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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 existing 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 lifeguards who  
9 provide emergency medical care to patients but who do not  
10 provide emergency ambulance services.

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

14           SECTION 2. Section 453-31, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
15 amended to read as follows:

16           "**§453-31 Emergency [~~ambulance~~] service personnel.** The  
17 practice of any emergency medical services by any individual



1 employed by an emergency [~~ambulance~~] service who is not licensed  
2 under this chapter or under chapter 457 shall be subject to  
3 certification under this part. In the event of any conflict  
4 between this part and any rules adopted under section 453-2,  
5 this part shall control with regard to emergency [~~ambulance~~]  
6 service personnel.

7 The Hawaii medical board shall define the scope of the  
8 practice of emergency medical services, different levels of the  
9 practice, and degree of supervision required of a supervising  
10 physician or osteopathic physician when a person certified under  
11 this part provides services within the practice of medicine."

12 SECTION 3. Section 453-32, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
13 amended to read as follows:

14 "§453-32 Certification of emergency [~~ambulance~~] personnel.

15 The Hawaii medical board shall certify individuals as qualified  
16 in emergency medical services upon application therefor;  
17 provided that the applicant for certification:

18 (1) Holds a certificate from the National Registry of  
19 Emergency Medical Technicians, has satisfactorily  
20 passed a course of training in emergency medical  
21 services for emergency [~~ambulance~~] services personnel



1           which shall be based on the national curriculum of the  
2           United States Department of Transportation and  
3           approved by the board, and meets other standards and  
4           qualifications, including passage of an examination,  
5           set by the Hawaii medical board pertinent to the  
6           practice of emergency medical services in Hawaii;

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

9           (3) Meets other qualifications set by the Hawaii medical  
10          board.

11       The board shall directly review the credentials of applicants  
12       and administer examinations required. Certification under this  
13       section shall be a prerequisite to the practice of emergency  
14       medical services as an employee of an emergency [~~ambulance~~]  
15       service.

16       The Hawaii medical board shall provide standard application  
17       forms for the certification of emergency [~~ambulance~~] personnel  
18       and shall provide for the periodic renewal of such  
19       certification. The Hawaii medical board shall assess a fee for  
20       such application, certification, and renewal. The Hawaii  
21       medical board shall provide for the revocation, suspension, or



1 limitation of certification in the event an individual once  
2 certified under this section fails to maintain or meet  
3 requirements for continued certification, or for good cause  
4 shown."

5 SECTION 4. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed  
6 and stricken.

7 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2050.



**Report Title:**

Emergency Medical Responders; Certification

**Description:**

Enables the Hawaii medical board to certify emergency medical responders other than emergency ambulance personnel. Effective 7/1/2050. (SD1)

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