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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 current Hawaii Revised Statutes relating to
2 certification of emergency medical personnel does not address
3 emergency medical technicians who successfully complete National
4 Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians certification that is
5 based on the national curriculum of the United States Department
6 of Transportation to be qualified to perform emergency medical
7 services as an emergency medical technician in the State. These
8 personnel include firefighters and ocean safety lifeguards who
9 are dispatched to and are providing care to patients in need of
10 emergency medical care, but are not working on an ambulance.

11 The benefits of this Act will be that:

12 (1) The State will have some oversight as to requirements
13 and performance as it does with current emergency
14 medical technicians;

15 (2) The system will be more robust and resilient by
16 licensing an additional one thousand four hundred
17 emergency medical technicians to provide care during



1 times of urgent need including during disaster
2 response; and

3 (3) This Act will not change the functionality of the
4 current day-to-day system. This means that only
5 current state-licensed ambulance employed emergency
6 medical technicians will be able to work on an
7 ambulance, and firefighters and ocean safety
8 lifeguards must meet additional requirements, just as
9 they do today, in order to work on an ambulance.

10 The purpose of this Act is to allow emergency medical
11 personnel who successfully complete National Registry of
12 Emergency Medical Technicians certification to be qualified to
13 perform emergency medical services as emergency medical
14 technicians in the State.

15 SECTION 2. Chapter 453, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
16 amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated
17 and to read as follows:

18 "§453- Certification of emergency medical technician.
19 Personnel with proof of current certification from the National
20 Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians that is based on the
21 national curriculum of the United States Department of



1 Transportation shall be deemed qualified to perform emergency
2 medical services as emergency medical technicians in the State.
3 The Hawaii medical board shall provide for the revocation,
4 suspension, or limitation of certification if an individual once
5 certified under this section fails to maintain or meet
6 requirements for continued certification or for good cause
7 shown."

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

10 **"§453-32 Certification of emergency ambulance personnel.**

11 The Hawaii medical board shall certify individuals as qualified
12 in emergency medical services upon application therefor;
13 provided that the applicant for certification:

- 14 (1) Holds a certificate from the National Registry of
15 Emergency Medical Technicians, has satisfactorily
16 passed a course of training in emergency medical
17 services for emergency ambulance services personnel
18 which shall be based on the national curriculum of the
19 United States Department of Transportation and
20 approved by the board, and meets other standards and
21 qualifications, including passage of an examination[7]



1 set by the Hawaii medical board pertinent to the
2 practice of emergency medical services in Hawaii;
3 (2) Meets continuing education requirements which shall be
4 set by the Hawaii medical board; and
5 (3) Meets other qualifications set by the Hawaii medical
6 board.

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

12 The Hawaii medical board shall provide standard application
13 forms for the certification of emergency ambulance personnel and
14 [~~shall~~] provide for the periodic renewal of such certification.
15 The Hawaii medical board shall assess a fee for such
16 application, certification, and renewal. The Hawaii medical
17 board shall provide for the revocation, suspension, or
18 limitation of certification in the event an individual once
19 certified under this section fails to maintain or meet
20 requirements for continued certification[7] or for good cause
21 shown."



SECTION 4. Section 453-32.1, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended to read as follows:

"§453-32.1 Renewal of certification. (a) Every person holding a certificate under this part shall renew the certificate with the board no later than January 31 of each even-numbered year, pay a renewal fee, and comply with the continuing education requirements set forth in the board's rules.

(b) To determine compliance, the board may conduct a random audit. A person selected for audit shall be notified by the board. Within [~~sixty~~] 60 days of notification, the person shall provide to the board documentation to verify compliance with the continuing education requirements.

(c) Failure to renew, pay the renewal fee, and, in the case of audited persons, provide documentation of compliance shall constitute a forfeiture of the certificate which may only be restored upon the submission of written application, payment to the board of a restoration fee, and in the case of audited persons, documentation of compliance.



1 (d) A certificate that has been forfeited for one renewal
2 term shall be automatically terminated and cannot be restored,
3 and a new application for certification shall be required."

4 SECTION 5. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
5 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

6 SECTION 6. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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INTRODUCED BY:

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S.B. NO. 455

Report Title:

State Fire Council Package; Emergency Medical Services

Description:

Certification of Emergency Medical Technicians (EMTs) to include personnel with proper certifications, to be deemed qualified to perform emergency medical services as EMTs in the State.

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