory council on emergency
436 medical services.

437 4. The department shall immediately engage with other
438 license holders in the area to determine the extent to which
439 ground ambulance service may be provided to the affected
440 service area during the time in which the license holder is
441 unable to provide adequate services, including any long-term
442 service arrangements. The nature of the agreement between
443 the license holder and other license holders providing
444 services to the affected area may include an agreement to
445 provide services, a joint powers agreement, formal
446 consideration, or some payment for services rendered.

447 5. Any license holder who provides assistance in the
448 service area of another license holder whose license has
449 been suspended under this section shall have the right to
450 seek reasonable compensation from the license holder whose

license to operate has been suspended for all calls, stand-
by time, and responses to medical emergencies during such
time as the license remains suspended. The reasonable
compensation shall not be limited to those expenses incurred
in actual responses but may also include reasonable expenses
to maintain ambulance service including, but not limited to,
the daily operation costs of maintaining the service,
personnel wages and benefits, equipment purchases and
maintenance, and other costs incurred in the operation of a
ground ambulance service. The license holder providing
assistance shall be entitled to an award of costs and
reasonable attorney's fees in any action to enforce the
provisions of this subsection."; and

Further amend the title and enacting clause accordingly.