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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES.

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:**

1           SECTION 1. The legislature finds that current state laws  
2 relating to the certification of emergency medical personnel  
3 address only emergency ambulance service personnel and do not  
4 address all emergency medical technicians who successfully  
5 complete the National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians  
6 certification that is based upon the national curriculum of the  
7 United States Department of Transportation. These other  
8 technicians include firefighters and ocean safety life guards,  
9 who provide emergency medical care to patients but do not work  
10 in an ambulance.

11           The purpose of this Act is to enable the Hawaii medical  
12 board to also certify emergency medical technicians other than  
13 emergency ambulance personnel.

14           SECTION 2. Section 453-32, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
15 amended to read as follows:

16           "**§453-32 Certification [e]; emergency ambulance**  
17 **personnel[-]; emergency medical technicians.** (a) The Hawaii



1 medical board shall certify individuals as qualified in  
2 emergency medical services upon application therefor; provided  
3 that the applicant for certification:

4 (1) Holds a certificate from the National Registry of  
5 Emergency Medical Technicians, has satisfactorily  
6 passed a course of training in emergency medical  
7 services for emergency ambulance services personnel  
8 which shall be based on the national curriculum of the  
9 United States Department of Transportation and  
10 approved by the board, and meets other standards and  
11 qualifications, including passage of an examination,  
12 set by the Hawaii medical board pertinent to the  
13 practice of emergency medical services in Hawaii;

14 (2) Meets continuing education requirements which shall be  
15 set by the Hawaii medical board; and

16 (3) Meets other qualifications set by the Hawaii medical  
17 board.

18 The board shall directly review the credentials of applicants  
19 and administer examinations required. Certification under this  
20 section shall be a prerequisite to the practice of emergency



1 medical services as an employee of an emergency ambulance  
2 service.

3 The Hawaii medical board shall provide standard application  
4 forms for the certification of emergency ambulance personnel and  
5 shall provide for the periodic renewal of such certification.

6 The Hawaii medical board shall assess a fee for such  
7 application, certification, and renewal. The Hawaii medical  
8 board shall provide for the revocation, suspension, or  
9 limitation of certification in the event an individual once  
10 certified under this section fails to maintain or meet  
11 requirements for continued certification, or for good cause  
12 shown.

13 (b) An individual with proof of current certification from  
14 the National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians that is  
15 based upon the national curriculum of the United States  
16 Department of Transportation shall be deemed qualified to  
17 perform emergency medical services as an emergency medical  
18 technician in the State. The Hawaii medical board shall provide  
19 for the revocation, suspension, or limitation of certification  
20 if an individual who was once certified under this section fails

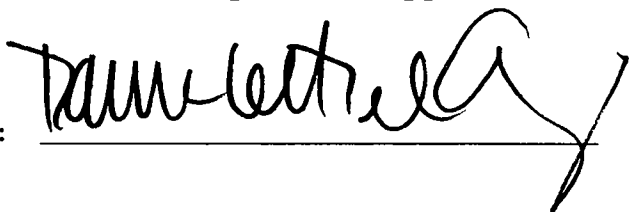


1 to maintain or meet the requirements for continued  
2 certification, or for good cause shown."

3 SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed  
4 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

5 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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INTRODUCED BY: 



# S.B. NO. 3091

**Report Title:**

Emergency Medical Technicians; Certification

**Description:**

Enables the Hawaii medical board to certify emergency medical technicians other than emergency ambulance services.

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