

**HOUSE BILL No. 2366**

By Committee on Rural Revitalization

2-15

1 AN ACT concerning health and healthcare; relating to emergency medical  
2 services; pertaining to ground ambulance staffing in rural areas.

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

5 Section 1. (a) A ground ambulance that is undertaking a stabilized  
6 transfer of a patient between hospitals in a rural area, may be staffed by:

7 (1) An apparatus operator and an attendant; or

8 (2) an apparatus operator and a healthcare provider.

9 (b) Every apparatus operator shall: Complete an emergency vehicle  
10 operator course, or its equivalent that has been approved by the board,  
11 prior to transporting patients; and successfully complete a refresher course  
12 approved by the board every two years.

13 (c) As used in this section:

14 (1) "Apparatus operator" means an individual who is authorized to  
15 drive ambulances and assist emergency medical services personnel, but  
16 who does not provide direct patient care.

17 (2) "Healthcare provider" means a licensed physician, physician  
18 assistant, advanced practice registered nurse or professional nurse.

19 (3) "Rural area" means an area of the state with a population of less  
20 than 5,000 according to the last federal decennial census, or an area  
21 designated as rural by the board through the adoption of rules and  
22 regulations.

23 (4) "Stabilized transfer" means the transport of a patient whose  
24 condition has been diagnosed by a physician and whose condition is likely  
25 to remain unchanged during transportation.

26 (d) The board may adopt such rules and regulations as are necessary  
27 to implement the provisions of this section.

28 (d) This section shall be a part of and supplemental to article 61 of  
29 chapter 65 of the Kansas Statutes Annotated, and amendments thereto.

30 Sec. 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its  
31 publication in the Kansas register.