

**SENATE BILL No. 474**

By Senator Straub

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1 AN ACT concerning health and healthcare; relating to emergency medical  
2 services; staffing of ambulances; permitting an ambulance to operate  
3 with one emergency medical service provider in rural counties;  
4 amending K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 65-6135 and repealing the existing  
5 section.

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7 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:*

8 Section 1. K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 65-6135 is hereby amended to read as  
9 follows: 65-6135. (a) All ambulance services providing emergency care as  
10 defined by the rules and regulations adopted by the board shall offer  
11 service 24 hours per day every day of the year.

12 (b) Whenever an operator is required to have a permit, at least one  
13 person on each vehicle providing emergency medical service shall be an  
14 emergency medical service provider certified pursuant to K.S.A. 65-6119,  
15 65-6120 or 65-6121, and amendments thereto, ~~a physician~~ *an individual*  
16 *licensed by the state board of healing arts to practice medicine and*  
17 *surgery, a physician assistant, an advanced practice registered nurse or a*  
18 *professional nurse.*

19 (c) *In counties with a population of less than 10,000, a vehicle*  
20 *providing emergency care may operate with:*

21 (1) *One individual certified as an emergency medical service*  
22 *provider pursuant to K.S.A. 65-6119, 65-6120 or 65-6121, and*  
23 *amendments thereto, an individual licensed by the state board of healing*  
24 *arts to practice medicine and surgery, a physician assistant, an advanced*  
25 *practice registered nurse or a professional nurse; and*

26 (2) *one individual who meets the certification requirements of*  
27 *paragraph (1) or who holds a valid certificate for the successful*  
28 *completion of a course in first aid or cardiopulmonary resuscitation*  
29 *(CPR) offered or approved by the American red cross, American heart*  
30 *association, mining enforcement and safety administration of the bureau*  
31 *of mines of the department of interior or national safety council.*

32 Sec. 2. K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 65-6135 is hereby repealed.

33 Sec. 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its  
34 publication in the statute book.