

# SENATE AMENDMENT NO. \_\_\_\_\_

Offered by \_\_\_\_\_ Of \_\_\_\_\_

Amend SS/SCS/Senate Bill No. 271, Page 5, Section 144.757, Line 116,

2 by inserting after all of said line the following:

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

12 (1) Information relating to the roles and duties of an  
13 ambulance district director;

14 (2) A review of all state statutes and regulations  
15 relevant to ambulance districts;

16 (3) State ethics laws;

17 (4) State sunshine laws, chapter 610;

18 (5) Financial and fiduciary responsibility;

19 (6) State laws relating to the setting of tax rates;

20 and

21 (7) State laws relating to revenue limitations.

22 2. [If any ambulance district board member fails to  
23 attend a training session within twelve months after taking  
24 office, the board member shall not be compensated for  
25 attendance at meetings thereafter until the board member has  
26 completed such training session. If any ambulance district

board member fails to attend a training session within twelve months of taking office regardless of whether the board member received an attendance fee for a training session, the board member shall be ineligible to run for reelection for another term of office until the board member satisfies the training requirement of this section; however, this requirement shall only apply to board members elected after August 28, 2022] All members of the board of directors of an ambulance district shall complete three hours of continuing education for each term of office. The continuing education shall be offered by a statewide association organized for the benefit of ambulance districts or be approved by the state advisory council on emergency medical services.

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

190.076. Each ambulance district shall arrange for an audit of the records and accounts of the district at least every three years by a certified public accountant or firm of certified public accountants. The audit shall be made available to the public on the district's website or otherwise freely available by other electronic means."; and

Further amend said bill, page 8, section 190.101, line 114, by inserting after all of said line the following:

"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.

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

70           3. The department shall issue a new ground ambulance  
71 service license to an ambulance service that is not  
72 currently licensed by the department, or is currently  
73 licensed by the department and is seeking to expand its  
74 ambulance service area, except as provided in subsection 4  
75 of this section, to be valid for a period of five years,  
76 unless suspended, revoked or terminated, when the director  
77 finds that the applicant meets the requirements of ambulance  
78 service licensure established pursuant to sections 190.100  
79 to 190.245 and the rules adopted by the department pursuant  
80 to sections 190.001 to 190.245. In order to be considered  
81 for a new ambulance service license, an ambulance service  
82 shall submit to the department a letter of endorsement from  
83 each ambulance district or fire protection district that is  
84 authorized to provide ambulance service, or from each  
85 municipality not within an ambulance district or fire  
86 protection district that is authorized to provide ambulance  
87 service, in which the ambulance service proposes to  
88 operate. If an ambulance service proposes to operate in  
89 unincorporated portions of a county not within an ambulance  
90 district or fire protection district that is authorized to  
91 provide ambulance service, in order to be considered for a  
92 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.

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

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

- 133           (1) Vehicle design, specification, operation and  
134 maintenance standards;
- 135           (2) Equipment requirements;
- 136           (3) Staffing requirements;
- 137           (4) Five-year license renewal;
- 138           (5) Records and forms;
- 139           (6) Medical control plans;
- 140           (7) Medical director qualifications;
- 141           (8) Standards for medical communications;
- 142           (9) Memorandums of understanding with emergency  
143 medical response agencies that provide advanced life support;
- 144           (10) Quality improvement committees; **[and]**
- 145           (11) Response time, patient care and transportation  
146 standards;
- 147           (12) Participation with regional emergency medical  
148 services advisory committees; and
- 149           (13) Ambulance service administrator qualifications.

150           7. Application for a ground ambulance service license  
151 shall be made upon such forms as prescribed by the  
152 department in rules adopted pursuant to sections 190.001 to  
153 190.245. The application form shall contain such  
154 information as the department deems necessary to make a  
155 determination as to whether the ground ambulance service  
156 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 the individual serving as the ambulance service administrator who is responsible for the operations and staffing of the ambulance service. The ambulance service administrator shall be required to have achieved basic training of at least forty hours regarding the operations of an ambulance service and two hours of annual continuing education. The training required under this section shall be offered by a statewide association organized for the benefit of ambulance districts or be approved by the state advisory council on emergency medical services and shall include the following:

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

2. Ambulance service administrators serving in this capacity as of August 28, 2025, shall have until January 1, 2026, to demonstrate compliance with the provisions of this section.

190.166. 1. In addition to the provisions of section 190.165, the department of health and senior services may refuse to issue, deny renewal of, or suspend a license required pursuant to section 190.109, or take other

corrective actions as described in this section, based on the following considerations:

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

(2) The ambulance service has inadequate personnel to operate the ambulance service to provide basic emergency operations. The ambulance service shall not be deemed to have such inadequate personnel as long as the ambulance service staffs to meet the needs of its emergency call volume. Smaller ambulance services shall have the ability to staff a minimum of one ambulance unit twenty-four hours each day, seven days each week, with at least two licensed emergency medical technicians, and have a reasonable plan and schedule for the services of a second ambulance unit;

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

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

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

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

221       (7) The ambulance service administrator has failed to  
222 meet the required qualifications or failed to complete the  
223 training required pursuant to section 190.112; and

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

227       2. If the department makes a determination of  
228 insolvency or insufficiency of operations of a license  
229 holder under subsection 1 of this section, then the  
230 department may require the license holder to submit a  
231 corrective plan within fifteen days and require  
232 implementation of the corrective plan within thirty days.

233       3. The department shall be required to provide notice  
234 of any determination by the department of insolvency or  
235 insufficiency of operations of a license holder to other  
236 license holders operating in the license holder's vicinity,  
237 members of the general assembly who represent the license  
238 holder's service area, the governing officials of any county  
239 or municipal entity in the license holder's service area,  
240 the appropriate regional emergency medical services advisory  
241 committee, and the state advisory council on emergency  
242 medical services.

243       4. The department shall immediately engage with other  
244 license holders in the area to determine the extent to which  
245 ground ambulance service may be provided to the affected  
246 service area during the time in which the license holder is  
247 unable to provide adequate services, including any long-term  
248 service arrangements. The nature of the agreement between  
249 the license holder and other license holders providing  
250 services to the affected area may include an agreement to  
251 provide services, a joint powers agreement, formal  
252 consideration, or some payment for services rendered.



253        5. Any license holder who provides assistance in the  
254 service area of another license holder whose license has  
255 been suspended under this section shall have the right to  
256 seek reasonable compensation from the license holder whose  
257 license to operate has been suspended for all calls, stand-  
258 by time, and responses to medical emergencies during such  
259 time as the license remains suspended. The reasonable  
260 compensation shall not be limited to those expenses incurred  
261 in actual responses, but may also include reasonable  
262 expenses to maintain ambulance service, including, but not  
263 limited to, the daily operation costs of maintaining the  
264 service, personnel wages and benefits, equipment purchases  
265 and maintenance, and other costs incurred in the operation  
266 of a ground ambulance service. The license holder providing  
267 assistance shall be entitled to an award of costs and  
268 reasonable attorney fees in any action to enforce the  
269 provisions of this subsection.

270        197.135. 1. Beginning January 1, 2023, or no later  
271 than six months after the establishment of the statewide  
272 telehealth network under section 192.2520, whichever is  
273 later, any hospital licensed under this chapter shall  
274 perform a forensic examination using an evidentiary  
275 collection kit upon the request and consent of the victim of  
276 a sexual offense, or the victim's guardian, when the victim  
277 is at least fourteen years of age. In the case of minor  
278 consent, the provisions of subsection 2 of section 595.220  
279 shall apply. Victims under fourteen years of age shall be  
280 referred, and victims fourteen years of age or older but  
281 less than eighteen years of age may be referred, to a SAFE  
282 CARE provider, as such term is defined in section 334.950,  
283 for medical or forensic evaluation and case review. Nothing  
284 in this section shall be interpreted to preclude a hospital  
285 from performing a forensic examination for a victim under

286 fourteen years of age upon the request and consent of the  
287 victim or victim's guardian, subject to the provisions of  
288 section 595.220 and the rules promulgated by the department  
289 of public safety.

290 2. (1) An appropriate medical provider, as such term  
291 is defined in section 595.220, shall perform the forensic  
292 examination of a victim of a sexual offense. The hospital  
293 shall ensure that any provider performing the examination  
294 has received training conducting such examinations that is,  
295 at a minimum, equivalent to the training offered by the  
296 statewide telehealth network under subsection 4 of section  
297 192.2520. Nothing in this section shall require providers  
298 to utilize the training offered by the statewide telehealth  
299 network, as long as the training utilized is, at a minimum,  
300 equivalent to the training offered by the statewide  
301 telehealth network.

302 (2) If the provider is not a sexual assault nurse  
303 examiner (SANE), or another similarly trained physician or  
304 nurse, then the hospital shall utilize telehealth services  
305 during the examination, such as those provided by the  
306 statewide telehealth network, to provide guidance and  
307 support through a SANE, or other similarly trained physician  
308 or nurse, who may observe the live forensic examination and  
309 who shall communicate with and support the onsite provider  
310 with the examination, forensic evidence collection, and  
311 proper transmission and storage of the examination evidence.

312 3. The department of health and senior services may  
313 issue a waiver of the telehealth requirements of subsection  
314 2 of this section if the hospital demonstrates to the  
315 department, in writing, a technological hardship in  
316 accessing telehealth services or a lack of access to  
317 adequate broadband services sufficient to access telehealth  
318 services. Such waivers shall be granted sparingly and for

no more than a year in length at a time, with the opportunity for renewal at the department's discretion.

4. The department shall waive the requirements of this section if the statewide telehealth network established under section 192.2520 ceases operation, the director of the department of health and senior services has provided written notice to hospitals licensed under this chapter that the network has ceased operation, and the hospital cannot, in good faith, comply with the requirements of this section without assistance or resources of the statewide telehealth network. Such waiver shall remain in effect until such time as the statewide telehealth network resumes operation or until the hospital is able to demonstrate compliance with the provisions of this section without the assistance or resources of the statewide telehealth network.

5. The provisions of section 595.220 shall apply to the reimbursement of the reasonable costs of the examinations and the provision of the evidentiary collection kits.

6. No individual hospital shall be required to comply with the provisions of this section and section 192.2520 unless and until the department provides such hospital with access to the statewide telehealth network for the purposes of mentoring and training services required under section 192.2520 without charge to the hospital.

7. A specialty hospital shall be considered exempt from the provisions of this section and section 192.2520 if such hospital has a policy for the transfer of a victim of a sexual offense to an appropriate hospital with an emergency department. As used in this section, "specialty hospital" shall mean a hospital licensed under this chapter and designated by the department as something other than a general acute care hospital."; and

352 Further amend said bill, page 20, section 321.556, line  
353 40, by inserting after all of said line the following:

354 "537.038. Any person may, without compensation, render  
355 emergency care or assistance at the scene of an emergency or  
356 accident and shall not be liable for any civil damages for  
357 acts or omissions other than damages occasioned by gross  
358 negligence or by willful or wanton acts or omissions by such  
359 person in rendering such emergency care."; and

360 Further amend the title and enacting clause accordingly.