

ACT 210

S.B. NO. 2781

A Bill for an Act Relating to Emergency Medical Services.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Hawaii:

SECTION 1. Section 321-224, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended to read as follows:

“§321-224 Department of health, functions, duties. In addition to other functions and duties assigned under this part, the department shall:

- (1) Regulate ambulances and ambulance services;
- (2) Establish emergency medical services throughout the State, which shall meet the requirements of this part, subject to section 321-228;
- (3) [Provide] Consult and coordinate with the University of Hawaii, or any other accredited community college, college, or university, or any professional organization that provides emergency medical services

- training, regarding the training for basic life support personnel and advanced life support personnel, as provided in section 321-229;
- (4) Collect and evaluate data for the continued evaluation of the state system subject to section 321-230;
 - (5) Coordinate emergency medical resources and the allocation of the state system's services and facilities in the event of mass casualties, natural disasters, national emergencies, and other emergencies, ensuring linkage to local, state, and national disaster plans, and participation in exercises to test these plans;
 - (6) Establish, administer, and maintain a communication system for the state system;
 - (7) Assist each county in the development of a "911" emergency telephone system;
 - (8) Secure technical assistance and other assistance and consultation necessary for the implementation of this part, subject to section 321-230;
 - (9) Implement public information and education programs to inform the public of the state system and its use, and disseminate other emergency medical information, including appropriate methods of medical self-help and first-aid, and the availability of first-aid training programs in the State;
 - (10) Establish standards and provide training for dispatchers in the state system, and maintain a program of quality assurance for dispatch equipment and operations;
 - (11) Establish a program that will enable emergency service personnel to provide early defibrillation;
 - (12) Establish within the department the emergency medical service system for children [program]; [and]
 - (13) Consult with the advisory committee on matters relating to the implementation of this part[.]; and
 - (14) Establish and maintain standards for emergency medical services course instructor qualifications and requirements for emergency medical services training facilities."

SECTION 2. Section 321-229, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended to read as follows:

"§321-229 Emergency medical services personnel, training programs.

(a) The [department of health] University of Hawaii shall be responsible for the training of basic life support and advance life support personnel [and may contract for such training with accredited community colleges, colleges, and universities, and with professional medical organizations recognized by the American Medical Association].

(b) The University of Hawaii, or other accredited community college, college, or university, or any professional organization that is approved by the department of health to provide emergency medical services training, shall consult with the department of health to determine the number and type of emergency medical services courses necessary to support the staffing requirements for emergency medical services. The basic life support and [advance] advanced life support training programs shall be relevant to and consistent with the training course required for certification under chapter 453.

(c) The department shall develop standards for emergency medical services course instructors and standards for emergency medical services training facilities for all basic life support personnel, advanced life support personnel, users of the automatic external defibrillator, and emergency medical dispatch personnel that

shall be at least equivalent to or exceed the standards necessary to meet the requirements, pursuant to part II of chapter 453, for the certification of basic life support personnel and advanced life support personnel.

(d) The department of health may conduct annual inspections of the training facilities and evaluate the qualifications of course instructors to ensure that the standards and qualifications are consistent with the medical standards for basic life support personnel, advanced life support personnel, users of the automatic external defibrillators, and emergency medical dispatch personnel.”

SECTION 3. All temporary faculty members in bargaining unit 07 in the emergency medical services training program at Kapiolani community college who are employed and meet the minimum qualifications of their faculty rank as of June 30, 1996, shall be placed in authorized instructional positions at their current rank effective July 1, 1996, without loss of salary, seniority, prior service credits, sick leave, or other employee benefits or privileges and without necessity of application. If eligible, the employees shall be placed in tenure track positions. All civil service employees in bargaining unit 03 in the emergency medical services training program at Kapiolani community college who are employed and meet the minimum qualifications, shall be placed in authorized positions at their current salary range and step effective July 1, 1996, without loss of salary, seniority, prior service credits, sick leave, or other employee benefits or privileges and without the necessity of application.

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

SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 1996.

(Approved June 17, 1996.)