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A BILL
TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

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

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

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

"§22-18-1

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

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

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



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29 b. Has passed the state Advanced EMT examination, as
30 well as having met the requirements for becoming a licensed
31 emergency medical technician.

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

33 (2) ADVANCED LIFE SUPPORT (ALS). The treatment of
34 potentially life-threatening medical emergencies through the
35 use of invasive medical techniques specified as advanced life
36 support techniques by the board, which ordinarily would be
37 performed or provided by licensed physicians, but which may be
38 performed by emergency medical service personnel during
39 emergencies under constraints specified by rule of the board.

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

45 (4) BASIC LIFE SUPPORT (BLS). Prehospital care
46 involving non-invasive life support measures as specified by
47 the board.

48 (5) BOARD or BOARD OF HEALTH. The State Board of
49 Health.

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

53 a. Is currently licensed as a paramedic.

54 b. Has at least two years of full-time service as a
55 paramedic.

56 c. Has successfully completed a community paramedic



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57 training program and obtained a postsecondary or equivalent
58 award from an accredited college or university a paramedic
59 course of instruction approved by the board.

60 d. Has passed the state community paramedic examination
61 and has met the requirements for becoming a licensed community
62 paramedic.

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

64 (7) COMMUNITY PARAMEDICINE PROGRAM. The provision of
65 episodic care, patient evaluation, advice, and treatment
66 directed at preventing or improving a particular medical
67 condition, within the scope of practice of the emergency
68 medical services personnel.

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

74 (9) DEPARTMENT. The Alabama Department of Public
75 Health.

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

79 a. The transportation and medical care provided to sick
80 or injured individuals before arrival at a definitive care
81 facility.

82 b. Continuation of care within a definitive care
83 facility subject to the approval from that facility.

84 c. Integrated medical care with the oversight of a



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85 medical director.

86 (11) EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES PERSONNEL (EMSP). The
87 collective term used to refer to all recognized National
88 Highway Traffic Safety Administration levels of personnel
89 licensed by the board, who have met all primary and renewal
90 educational requirements, and who provide emergency or
91 non-emergency medical services within the level of their scope
92 of practice and in accordance with the applicable EMS Patient
93 Care Protocols.

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

97 a. Has successfully completed the basic emergency
98 medical technician course of instruction, or its equivalent,
99 as approved by the board.

100 b. Has passed the state EMT examination.

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

102 (13) EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIAN-INTERMEDIATE. An
103 individual who is an emergency medical services personnel, is
104 18 years of age or older, and who, prior to December 31, 2002,
105 satisfied all of the following:

106 a. Successfully completed the intermediate emergency
107 medical technician course of instruction, or its equivalent,
108 as approved by the board.

109 b. Passed the state EMT Intermediate examination and
110 has met the requirements for becoming a licensed emergency
111 medical technician.

112 c. Was granted a license by the board.



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113 (14) GROUND AMBULANCE. A motor vehicle that is intended
114 to be used for and is maintained or operated for
115 transportation to a medical care facility of individuals who
116 are sick or injured.

117 (15) NON-TRANSPORT VEHICLE. A vehicle operated with the
118 intent to provide BLS or ALS stabilization on scene, but not
119 intended to transport a patient to a medical care facility.

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

127 (17) PATIENT. An individual who receives or requests
128 medical care, or for whom medical care is requested, because
129 the individual is sick or injured.

130 (18) PHYSICIAN. An individual licensed to practice
131 medicine or osteopathy by the Medical Licensure Commission of
132 Alabama.

133 (19) PROGRAM MEDICAL DIRECTOR. A physician who has
134 completed the approved EMS Medical Director course and
135 provides medical direction and oversight to emergency medical
136 services personnel.

137 (20) PROVIDER SERVICE. An organization, whether public
138 or private, which provides transport or non-transport
139 emergency medical services.

140 (21) SCENE FLIGHT. The flight of an air ambulance to



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141 the physical location of a sick or injured individual.

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

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



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