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1 Enrolled, An Act,

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4 Relating to the State Board of Health and emergency
5 medical services; to amend Section 22-18-1, Code of Alabama
6 1975, to further provide for the requirements for a licensure
7 as a community paramedic; and to prohibit the State Board of
8 Health from requiring a college degree for licensure as a
9 community paramedic.

10 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

11 Section 1. Section 22-18-1 of the Code of Alabama 1975,
12 is amended to read as follows:

13 "§22-18-1

14 For the purposes of this article, the following terms
15 shall have the meanings respectively ascribed to them by this
16 section:

17 (1) ADVANCED EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIAN. Any
18 individual who is an emergency medical services personnel, is
19 18 years of age or older, and who satisfies all of the
20 following:

21 a. Has successfully completed the advanced emergency
22 medical technician course of instruction, or its equivalent,
23 as approved by the board.

24 b. Has passed the state Advanced EMT examination, as
25 well as having met the requirements for becoming a licensed
26 emergency medical technician.

27 c. Has been granted a license by the board.

28 (2) ADVANCED LIFE SUPPORT (ALS). The treatment of



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29 potentially life-threatening medical emergencies through the
30 use of invasive medical techniques specified as advanced life
31 support techniques by the board, which ordinarily would be
32 performed or provided by licensed physicians, but which may be
33 performed by emergency medical service personnel during
34 emergencies under constraints specified by rule of the board.

35 (3) AIR AMBULANCE. An aircraft that is intended to be
36 used for and is maintained or operated for transportation to a
37 medical care facility of persons who are sick or injured. For
38 the purposes of this chapter, fixed-wing aircraft that do not
39 conduct scene flights shall not be considered air ambulances.

40 (4) BASIC LIFE SUPPORT (BLS). Prehospital care
41 involving non-invasive life support measures as specified by
42 the board.

43 (5) BOARD or BOARD OF HEALTH. The State Board of
44 Health.

45 (6) COMMUNITY PARAMEDIC. An individual who is an
46 emergency medical services personnel, is 18 years of age or
47 older, and who satisfies all of the following:

48 a. Is currently licensed as a paramedic.

49 b. Has at least two years of full-time service as a
50 paramedic.

51 c. Has successfully completed a community paramedic
52 training program and obtained a postsecondary or equivalent
53 award from an accredited college or university a paramedic
54 course of instruction approved by the board.

55 d. Has passed the state community paramedic examination
56 and has met the requirements for becoming a licensed community



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57 paramedic.

58 e. Has been granted a license by the board.

59 (7) COMMUNITY PARAMEDICINE PROGRAM. The provision of
60 episodic care, patient evaluation, advice, and treatment
61 directed at preventing or improving a particular medical
62 condition, within the scope of practice of the emergency
63 medical services personnel.

64 (8) DEFINITIVE CARE FACILITY. A facility that has the
65 capability to render care to conclusively manage a patient's
66 current medical condition. The term includes, but is not
67 limited to, urgent care facilities, family practice
68 facilities, doctor's offices, and emergency departments.

69 (9) DEPARTMENT. The Alabama Department of Public
70 Health.

71 (10) EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES (EMS). A system of
72 coordinated medical assistance and care provided by emergency
73 medical services personnel, including:

74 a. The transportation and medical care provided to sick
75 or injured individuals before arrival at a definitive care
76 facility.

77 b. Continuation of care within a definitive care
78 facility subject to the approval from that facility.

79 c. Integrated medical care with the oversight of a
80 medical director.

81 (11) EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES PERSONNEL (EMSP). The
82 collective term used to refer to all recognized National
83 Highway Traffic Safety Administration levels of personnel
84 licensed by the board, who have met all primary and renewal



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85 educational requirements, and who provide emergency or
86 non-emergency medical services within the level of their scope
87 of practice and in accordance with the applicable EMS Patient
88 Care Protocols.

89 (12) EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIAN (EMT). An individual
90 who is an emergency medical services personnel, is 18 years of
91 age or older, and who satisfies all of the following:

92 a. Has successfully completed the basic emergency
93 medical technician course of instruction, or its equivalent,
94 as approved by the board.

95 b. Has passed the state EMT examination.

96 c. Has been granted a license by the board.

97 (13) EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIAN-INTERMEDIATE. An
98 individual who is an emergency medical services personnel, is
99 18 years of age or older, and who, prior to December 31, 2002,
100 satisfied all of the following:

101 a. Successfully completed the intermediate emergency
102 medical technician course of instruction, or its equivalent,
103 as approved by the board.

104 b. Passed the state EMT Intermediate examination and
105 has met the requirements for becoming a licensed emergency
106 medical technician.

107 c. Was granted a license by the board.

108 (14) GROUND AMBULANCE. A motor vehicle that is intended
109 to be used for and is maintained or operated for
110 transportation to a medical care facility of individuals who
111 are sick or injured.

112 (15) NON-TRANSPORT VEHICLE. A vehicle operated with the



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113 intent to provide BLS or ALS stabilization on scene, but not
114 intended to transport a patient to a medical care facility.

115 (16) PARAMEDIC. Any individual who is an emergency
116 medical services personnel, is 18 years of age or older, and
117 who has successfully completed the paramedic course of
118 instruction, or its equivalent, as approved by the board, and
119 passed the state paramedic examination, and who has been
120 granted a license by the board. The board may not require a
121 college degree for licensure as a community paramedic.

122 (17) PATIENT. An individual who receives or requests
123 medical care, or for whom medical care is requested, because
124 the individual is sick or injured.

125 (18) PHYSICIAN. An individual licensed to practice
126 medicine or osteopathy by the Medical Licensure Commission of
127 Alabama.

128 (19) PROGRAM MEDICAL DIRECTOR. A physician who has
129 completed the approved EMS Medical Director course and
130 provides medical direction and oversight to emergency medical
131 services personnel.

132 (20) PROVIDER SERVICE. An organization, whether public
133 or private, which provides transport or non-transport
134 emergency medical services.

135 (21) SCENE FLIGHT. The flight of an air ambulance to
136 the physical location of a sick or injured individual.

137 (22) TRANSPORT VEHICLE. An air or ground ambulance."

138 Section 2. This act shall become effective on the first
139 day of the third month following its passage and approval by
140 the Governor, or its otherwise becoming law.



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Speaker of the House of Representatives

President and Presiding Officer of the Senate

House of Representatives

I hereby certify that the within Act originated in and was passed by the House 16-May-23, as amended.

John Treadwell
Clerk

Senate

25-May-23

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