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# **ENROLLED HOUSE BILL No. 5232**

AN ACT to amend 1978 PA 368, entitled "An act to protect and promote the public health; to codify, revise, consolidate, classify, and add to the laws relating to public health; to provide for the prevention and control of diseases and disabilities; to provide for the classification, administration, regulation, financing, and maintenance of personal, environmental, and other health services and activities; to create or continue, and prescribe the powers and duties of, departments, boards, commissions, councils, committees, task forces, and other agencies; to prescribe the powers and duties of governmental entities and officials; to regulate occupations, facilities, and agencies affecting the public health; to regulate health maintenance organizations and certain third party administrators and insurers; to provide for the imposition of a regulatory fee; to provide for the levy of taxes against certain health facilities or agencies; to promote the efficient and economical delivery of health care services, to provide for the appropriate utilization of health care facilities and services, and to provide for the closure of hospitals or consolidation of hospitals or services; to provide for the collection and use of data and information; to provide for the transfer of property; to provide certain immunity from liability; to regulate and prohibit the sale and offering for sale of drug paraphernalia under certain circumstances; to provide for the implementation of federal law; to provide for penalties and remedies; to provide for sanctions for violations of this act and local ordinances; to provide for an appropriation and supplements; to repeal certain acts and parts of acts; to repeal certain parts of this act; and to repeal certain parts of this act on specific dates," by amending sections 16181, 20910, 20920, 20921, and 20923 (MCL 333.16181, 333.20910, 333.20920, 333.20921, and 333.20923), section 16181 as amended by 2000 PA 256 and sections 20910, 20920, 20921, and 20923 as amended by 2000 PA 375.

*The People of the State of Michigan enact:*

Sec. 16181. (1) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (2), a board may grant a nonrenewable, temporary license to an applicant who has completed all requirements for licensure except for examination or other required evaluation procedure. A board shall not grant a temporary license to an individual who has previously failed the examination or other required evaluation procedure or whose license has been suspended or revoked. A temporary license issued pursuant to this section is valid for 18 months, but a board shall automatically void the temporary license if the applicant fails the examination or other required evaluation procedure.

(2) Until January 1, 2007, the Michigan board of nursing may grant a nonrenewable, temporary license to an applicant for a license under this article to engage in the practice of nursing as a registered professional nurse if the

applicant is licensed as a registered professional nurse by an equivalent licensing board or authority in Canada. A temporary license issued under this subsection expires on the earliest of the following:

(a) One year after the date of issuance.

(b) The date the applicant is notified that he or she failed the commission on graduates of foreign nursing schools qualifying examination, as approved by the department.

(c) The date the applicant is notified that he or she failed the national council licensure examination, as approved by the department.

(d) The date the applicant is issued a license under this article to engage in the practice of nursing as a registered professional nurse.

(3) The holder of a temporary license issued under subsection (1) shall practice only under the supervision of a licensee who holds a license, other than a health profession subfield license, in the same health profession. The holder of a temporary license issued under subsection (1) shall not be supervised by a licensee who holds a limited license or temporary license.

(4) The department shall promptly issue a temporary license.

Sec. 20910. (1) The department shall do all of the following:

(a) Be responsible for the development, coordination, and administration of a statewide emergency medical services system.

(b) Facilitate and promote programs of public information and education concerning emergency medical services.

(c) In case of actual disasters and disaster training drills and exercises, provide emergency medical services resources pursuant to applicable provisions of the Michigan emergency preparedness plan, or as prescribed by the director of emergency services pursuant to the emergency management act, 1976 PA 390, MCL 30.401 to 30.420.

(d) Consistent with the rules of the federal communications commission, plan, develop, coordinate, and administer a statewide emergency medical services communications system.

(e) Develop and maintain standards of emergency medical services and personnel as follows:

(i) License emergency medical services personnel in accordance with this part.

(ii) License ambulance operations, nontransport prehospital life support operations, and medical first response services in accordance with this part.

(iii) At least annually, inspect or provide for the inspection of each life support agency, except medical first response services. As part of that inspection, the department shall conduct random inspections of life support vehicles. If a life support vehicle is determined by the department to be out of compliance, the department shall give the life support agency 24 hours to bring the life support vehicle into compliance. If the life support vehicle is not brought into compliance in that time period, the department shall order the life support vehicle taken out of service until the life support agency demonstrates to the department, in writing, that the life support vehicle has been brought into compliance.

(iv) Promulgate rules to establish the requirements for licensure of life support agencies, vehicles, and individuals licensed under this part to provide emergency medical services and other rules necessary to implement this part. The department shall submit all proposed rules and changes to the state emergency medical services coordination committee and provide a reasonable time for the committee's review and recommendations before submitting the rules for public hearing under the administrative procedures act of 1969.

(f) Promulgate rules to establish and maintain standards for and regulate the use of descriptive words, phrases, symbols, or emblems that represent or denote that an ambulance operation, nontransport prehospital life support operation, or medical first response service is or may be provided. The department's authority to regulate use of the descriptive devices includes use for the purposes of advertising, promoting, or selling the services rendered by an ambulance operation, nontransport prehospital life support operation, or medical first response service, or by emergency medical services personnel.

(g) Designate a medical control authority as the medical control for emergency medical services for a particular geographic region as provided for under this part.

(h) Develop and implement field studies involving the use of skills, techniques, procedures, or equipment that are not included as part of the standard education for medical first responders, emergency medical technicians, emergency medical technician specialists, or paramedics, if all of the following conditions are met:

(i) The state emergency medical services coordination committee reviews the field study prior to implementation.

(ii) The field study is conducted in an area for which a medical control authority has been approved pursuant to subdivision (g).

(iii) The medical first responders, emergency medical technicians, emergency medical technician specialists, and paramedics participating in the field study receive training for the new skill, technique, procedure, or equipment.

(i) Collect data as necessary to assess the need for and quality of emergency medical services throughout the state pursuant to 1967 PA 270, MCL 331.531 to 331.533.

(j) Develop, with the advice of the emergency medical services coordination committee, an emergency medical services plan that includes rural issues.

(k) Develop recommendations for territorial boundaries of medical control authorities that are designed to assure that there exists reasonable emergency medical services capacity within the boundaries for the estimated demand for emergency medical services.

(l) Within 180 days after the effective date of the amendatory act that added this subdivision, in consultation with the emergency medical services coordination committee, conduct a study on the potential medical benefits, costs, and impact on life support agencies if each ambulance is required to be equipped with an automated external defibrillator and submit its recommendation to the standing committees in the senate and the house of representatives with jurisdiction over health policy issues.

(m) Promulgate other rules to implement this part.

(n) Perform other duties as set forth in this part.

(2) The department may do all of the following:

(a) In consultation with the emergency medical services coordination committee, promulgate rules to require an ambulance operation, nontransport prehospital life support operation, or medical first response service to periodically submit designated records and data for evaluation by the department.

(b) Establish a grant program or contract with a public or private agency, emergency medical services professional association, or emergency medical services coalition to provide training, public information, and assistance to medical control authorities and emergency medical services systems or to conduct other activities as specified in this part.

Sec. 20920. (1) A person shall not establish, operate, or cause to be operated an ambulance operation unless the ambulance operation is licensed under this section.

(2) Upon proper application and payment of a \$100.00 fee, the department shall issue a license as an ambulance operation to a person who meets the requirements of this part and the rules promulgated under this part.

(3) An applicant shall specify in the application each ambulance to be operated.

(4) An ambulance operation license shall specify the ambulances licensed to be operated.

(5) An ambulance operation license shall state the highest level of life support the ambulance operation is licensed to provide. An ambulance operation shall operate in accordance with this part, rules promulgated under this part, and approved medical control authority protocols and shall not provide life support at a level that exceeds its license and available licensed personnel or violates approved medical control authority protocols.

(6) An ambulance operation license may be renewed annually upon application to the department and payment of a \$100.00 renewal fee. Before issuing a renewal license, the department shall determine that the ambulance operation is in compliance with this part, the rules promulgated under this part, and medical control authority protocols.

(7) Beginning on July 22, 1997, an ambulance operation that meets all of the following requirements may apply for an ambulance operation upgrade license under subsection (8):

(a) On or before July 22, 1997, holds an ambulance operation license that designates the ambulance operation either as a transporting basic life support service or as a transporting limited advanced life support service.

(b) Is a transporting basic life support service, that is able to staff and equip 1 or more ambulances for the transport of emergency patients at a life support level higher than basic life support, or is a transporting limited advanced life support service, that is able to staff and equip 1 or more ambulances for the transport of emergency patients at the life support level of advanced life support.

(c) Is owned or operated by or under contract to a local unit of government and providing first-line emergency medical response to that local unit of government on or before July 22, 1997.

(d) Will provide the services described in subdivision (b) only to the local unit of government described in subdivision (c), and only in response to a 911 call or other call for emergency transport.

(8) An ambulance operation meeting the requirements of subsection (7) that applies for an ambulance operation upgrade license shall include all of the following information in the application provided by the department:

(a) Verification of all of the requirements of subsection (7) including, but not limited to, a description of the staffing and equipment to be used in providing the higher level of life support services.

(b) If the applicant is a transporting basic life support service, a plan of action to upgrade from providing basic life support to providing limited advanced life support or advanced life support to take place over a period of not more than 2 years. If the applicant is a transporting limited advanced life support service, a plan of action to upgrade from providing limited advanced life support to providing advanced life support to take place over a period of not more than 2 years.

(c) The medical control authority protocols for the ambulance operation upgrade license, along with a recommendation from the medical control authority under which the ambulance operation operates that the ambulance operation upgrade license be issued by the department.

(d) Other information required by the department.

(9) The statewide emergency medical services coordination committee shall review the information described in subsection (8) (c) and make a recommendation to the department as to whether or not an ambulance operation upgrade license should be granted to the applicant.

(10) Upon receipt of a completed application as required under subsection (8), a positive recommendation under subsection (9), and payment of a \$100.00 fee, the department shall issue to the applicant an ambulance operation upgrade license. Subject to subsection (12), the license is valid for 2 years from the date of issuance and is renewable for 1 additional 2-year period. An application for renewal of an ambulance operation upgrade license shall contain documentation of the progress made on the plan of action described in subsection (8) (b). In addition, the medical control authority under which the ambulance operation operates shall annually file with the statewide emergency medical services coordination committee a written report on the progress made by the ambulance operation on the plan of action described in subsection (8) (b), including, but not limited to, information on training, equipment, and personnel.

(11) If an ambulance operation is designated by its regular license as providing basic life support services, then an ambulance operation upgrade license issued under this section allows the ambulance operation to provide limited advanced life support services or advanced life support services when the ambulance operation is able to staff and equip 1 or more ambulances to provide services at the higher levels. If an ambulance operation is designated by its regular license as providing limited advanced life support services, then an ambulance operation upgrade license issued under this section allows the ambulance operation to provide advanced life support services when the ambulance operation is able to staff and equip 1 or more ambulances to provide services at the higher level. An ambulance operation shall not provide services under an ambulance operation upgrade license unless the medical control authority under which the ambulance operation operates has adopted protocols for the ambulance operation upgrade license regarding quality monitoring procedures, use and protection of equipment, and patient care.

(12) The department may revoke or fail to renew an ambulance operation upgrade license for a violation of this part or a rule promulgated under this part or for failure to comply with the plan of action filed under subsection (8) (b). An ambulance operation that obtains an ambulance operation upgrade license must annually renew its regular license under subsections (2) to (6). An ambulance operation's regular license is not affected by the following:

(a) The fact that the ambulance operation has obtained or renewed an ambulance operation upgrade license.

(b) The fact that an ambulance operation's ambulance operation upgrade license is revoked or is not renewed under this subsection.

(c) The fact that the ambulance operation's ambulance operation upgrade license expires at the end of the second 2-year period prescribed by subsection (10).

(13) By July 22, 2000, the department shall file a written report to the legislature. The department shall include all of the following information in the report:

(a) The number of ambulance operations that were qualified under subsection (7) to apply for an ambulance operation upgrade license under subsection (8) during the 3-year period.

(b) The number of ambulance operations that in fact applied for an ambulance operation upgrade license during the 3-year period.

(c) The number of ambulance operations that successfully upgraded from being a transporting basic life support service to a transporting limited advanced service or a transporting advanced life support service or that successfully upgraded from being a transporting limited advanced life support service to a transporting advanced life support service under an ambulance operation upgrade license.

(d) The number of ambulance operations that failed to successfully upgrade, as described in subdivision (c), under an ambulance operation upgrade license, but that improved their services during the 3-year period.

(e) The number of ambulance operations that failed to successfully upgrade, as described in subdivision (c), under an ambulance operation upgrade license, and that showed no improvement or a decline in their services.

(f) The effect of the amendatory act that added this subsection on the delivery of emergency medical services in this state.

Sec. 20921. (1) An ambulance operation shall do all of the following:

(a) Provide at least 1 ambulance available for response to requests for emergency assistance on a 24-hour-a-day, 7-day-a-week basis in accordance with local medical control authority protocols.

(b) Respond or ensure that a response is provided to each request for emergency assistance originating from within the bounds of its service area.

(c) Operate under the direction of a medical control authority or the medical control authorities with jurisdiction over the ambulance operation.

(d) Notify the department immediately of a change that would alter the information contained on its application for an ambulance operation license or renewal.

(e) Subject to section 20920(7) to (12), provide life support consistent with its license and approved local medical control authority protocols to each emergency patient without prior inquiry into ability to pay or source of payment.

(2) An ambulance operation shall not do 1 or more of the following:

(a) Knowingly provide a person with false or misleading information concerning the time at which an emergency response will be initiated or the location from which the response is being initiated.

(b) Induce or seek to induce any person engaging an ambulance to patronize a long-term care facility, mortuary, or hospital.

(c) Advertise, or permit advertising of, within or on the premises of the ambulance operation or within or on an ambulance, the name or the services of an attorney, accident investigator, nurse, physician, long-term care facility, mortuary, or hospital. If 1 of those persons or facilities owns or operates an ambulance operation, the person or facility may use its business name in the name of the ambulance operation and may display the name of the ambulance operation within or on the premises of the ambulance operation or within or on an ambulance.

(d) Advertise or disseminate information for the purpose of obtaining contracts under a name other than the name of the person holding an ambulance operation license or the trade or assumed name of the ambulance operation.

(e) If the ambulance operation is operating under an ambulance operation upgrade license issued under section 20920(7) to (12), advertise or otherwise hold itself out as a full-time transporting limited advanced life support service or a full-time transporting advanced life support service unless the ambulance operation actually provides those services on a 24-hour-per-day, 7-day-a-week basis.

(3) Except as provided in subsection (4), an ambulance operation shall not operate, attend, or permit an ambulance to be operated while transporting a patient unless the ambulance is, at a minimum, staffed as follows:

(a) If designated as providing basic life support, with at least 1 emergency medical technician and 1 medical first responder.

(b) If designated as providing limited advanced life support, with at least 1 emergency medical technician specialist and 1 emergency medical technician.

(c) If designated as providing advanced life support, with at least 1 paramedic and 1 emergency medical technician.

(4) An ambulance operation that is licensed to provide advanced life support and has more than 1 ambulance licensed under its operation may operate an ambulance licensed to provide basic life support or limited advanced life support at a higher level of life support if all of the following are met:

(a) The ambulance operation has at least 1 ambulance under its operation that is properly staffed and available to provide advanced life support on a 24-hour-a-day, 7-day-a-week basis.

(b) The licensed personnel required to operate at that higher level of life support are available at the scene and in the ambulance during the patient transport to provide life support to that patient at that higher level.

(c) The ambulance meets all equipment and communication requirements to operate at that higher level of life support.

(d) The ambulance operation that is unable to respond to a request for emergency assistance immediately requests assistance pursuant to protocols established by the local medical control authority and approved by the department under this part.

(5) Except as provided in subsection (6), an ambulance operation shall ensure that an emergency medical technician, an emergency medical technician specialist, or a paramedic is in the patient compartment of an ambulance while transporting an emergency patient.

(6) Subsection (5) does not apply to the transportation of a patient by an ambulance if the patient is accompanied in the patient compartment of the ambulance by an appropriate licensed health professional designated by a physician and after a physician-patient relationship has been established as prescribed in this part or the rules promulgated by the department under this part.

Sec. 20923. (1) Except as provided in section 20924 (2), a person shall not operate an ambulance unless the ambulance is licensed under this section and is operated as part of a licensed ambulance operation.

(2) Upon proper application and payment of a \$25.00 fee, the department shall issue an ambulance license, or annual renewal of an ambulance license, to the ambulance operation. Receipt of the application by the department serves as attestation to the department by the ambulance operation that the ambulance being licensed or renewed is in compliance with the minimum standards required by the department. The inspection of an ambulance by the department is not required as a basis for licensure renewal, unless otherwise determined by the department.

(3) An ambulance operation shall submit an application and fee to the department for each ambulance in service. Each application shall include a certificate of insurance for the ambulance in the amount and coverage required by the department.

(4) Upon purchase by an ambulance operation, an ambulance shall meet all vehicle standards established by the department under section 20910(e) (iv).

(5) Once licensed for service, an ambulance is not required to meet subsequently modified state vehicle standards during its use by the ambulance operation that obtained the license.

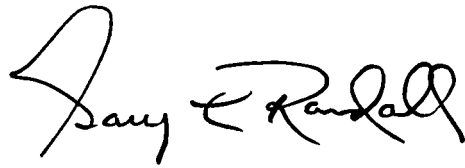
(6) Patient care equipment and safety equipment carried on an ambulance shall meet the minimum requirements prescribed by the department and the approved local medical control authority protocols.

(7) An ambulance operation that maintains patient care equipment and medications necessary to upgrade from providing basic or limited advanced life support to providing a higher level of life support in accordance with section 20921(4) shall secure the necessary patient care equipment and medications in a way such that the equipment or medications can only be used by the appropriately licensed personnel.

(8) An ambulance shall be equipped with a communications system utilizing frequencies and procedures consistent with the statewide emergency medical services communications system developed by the department.

(9) An ambulance license is not transferable to another ambulance operation.

This act is ordered to take immediate effect.



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Clerk of the House of Representatives



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Secretary of the Senate

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Governor