

## THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

## HOUSE BILL

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ARMANINI AND HEFFLEY, NOVEMBER 23, 2021

SENATOR STEFANO, VETERANS AFFAIRS AND EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS, IN  
SENATE, AS AMENDED, JUNE 6, 2022

## AN ACT

1 Amending Title 35 (Health and Safety) of the Pennsylvania  
2 Consolidated Statutes, in emergency medical services system,  
3 further providing for basic life support ambulances.

4 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
5 hereby enacts as follows:

6 Section 1. Section 8133(b)(1) and ~~(c)(1)~~ (C) of Title 35 of <--  
7 the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes are amended to read:

8 § 8133. Basic life support ambulances.

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10 (b) Staffing requirements.--

11 (1) Except as provided under paragraph (2) or subsection  
12 (c)(1), minimum staffing for a BLS ambulance when responding  
13 to a call to provide EMS is an ambulance attendant, EMR or  
14 EMT, a second EMS provider at or above the EMT level and an  
15 EMS vehicle operator, except that only the two EMS providers  
16 need to respond if one of them is also the EMS vehicle

1 operator. When present, an EMS provider above the EMR level  
2 must attend to the patient at the scene and during patient  
3 transportation.

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5 (c) Exceptions.--

6 (1) [The staffing requirements under subsection (b) (2)  
7 may be waived or adjusted at the department's discretion. The  
8 department shall permit an EMS agency to file for a waiver or  
9 exception from the staffing requirements under this  
10 subsection for extraordinary reasons as determined by the  
11 department on a case-by-case basis and in the best interest  
12 of the EMS system and patient care.] The minimum staffing  
13 requirements for a BLS ambulance when responding to a call to  
14 provide EMS is an EMS vehicle operator and an EMS provider at  
15 or above the level of an EMT. When present, an EMS provider  
16 at or above the level of an EMT shall attend to the patient  
17 at the scene and during patient transportation.

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19 (2) THIS SUBSECTION SHALL EXPIRE [THREE YEARS FROM THE  
20 DATE OF ENACTMENT OF THIS SUBSECTION] APRIL 29, 2027.

21 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.

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