

HOUSE BILL No. 2509

By Committee on Vision 2020

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1 AN ACT concerning emergency medical services; amending K.S.A. 2013
2 Supp. 65-6102, 65-6111, 65-6112, 65-6119, 65-6120, 65-6121, 65-
3 6129c, 65-6133, 65-6135 and 65-6144 and repealing the existing
4 sections.

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6 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:*

7 Section 1. K.S.A. 2013 Supp. 65-6102 is hereby amended to read as
8 follows: 65-6102. (a) There is hereby established the emergency medical
9 services board. The office of the emergency medical services board shall
10 be located in the city of Topeka, Kansas.

11 (b) The emergency medical services board shall be composed of 15
12 members to be appointed as follows:

13 (1) Eleven members shall be appointed by the governor. Of such
14 members:

15 (A) Three shall be physicians who are actively involved in emergency
16 medical services;

17 (B) two shall be county commissioners of counties making a levy for
18 ambulance service, at least one of whom shall be from a county having a
19 population of less than 15,000;

20 (C) one shall be an instructor-coordinator;

21 (D) one shall be a hospital administrator actively involved in
22 emergency medical services;

23 (E) one shall be a member of a firefighting unit which provides
24 emergency medical service; and

25 (F) three shall be attendants who are actively involved in emergency
26 medical service. At least two classifications of attendants shall be
27 represented. At least one of such members shall be from a volunteer
28 emergency medical service; and

29 (2) four members shall be appointed as follows:

30 (A) One shall be a member of the Kansas senate to be appointed by
31 the president of the senate;

32 (B) one shall be a member of the Kansas senate to be appointed by
33 the minority leader of the senate;

34 (C) one shall be a member of the Kansas house of representatives to
35 be appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives; and

36 (D) one shall be a member of the Kansas house of representatives to

1 be appointed by the minority leader of the house of representatives.

2 All members of the board shall be residents of the state of Kansas.
3 Appointments to the board shall be made with due consideration that
4 representation of the various geographical areas of the state is ensured. The
5 governor may remove any member of the board upon recommendation of
6 the board. Any person appointed to a position on the board shall forfeit
7 such position upon vacating the office or position which qualified such
8 person to be appointed as a member of the board.

9 ~~(c) Of the two additional physician members appointed by the~~
10 ~~governor on and after July 1, 2011, one shall be appointed for a term of~~
11 ~~three years and one shall be appointed for a term of four years. Thereafter,~~
12 Members shall be appointed for terms of four years and until their
13 successors are appointed and qualified. In the case of a vacancy in the
14 membership of the board, the vacancy shall be filled for the unexpired
15 term.

16 (d) The board shall meet at least six times annually and at least once
17 each quarter and at the call of the chairperson or at the request of the
18 ~~administrator~~ *executive director* of the emergency medical services board
19 or of any ~~six~~ *seven* members of the board. At the first meeting of the board
20 after January 1 each year, the members shall elect a chairperson and a
21 vice-chairperson who shall serve for a term of one year. The vice-
22 chairperson shall exercise all of the powers of the chairperson in the
23 absence of the chairperson. If a vacancy occurs in the office of the
24 chairperson or vice-chairperson, the board shall fill such vacancy by
25 election of one of its members to serve the unexpired term of such office.
26 Members of the board attending meetings of the board or attending a
27 subcommittee meeting thereof authorized by the board shall be paid
28 compensation, subsistence allowances, mileage and other expenses as
29 provided in K.S.A. 75-3223, and amendments thereto.

30 (e) Except as otherwise provided by law, all vouchers for
31 expenditures and all payrolls of the emergency medical services board
32 shall be approved by the emergency medical services board or a person
33 designated by the board.

34 Sec. 2. K.S.A. 2013 Supp. 65-6111 is hereby amended to read as
35 follows: 65-6111. (a) The emergency medical services board shall:

36 (1) Adopt any rules and regulations necessary to carry out the
37 provisions of this act;

38 (2) review and approve the allocation and expenditure of moneys
39 appropriated for emergency medical services;

40 (3) conduct hearings for all regulatory matters concerning ambulance
41 services, attendants, instructor-coordinators, training officers and ~~providers~~
42 ~~of training sponsoring organizations~~;

43 (4) submit a budget to the legislature for the operation of the board;

1 (5) develop a state plan for the delivery of emergency medical
2 services;

3 (6) enter into contracts as may be necessary to carry out the duties
4 and functions of the board under this act;

5 (7) review and approve all requests for state and federal funding
6 involving emergency medical services projects in the state or delegate such
7 duties to the ~~administrator~~ *executive director*;

8 (8) approve all training programs for attendants, instructor-
9 coordinators and training officers and prescribe certification application
10 fees by rules and regulations;

11 (9) approve methods of examination for certification of attendants,
12 training officers and instructor-coordinators and prescribe examination
13 fees by rules and regulations;

14 (10) appoint a medical advisory council of not less than six members,
15 including ~~two~~ *one* board members, ~~one of whom~~ *member who* shall be a
16 physician and not less than ~~four~~ *five* other physicians who are active and
17 knowledgeable in the field of emergency medical services who are not
18 members of the board to advise and assist the board in medical standards
19 and practices as determined by the board. The medical advisory council
20 shall elect a chairperson from among its membership and shall meet upon
21 the call of the chairperson; and

22 (11) approve ~~providers of training~~ *sponsoring organizations* by
23 prescribing standards and requirements by rules and regulations and
24 withdraw or modify such approval in accordance with the Kansas
25 administrative procedures act and the rules and regulations of the board.

26 (b) The emergency medical services board may grant a temporary
27 variance from an identified rule or regulation when a literal application or
28 enforcement of the rule or regulation would result in serious hardship and
29 the relief granted would not result in any unreasonable risk to the public
30 interest, safety or welfare.

31 Sec. 3. K.S.A. 2013 Supp. 65-6112 is hereby amended to read as
32 follows: 65-6112. As used in this act:

33 (a) "Administrator" means the executive director of the emergency
34 medical services board.

35 (b) "Advanced emergency medical technician" means a person who
36 holds an advanced emergency medical technician certificate issued
37 pursuant to this act.

38 (c) "Advanced practice registered nurse" means an advanced practice
39 registered nurse as defined in K.S.A. 65-1113, and amendments thereto.

40 (d) "Ambulance" means any privately or publicly owned motor
41 vehicle, airplane or helicopter designed, constructed, prepared, staffed and
42 equipped for use in transporting and providing emergency care for
43 individuals who are ill or injured.

1 (e) "Ambulance service" means any organization operated for the
2 purpose of transporting sick or injured persons to or from a place where
3 medical care is furnished, whether or not such persons may be in need of
4 emergency or medical care in transit.

5 (f) "Attendant" means a first responder, an emergency medical
6 responder, emergency medical technician, emergency medical technician-
7 intermediate, emergency medical technician-defibrillator, emergency
8 medical technician-intermediate/defibrillator, advanced emergency
9 medical technician, ~~mobile intensive care technician~~ or paramedic certified
10 pursuant to this act.

11 (g) "Board" means the emergency medical services board established
12 pursuant to K.S.A. 65-6102, and amendments thereto.

13 (h) "Emergency medical service" means the effective and coordinated
14 delivery of such care as may be required by an emergency which includes
15 the care and transportation of individuals by ambulance services and the
16 performance of authorized emergency care by a physician, advanced
17 practice registered nurse, professional nurse, a licensed physician assistant
18 or attendant.

19 (i) "Emergency medical technician" means a person who holds an
20 emergency medical technician certificate issued pursuant to this act.

21 (j) "Emergency medical technician-defibrillator" means a person who
22 holds an emergency medical technician-defibrillator certificate issued
23 pursuant to this act.

24 (k) "Emergency medical technician-intermediate" means a person
25 who holds an emergency medical technician-intermediate certificate issued
26 pursuant to this act.

27 (l) "Emergency medical technician-intermediate/defibrillator" means
28 a person who holds both an emergency medical technician-intermediate
29 and emergency medical technician-defibrillator certificate issued pursuant
30 to this act.

31 (m) "Emergency medical responder" means a person who holds an
32 emergency medical responder certificate issued pursuant to this act.

33 (n) "First responder" means a person who holds a first responder
34 certificate issued pursuant to this act.

35 (o) "Hospital" means a hospital as defined by K.S.A. 65-425, and
36 amendments thereto.

37 (p) "Instructor-coordinator" means a person who is certified under
38 this act to teach, *coordinate, or both*, initial certification and continuing
39 education classes.

40 (q) "Medical director" means a physician:

41 (1) *Appointed by the operator of an ambulance service who holds a*
42 *permit to operate the ambulance service in this state who provides medical*
43 *direction, leadership, oversight and quality assurance to ensure that*

1 *effective emergency medical care is provided to out-of-hospital patients by*
 2 *attendants functioning under the service permit. The medical director*
 3 *implements protocols for treatment and supports the attendants through*
 4 *training and competency validation; or*

5 (2) *identified by a sponsoring organization of an emergency medical*
 6 *services education program who reviews and approves the educational*
 7 *content of the program curriculum to certify its ongoing appropriateness*
 8 *and medical accuracy, reviews the quality of medical instruction,*
 9 *supervision and evaluation of the students.*

10 (r) "Medical protocols" mean written guidelines which authorize
 11 attendants to perform certain medical procedures prior to contacting a
 12 physician, physician assistant authorized by a physician, advanced practice
 13 registered nurse authorized by a physician or professional nurse authorized
 14 by a physician. The medical protocols shall be approved by a county
 15 medical society or the medical staff of a hospital to which the ambulance
 16 service primarily transports patients, or if neither of the above are able or
 17 available to approve the medical protocols, then the medical protocols
 18 shall be submitted to the medical advisory council for approval.

19 ~~(s) "Mobile intensive care technician" means a person who holds a~~
 20 ~~mobile intensive care technician certificate issued pursuant to this act.~~

21 (t) "Municipality" means any city, county, township, fire district or
 22 ambulance service district.

23 ~~(t)(i)~~ "Nonemergency transportation" means the care and transport of
 24 a sick or injured person under a foreseen combination of circumstances
 25 calling for continuing care of such person. As used in this subsection,
 26 transportation includes performance of the authorized level of services of
 27 the attendant whether within or outside the vehicle as part of such
 28 transportation services.

29 ~~(v)(u)~~ "Operator" means a person or municipality who has a permit to
 30 operate an ambulance service in the state of Kansas.

31 ~~(w)(v)~~ "Paramedic" means a person who holds a paramedic certificate
 32 issued pursuant to this act.

33 ~~(x)(w)~~ "Person" means an individual, a partnership, an association, a
 34 joint-stock company or a corporation.

35 ~~(y)(x)~~ "Physician" means a person licensed by the state board of
 36 healing arts to practice medicine and surgery.

37 ~~(z)(y)~~ "Physician assistant" means ~~a person who is licensed under the~~
 38 ~~physician assistant licensure act and who is acting under the direction of a~~
 39 ~~responsible physician assistant as defined in K.S.A. 65-28a02, and~~
 40 ~~amendments thereto.~~

41 ~~(aa)(z)~~ "Professional nurse" means a licensed professional nurse as
 42 defined by K.S.A. 65-1113, and amendments thereto.

43 ~~(bb) "Provider of training" means a corporation, partnership,~~

1 ~~accredited postsecondary education institution, ambulance service, fire~~
2 ~~department, hospital or municipality that conducts training programs that~~
3 ~~include, but are not limited to, initial courses of instruction and continuing~~
4 ~~education for attendants, instructor-coordinators or training officers~~

5 *(aa) "Sponsoring organization" means any professional association,*
6 *accredited postsecondary educational institution, ambulance service*
7 *which holds a permit to operate in this state, fire department, other*
8 *officially organized public safety agency, hospital, corporation,*
9 *governmental entity or emergency medical services regional council, as*
10 *approved by the executive director, to offer initial courses of instruction or*
11 *continuing education programs.*

12 ~~(cc) "Responsible physician" means responsible physician as such~~
13 ~~term is defined under K.S.A. 65-28a02, and amendments thereto.~~

14 ~~(dd) (bb) "Training officer" means a person who is certified pursuant~~
15 ~~to this act to teach, or coordinate, or both, initial courses of instruction for~~
16 ~~first responders or emergency medical responders and continuing~~
17 ~~education as prescribed by the board.~~

18 Sec. 4. K.S.A. 2013 Supp. 65-6119 is hereby amended to read as
19 follows: 65-6119. ~~(a) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, mobile~~
20 ~~intensive care technicians may:~~

21 ~~(1) Perform all the authorized activities identified in K.S.A. 65-6120,~~
22 ~~65-6121, 65-6123, 65-6144, and amendments thereto;~~

23 ~~(2) when voice contact or a telemetered electrocardiogram is~~
24 ~~monitored by a physician, physician assistant where authorized by a~~
25 ~~physician, an advanced practice registered nurse where authorized by a~~
26 ~~physician or licensed professional nurse where authorized by a physician~~
27 ~~and direct communication is maintained, and upon order of such person~~
28 ~~may administer such medications or procedures as may be deemed~~
29 ~~necessary by a person identified in subsection (a)(2);~~

30 ~~(3) perform, during an emergency, those activities specified in~~
31 ~~subsection (a)(2) before contacting a person identified in subsection (a)(2)~~
32 ~~when specifically authorized to perform such activities by medical~~
33 ~~protocols; and~~

34 ~~(4) perform, during nonemergency transportation, those activities~~
35 ~~specified in this section when specifically authorized to perform such~~
36 ~~activities by medical protocols.~~

37 ~~(b) An individual who holds a valid certificate as a mobile intensive~~
38 ~~care technician once meeting the continuing education requirements~~
39 ~~prescribed by the rules and regulations of the board, upon application for~~
40 ~~renewal, shall be deemed to hold a certificate as a paramedic under this~~
41 ~~act, and such individual shall not be required to file an original application~~
42 ~~as a paramedic for certification under this act.~~

43 ~~(c) "Renewal" as used in subsection (b), refers to the first opportunity~~

1 that a mobile intensive care technician has to apply for renewal of a
2 certificate following the effective date of this act.

3 ~~(d) Upon transition notwithstanding any other provision of law, a~~
4 paramedic may:

5 ~~(+)(a)~~ Perform all the authorized activities identified in K.S.A. 65-
6 6120, 65-6121, 65-6144, and amendments thereto;

7 ~~(2)(b)~~ when voice contact or a telemetered electrocardiogram is
8 monitored by a physician, physician assistant where authorized by a
9 physician or an advanced practice registered nurse where authorized by a
10 physician or licensed professional nurse where authorized by a physician
11 and direct communication is maintained, and upon order of such person,
12 may administer such medications or procedures as may be deemed
13 necessary by a person identified in *this* subsection ~~(d)(2)~~; and

14 ~~(3)(c)~~ perform, during an emergency, those activities specified in
15 subsection ~~(d)(2)~~ (b) before contacting a person identified in subsection ~~(d)~~
16 ~~(2)~~ (b) when specifically authorized to perform such activities by medical
17 protocols; and

18 ~~(4) perform, during nonemergency transportation, those activities~~
19 ~~specified in this section when specifically authorized to perform such~~
20 ~~activities by medical protocols.~~

21 Sec. 5. K.S.A. 2013 Supp. 65-6120 is hereby amended to read as
22 follows: 65-6120. (a) Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the
23 contrary, an emergency medical technician-intermediate may:

24 (1) Perform any of the activities identified by K.S.A. 65-6121(a), and
25 amendments thereto;

26 (2) when approved by medical protocols or where voice contact by
27 radio or telephone is monitored by a physician, physician assistant where
28 authorized by a physician, advanced practice registered nurse where
29 authorized by a physician or licensed professional nurse where authorized
30 by a physician, and direct communication is maintained, upon order of
31 such person, may perform veni-puncture for the purpose of blood sampling
32 collection and initiation and maintenance of intravenous infusion of saline
33 solutions, dextrose and water solutions or ringers lactate IV solutions,
34 endotracheal intubation and administration of nebulized albuterol;

35 (3) perform, during an emergency, those activities specified in
36 subsection (a)(2) before contacting the persons identified in subsection (a)
37 (2) when specifically authorized to perform such activities by medical
38 protocols; or

39 (4) perform, during nonemergency transportation, those activities
40 specified in this section when specifically authorized to perform such
41 activities by medical protocols.

42 (b) An individual who holds a valid certificate as an emergency
43 medical technician-intermediate once successfully completing the board

1 prescribed transition course, and validation of cognitive and psychomotor
2 competency as determined by rules and regulations of the board, may
3 apply to transition to become an advanced emergency medical technician.
4 Alternatively, upon application for renewal, such individual shall be
5 deemed to hold a certificate as an advanced emergency medical technician
6 under this act, provided such individual has completed all continuing
7 education hour requirements inclusive of the successful completion of a
8 transition course and such individual shall not be required to file an
9 original application for certification as an advanced emergency medical
10 technician under this act.

11 (c) "Renewal" as used in subsection (b), refers to the first or second
12 opportunity after December 31, 2011, that an emergency medical
13 technician-intermediate has to apply for renewal of a certificate.

14 (d) Emergency medical technician-intermediates who fail to meet the
15 transition requirements as specified may complete either the board
16 prescribed emergency medical technician transition course or emergency
17 medical responder transition course, provide validation of cognitive and
18 psychomotor competency and all continuing education hour requirements
19 inclusive of the successful completion of a transition course as determined
20 by rules and regulations of the board. Upon completion, such emergency
21 medical technician-intermediate may apply to transition to become an
22 emergency medical technician or an emergency medical responder,
23 depending on the transition course that was successfully completed.
24 Alternatively, upon application for renewal of an emergency medical
25 technician-intermediate certificate, the applicant shall be renewed as an
26 emergency medical technician or an emergency medical responder,
27 depending on the transition course that was successfully completed. Such
28 individual shall not be required to file an original application for
29 certification as an emergency medical technician or emergency medical
30 responder.

31 (e) Failure to successfully complete either an advanced emergency
32 medical technician transition course, an emergency medical technician
33 transition course or emergency medical responder transition course will
34 result in loss of certification.

35 (f) Upon transition, notwithstanding any other provision of law to the
36 contrary, an advanced emergency medical technician may:

37 (1) Perform any of the activities identified by K.S.A. 65-6121 (f), and
38 amendments thereto; and

39 (2) perform any of the following interventions, by use of the devices,
40 medications and equipment, or any combination thereof, as specifically
41 identified in rules and regulations, after successfully completing an
42 approved course of instruction, local specialized device training and
43 competency validation and when authorized by medical protocols, or upon

1 order when direct communication is maintained by radio, telephone or
2 video conference with a physician, physician assistant where authorized by
3 a physician, an advanced practice registered nurse where authorized by a
4 physician, or licensed professional nurse where authorized by a physician
5 upon order of such a person: (A) ~~Continuous positive airway pressure~~
6 ~~devices;~~ (B) Advanced airway management; (C)(B) referral of patient of
7 alternate medical care site based on assessment; (D)(C) transportation of a
8 patient with a capped arterial line; (E)(D) veni-puncture for obtaining
9 blood sample; (F)(E) initiation and maintenance of intravenous infusion or
10 saline lock; (G)(F) initiation of intraosseous infusion; (H)(G) nebulized
11 therapy; (I)(H) manual defibrillation ~~and cardioversion~~; (J)(I) cardiac
12 monitoring; (K)(J) electrocardiogram interpretation; (K) *monitoring of a*
13 *nasogastric tube*; (L) administration of ~~generic or trade name~~ medications
14 ~~by one or more of the following methods:~~ (i) Aerosolization; (ii)
15 ~~nebulization;~~ (iii) intravenous; (iv) intranasal; (v) rectal; (vi) subcutaneous;
16 ~~(vii) intraosseous;~~ (viii) intramuscular; or (ix) *sublingual as specified by*
17 *rules and regulations of the board.*

18 (g) An individual who holds a valid certificate as both an emergency
19 medical technician-intermediate and as an emergency medical technician-
20 defibrillator once successfully completing the board prescribed transition
21 course, and validation of cognitive and psychomotor competency as
22 determined by rules and regulations of the board, may apply to transition
23 to an advanced emergency medical technician. Alternatively, upon
24 application for renewal, such individual shall be deemed to hold a
25 certificate as an advanced emergency medical technician under this act,
26 provided such individual has completed all continuing education hour
27 requirements inclusive of successful completion of a transition course, and
28 such individual shall not be required to file an original application for
29 certification as an advanced emergency medical technician under this act.

30 (h) "Renewal" as used in subsection (g), refers to the first or second
31 opportunity after December 31, 2011, that an emergency medical
32 technician-intermediate and emergency medical technician-defibrillator
33 has to apply for renewal of a certificate.

34 (i) An individual who holds both an emergency medical technician-
35 intermediate certificate and an emergency medical technician-defibrillator
36 certificate, who fails to meet the transition requirements as specified may
37 complete either the board prescribed emergency medical technician
38 transition course or emergency medical responder transition course, and
39 provide validation of cognitive and psychomotor competency and all
40 continuing education hour requirements inclusive of successful completion
41 of a transition course as determined by rules and regulations of the board.
42 Upon completion, such individual may apply to transition to become an
43 emergency medical technician or emergency medical responder, depending

1 on the transition course that was successfully completed. Alternatively,
2 upon application for renewal of an emergency medical technician-
3 intermediate certificate and an emergency medical technician-defibrillator
4 certificate, the applicant shall be renewed as an emergency medical
5 technician or an emergency medical responder, depending on the transition
6 course that was successfully completed. Such individual shall not be
7 required to file an original application for certification as an emergency
8 medical technician or emergency medical responder.

9 (j) Failure to successfully complete either the advanced emergency
10 medical technician transition requirements, an emergency medical
11 technician transition course or the emergency medical responder transition
12 course will result in loss of certification.

13 Sec. 6. K.S.A. 2013 Supp. 65-6121 is hereby amended to read as
14 follows: 65-6121. (a) Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the
15 contrary, an emergency medical technician may perform any of the
16 following activities:

- 17 (1) Patient assessment and vital signs;
- 18 (2) airway maintenance including the use of:
 - 19 (A) Oropharyngeal and nasopharyngeal airways;
 - 20 (B) esophageal obturator airways with or without gastric suction
21 device;
 - 22 (C) multi-lumen airway; and
 - 23 (D) oxygen demand valves.
- 24 (3) Oxygen therapy;
- 25 (4) oropharyngeal suctioning;
- 26 (5) cardiopulmonary resuscitation procedures;
- 27 (6) control accessible bleeding;
- 28 (7) apply pneumatic anti-shock garment;
- 29 (8) manage outpatient medical emergencies;
- 30 (9) extricate patients and utilize lifting and moving techniques;
- 31 (10) manage musculoskeletal and soft tissue injuries including
32 dressing and bandaging wounds or the splinting of fractures, dislocations,
33 sprains or strains;
- 34 (11) use of backboards to immobilize the spine;
- 35 (12) administer activated charcoal and glucose;
- 36 (13) monitor intravenous line delivering intravenous fluids during
37 interfacility transport with the following restrictions:
 - 38 (A) The physician approves the transfer by an emergency medical
39 technician;
 - 40 (B) no medications or nutrients have been added to the intravenous
41 fluids; and
 - 42 (C) the emergency medical technician may monitor, maintain and
43 shut off the flow of intravenous fluid;

1 (14) use automated external defibrillators;

2 (15) administer epinephrine auto-injectors provided that:

3 (A) The emergency medical technician successfully completes a
4 course of instruction approved by the board in the administration of
5 epinephrine;

6 (B) the emergency medical technician serves with an ambulance
7 service or a first response organization that provides emergency medical
8 services; and

9 (C) the emergency medical technician is acting pursuant to medical
10 protocols;

11 (16) perform, during nonemergency transportation, those activities
12 specified in this section when specifically authorized to perform such
13 activities by medical protocols; or

14 (17) when authorized by medical protocol, assist the patient in the
15 administration of the following medications which have been prescribed
16 for that patient: Auto-injection epinephrine, sublingual nitroglycerin and
17 inhalers for asthma and emphysema.

18 (b) An individual who holds a valid certificate as an emergency
19 medical technician at the current basic level once successfully completing
20 the board prescribed transition course, and validation of cognitive and
21 psychomotor competency as determined by rules and regulations of the
22 board, may apply to transition to become an emergency medical
23 technician. Alternatively, upon application for renewal, such individual
24 shall be deemed to hold a certificate as an emergency medical technician
25 under this act, provided such individual has completed all continuing
26 education hour requirements inclusive of successful completion of a
27 transition course, and such individual shall not be required to file an
28 original application for certification as an emergency medical technician.

29 (c) "Renewal" as used in subsection (b), refers to the first opportunity
30 after December 31, 2011, that an emergency medical technician has to
31 apply for renewal of a certificate following the effective date of this act.

32 (d) Emergency medical technicians who fail to meet the transition
33 requirements as specified may successfully complete the board prescribed
34 emergency medical responder transition course, provide validation of
35 cognitive and psychomotor competency and all continuing education hour
36 requirements inclusive of the successful completion of a transition course
37 as determined by rules and regulations of the board. Alternatively, upon
38 application for renewal of an emergency medical technician certificate, the
39 applicant shall be deemed to hold a certificate as an emergency medical
40 responder under this act, and such individual shall not be required to file
41 an original application for certification as an emergency medical
42 responder.

43 (e) Failure to successfully complete either an emergency medical

1 technician transition course or emergency medical responder transition
2 course will result in loss of certification.

3 (f) Upon transition, notwithstanding any other provision of law to the
4 contrary, an emergency medical technician may perform any activities
5 identified in K.S.A. 65-6144, and amendments thereto, and any of the
6 following interventions, by use of the devices, medications and equipment,
7 or any combination thereof, after successfully completing an approved
8 course of instruction, local specialized device training and competency
9 validation and when authorized by medical protocols, or upon order when
10 direct communication is maintained by radio, telephone or video
11 conference is monitored by a physician, physician assistant when
12 authorized by a physician, an advanced practice registered nurse when
13 authorized by a physician or a ~~licensed~~ professional nurse when authorized
14 by a physician, upon order of such person:

- 15 (1) Airway maintenance including use of:
 - 16 (A) Single lumen airways as approved by the board;
 - 17 (B) multilumen airways;
 - 18 (C) ventilator devices;
 - 19 (D) *non-invasive positive pressure ventilation*;
 - 20 (E) forceps removal of airway obstruction;
 - 21 ~~(E)~~(F) CO2 monitoring;
 - 22 ~~(F)~~(G) airway suctioning;
 - 23 (2) apply pneumatic anti-shock garment;
 - 24 (3) ~~assist with childbirth~~;
 - 25 ~~(4)~~ monitoring urinary catheter;
 - 26 ~~(5)~~(4) capillary blood sampling;
 - 27 ~~(6)~~ cardiac monitoring;
 - 28 ~~(7)~~(5) administration of patient assisted medications as approved by
29 the board;
 - 30 ~~(8)~~(6) administration of medications as approved by the board by
31 appropriate routes; ~~and~~
 - 32 ~~(9)~~(7) monitor, maintain or discontinue flow of IV line if a physician
33 approves transfer by an emergency medical technician; *and*
 - 34 (8) *application of a traction splint*.

35 Sec. 7. K.S.A. 2013 Supp. 65-6129c is hereby amended to read as
36 follows: 65-6129c. (a) Application for a training officer's certificate shall
37 be made to the emergency medical services board upon forms provided by
38 the ~~administrator~~ *executive director*. The board may grant a training
39 officer's certificate to an applicant who: (1) Is an ~~emergency medical~~
40 ~~technician, emergency medical technician-intermediate, emergency~~
41 ~~medical technician-defibrillator, mobile intensive care technician,~~
42 ~~advanced emergency medical technician, paramedic attendant certified~~
43 *pursuant to K.S.A. 65-6119, 65-6120 and 65-6121, and amendments*

1 *thereto*, physician, physician assistant, advanced practice registered nurse
2 or professional nurse; (2) successfully completes an initial course of
3 training approved by the board; (3) passes an examination prescribed by
4 the board; (4) is appointed by a ~~provider of training~~ *sponsoring*
5 *organization* approved by the board; and (5) has paid a fee established by
6 the board.

7 (b) A training officer's certificate shall expire on the expiration date
8 of the attendant's certificate if the training officer is an attendant or on the
9 expiration date of the physician's, physician assistant's, advanced practice
10 registered nurse's or professional nurse's license if the training officer is a
11 physician, physician assistant, advanced practice registered nurse or
12 professional nurse. A training officer's certificate may be renewed for the
13 same period as the attendant's certificate or the physician's, physician
14 assistant's, advanced practice registered nurse's or professional nurse's
15 license upon payment of a fee as prescribed by rules and regulations and
16 upon presentation of satisfactory proof that the training officer has
17 successfully completed continuing education prescribed by the board and
18 is certified as ~~an emergency medical technician, emergency medical~~
19 ~~technician-intermediate, emergency medical technician-defibrillator,~~
20 ~~mobile intensive care technician, advanced emergency medical technician,~~
21 ~~paramedic~~ *an attendant certified pursuant to K.S.A. 65-6119, 65-6120 and*
22 *65-6121, and amendments thereto*, physician, physician assistant,
23 advanced practice registered nurse or professional nurse. The board may
24 prorate to the nearest whole month the fee fixed under this subsection as
25 necessary to implement the provisions of this subsection.

26 (c) A training officer's certificate may be denied, revoked, limited,
27 modified or suspended by the board or the board may refuse to renew such
28 certificate if such individual:

29 (1) Fails to maintain certification or licensure as ~~an emergency~~
30 ~~medical technician, emergency medical technician-intermediate,~~
31 ~~emergency medical technician-defibrillator, mobile intensive care~~
32 ~~technician, advanced emergency medical technician, paramedic~~ *an*
33 *attendant certified pursuant to K.S.A. 65-6119, 65-6120 and 65-6121, and*
34 *amendments thereto*, physician, physician assistant, advanced practice
35 registered nurse or professional nurse;

36 (2) fails to maintain support of appointment by a ~~provider of training~~
37 *sponsoring organization*;

38 (3) fails to successfully complete continuing education;

39 (4) has made intentional misrepresentations in obtaining a certificate
40 or renewing a certificate;

41 (5) has demonstrated incompetence or engaged in unprofessional
42 conduct as defined by rules and regulations adopted by the board;

43 (6) has violated or aided and abetted in the violation of any provision

1 of this act or the rules and regulations promulgated by the board; or

2 (7) has been convicted of any state or federal crime that is related
3 substantially to the qualifications, functions and duties of a training officer
4 or any crime punishable as a felony under any state or federal statute and
5 the board determines that such individual has not been sufficiently
6 rehabilitated to warrant public trust. A conviction means a plea of guilty, a
7 plea of nolo contendere or a verdict of guilty. The board may take
8 disciplinary action pursuant to this section when the time for appeal has
9 elapsed, or after the judgment of conviction is affirmed on appeal or when
10 an order granting probation is made suspending the imposition of sentence.

11 (d) The board may revoke, limit, modify or suspend a *training officer*
12 certificate or the board may refuse to renew such certificate in accordance
13 with the provisions of the Kansas administrative procedure act.

14 (e) If a person who previously was certified as a training officer
15 applies for a training officer's certificate within two years of the date of its
16 expiration, the board may grant a certificate without the person completing
17 an initial course of training or taking an examination if the person
18 complies with the other provisions of subsection (a) and completes
19 continuing education requirements.

20 Sec. 8. K.S.A. 2013 Supp. 65-6133 is hereby amended to read as
21 follows: 65-6133. (a) An attendant's, ~~instructor-coordinator's or training~~
22 ~~officer's~~ certificate may be denied, revoked, limited, modified or
23 suspended by the board or the board may refuse to renew such certificate
24 upon proof that such individual:

25 (1) Has made intentional misrepresentations in obtaining a certificate
26 or renewing a certificate;

27 (2) has performed or attempted to perform activities not authorized by
28 statute at the level of certification held by the individual;

29 (3) has demonstrated incompetence as defined by rules and
30 regulations adopted by the board or has provided inadequate patient care
31 as determined by the board;

32 (4) has violated or aided and abetted in the violation of any provision
33 of this act or the rules and regulations adopted by the board;

34 (5) has been convicted of a felony and, after investigation by the
35 board, it is determined that such person has not been sufficiently
36 rehabilitated to warrant the public trust;

37 (6) has demonstrated an inability to perform authorized activities with
38 reasonable skill and safety by reason of illness, alcoholism, excessive use
39 of drugs, controlled substances or any physical or mental condition;

40 (7) has engaged in unprofessional conduct, as defined by rules and
41 regulations adopted by the board; or

42 (8) has had a certificate, license or permit to practice emergency
43 medical services as an attendant denied, revoked, limited or suspended or

1 has been publicly or privately censured, by a licensing or other regulatory
2 authority of another state, agency of the United States government,
3 territory of the United States or other country or has had other disciplinary
4 action taken against the applicant or holder of a permit, license or
5 certificate by a licensing or other regulatory authority of another state,
6 agency of the United States government, territory of the United States or
7 other country. A certified copy of the record or order of public or private
8 censure, denial, suspension, limitation, revocation or other disciplinary
9 action of the licensing or other regulatory authority of another state,
10 agency of the United States government, territory of the United States or
11 other country shall constitute prima facie evidence of such a fact for
12 purposes of this paragraph.

13 (b) The board may limit, modify, revoke or suspend an attendant's-~~or~~
14 ~~instructor-coordinator's~~ certificate or the board may refuse to renew such
15 certificate in accordance with the provisions of the Kansas administrative
16 procedure act.

17 Sec. 9. K.S.A. 2013 Supp. 65-6135 is hereby amended to read as
18 follows: 65-6135. (a) All ambulance services providing emergency care as
19 defined by the rules and regulations adopted by the board shall offer
20 service 24 hours per day every day of the year.

21 (b) Whenever an operator is required to have a permit, at least one
22 person on each vehicle providing emergency medical service shall be an
23 attendant certified as ~~an emergency medical technician, emergency~~
24 ~~medical technician-intermediate, emergency medical technician-~~
25 ~~defibrillator, a mobile intensive care technician, emergency medical~~
26 ~~technician-intermediate/defibrillator, advanced emergency medical~~
27 ~~technician, a paramedic pursuant to K.S.A. 65-6119, 65-6120 or 65-6121,~~
28 *and amendments thereto*, a physician, ~~a licensed physician assistant, a~~
29 ~~licensed~~ an advanced practice registered nurse or a professional nurse.

30 Sec. 10. K.S.A. 2013 Supp. 65-6144 is hereby amended to read as
31 follows: 65-6144. (a) A first responder may perform any of the following
32 activities:

33 (1) Initial scene management including, but not limited to, gaining
34 access to the individual in need of emergency care, extricating, lifting and
35 moving the individual;

36 (2) cardiopulmonary resuscitation and airway management;

37 (3) control of bleeding;

38 (4) extremity splinting excluding traction splinting;

39 (5) stabilization of the condition of the individual in need of
40 emergency care;

41 (6) oxygen therapy;

42 (7) use of oropharyngeal airways;

43 (8) use of bag valve masks;

1 (9) use automated external defibrillators; and

2 (10) other techniques of preliminary care a first responder is trained
3 to provide as approved by the board.

4 (b) An individual who holds a valid certificate as a first responder,
5 once completing the board prescribed transition course, and validation of
6 cognitive and psychomotor competency as determined by rules and
7 regulations of the board, may apply to transition to become an emergency
8 medical responder. Alternatively, upon application for renewal of such
9 certificate, such individual shall be deemed to hold a certificate as an
10 emergency medical responder under this act, provided such individual has
11 completed all continuing education hour requirements inclusive of a
12 transition course and such individual shall not be required to file an
13 original application for certification as an emergency medical responder.

14 (c) "Renewal" as used in subsection (b), refers to the first opportunity
15 after December 31, 2011, that an attendant has to apply for renewal of a
16 certificate.

17 (d) First responder attendants who fail to meet the transition
18 requirements as specified will forfeit their certification.

19 (e) Upon transition, notwithstanding any other provision of law to the
20 contrary, an emergency medical responder may perform any of the
21 following interventions, by use of the devices, medications and equipment,
22 or any combination thereof, after successfully completing an approved
23 course of instruction, local specialized device training and competency
24 validation and when authorized by medical protocols, or upon order when
25 direct communication is maintained by radio, telephone or video
26 conference is monitored by a physician, physician assistant when
27 authorized by a physician, an advanced practice registered nurse when
28 authorized by a physician or a ~~licensed~~ professional nurse when authorized
29 by a physician, upon order of such person: (1) Emergency vehicle
30 operations; (2) initial scene management; (3) patient assessment and
31 stabilization; (4) cardiopulmonary resuscitation and airway management;
32 (5) *utilize equipment for the purposes of acquiring an EKG rhythm strip*;
33 (6) control of bleeding; ~~(6)~~(7) extremity splinting; ~~(7)~~(8) spinal
34 immobilization; ~~(8)~~(9) oxygen therapy; ~~(9)~~(10) use of bag-valve-mask;
35 ~~(10)~~(11) use of automated external defibrillator; ~~(11)~~(12) nebulizer
36 therapy; ~~(12)~~(13) intramuscular injections with auto-injector; ~~(13)~~(14)
37 administration of oral glucose; ~~(14)~~(15) administration of aspirin; ~~(15)~~(16)
38 recognize and comply with advanced directives; ~~(16)~~(17) insertion and
39 maintenance of oral and nasal pharyngeal airways; ~~(17)~~(18) use of blood
40 glucose monitoring; ~~and (18)~~(19) *assist with childbirth*; (20) *non-invasive*
41 *monitoring of hemoglobin derivatives*; and (21) other techniques and
42 devices of preliminary care an emergency medical responder is trained to
43 provide as approved by the board.

1 Sec. 11. K.S.A. 2013 Supp. 65-6102, 65-6111, 65-6112, 65-6119, 65-
2 6120, 65-6121, 65-6129c, 65-6133, 65-6135 and 65-6144 are hereby
3 repealed.

4 Sec. 12. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its
5 publication in the statute book.