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SENATE BILL NO. 50

Introduced by: The Committee on Health and Human Services at the request of the
Department of Public Safety

1 FOR AN ACT ENTITLED, An Act to revise certain certification levels of emergency medical
2 technicians.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA:

4 Section 1. That § 36-4B-1 be amended to read as follows:

5 36-4B-1. Terms used in this chapter mean:

- 6 (1) "Advanced life support," a level of prehospital and interhospital emergency care
7 consisting of basic life support procedures and definitive therapy including the use
8 of invasive procedures and may include the use of drugs and manual defibrillation;
- 9 (2) "Advanced life support personnel," any person other than a physician who has
10 completed a department and board approved program and is licensed as an
11 emergency medical technician-intermediate/85; emergency medical technician-
12 intermediate/99; or emergency medical technician-paramedic as set forth in this
13 chapter, or its equivalent;
- 14 (3) "Board," the South Dakota Board of Medical and Osteopathic Examiners;
- 15 (4) "Department," the South Dakota State Department of Public Safety;



- 1 (5) "Direct medical control," communications between field personnel and a physician
2 during an emergency run;
- 3 (6) "Emergency medical services," health care provided to the patient at the scene, during
4 transportation to a medical facility, between medical facilities and upon entry at the
5 medical facility;
- 6 ~~(6A) "Emergency medical technician," any class of emergency medical technician as~~
7 ~~defined in this section;~~
- 8 (7) "Emergency medical technician-advanced," any person who has successfully
9 completed a program of study approved by the department and the board in all areas
10 of training and skills set forth in the advanced emergency medical technician
11 instructional guidelines and standards, including placement of esophageal and
12 supraglottic airways, intravenous cannulation, shock management, administration of
13 specific medications, and other advanced skills approved by the board, and who is
14 licensed by the board to perform such advanced skills;
- 15 (8) "Emergency medical technician-~~basic~~/EMT," any person trained in emergency
16 medical care in accordance with standards prescribed by rules and regulations
17 promulgated pursuant to § 34-11-6, who provides emergency medical services,
18 including automated external defibrillation under indirect medical control, in
19 accordance with the person's level of training;
- 20 ~~(8)~~(9) "Emergency medical technician-intermediate/85," any person who has successfully
21 completed a department and board approved program of instruction in basic life
22 support and advanced life support skills in shock and fluid therapy, placement of
23 esophageal airways, and other advanced life support skills approved by board action,
24 and who is licensed by the board to perform such skills, including automated external

1 defibrillation;

2 ~~(9)~~(10) "Emergency medical technician-paramedic," any person who has successfully
3 completed a program of study approved by the department and the board and
4 is licensed as an emergency medical technician- paramedic, which includes all
5 training and skills set forth herein for emergency medical technician-
6 intermediate~~ac~~/85 and emergency medical technician-intermediate/99, and
7 other advanced skills programs approved by board action, and who is licensed
8 by the board to perform such intermediate, special, and advanced skills;

9 ~~(10)~~(11) "Emergency medical technician-intermediate/99," any person who has
10 successfully completed a department and board approved program of
11 instruction in all areas of emergency medical technician-intermediate/85
12 curriculum plus other specific areas of emergency medical care in the
13 following areas: manual and automated external defibrillation, telemetered
14 electrocardiography, administration of cardiac drugs, administration of
15 specific medications and solutions, use of adjunctive breathing devices,
16 advanced trauma care, tracheotomy suction, esophageal airways and
17 endotracheal intubation, intraosseous infusion, or other special skills programs
18 approved by board action, and who is licensed by the board to perform
19 intermediate skills plus such special skills;

20 ~~(11)~~(12) "Emergency medical technician-student status," any person who has received
21 authorization for student status by the board and who has been accepted into
22 an advanced life support training program to perform, under direct
23 supervision, those activities and services currently being studied;

24 ~~(11A)~~(13) "Epinephrine auto-injector," a spring-loaded needle and syringe with a single

1 dose of epinephrine that will automatically release and inject the medicine, any
2 similar automatic pre-filled cartridge injector, or any similar automatic
3 injectable equipment;

4 ~~(12)~~(14) "Good faith," honesty, in fact, in the conduct, or transaction concerned;

5 ~~(13)~~(15) "Gross negligence," the intentional failure to perform a manifest duty in
6 reckless disregard of the consequences as affecting the life or health of
7 another;

8 ~~(14)~~(16) "Hour of advanced life support studies," fifty minutes of training;

9 ~~(15)~~(17) "Indirect medical control," the establishment and implementation of system
10 policies and procedures, such as medical treatment protocols, quality
11 assurance programs and case reviews by a physician licensed in South Dakota;

12 ~~(16)~~(18) "Local government," any county, municipality, township, or village in this
13 state;

14 ~~(17)~~(19) "Medical community," the physicians and medical resources located and
15 available within a geographic area;

16 ~~(18)~~(20) "Medical emergency," an event affecting an individual in such a manner that
17 a need for immediate medical care is created;

18 ~~(19)~~(21) "Patient," an individual who, as a result of illness or injury needs immediate
19 medical attention, whose physical or mental condition is such that the
20 individual is in imminent danger of loss of life or significant health
21 impairment, or who may be otherwise incapacitated or helpless as a result of
22 a physical or mental condition; and

23 ~~(20)~~(22) "Prehospital care," those emergency medical services rendered to emergency
24 patients in an out-of-hospital setting, administered for analytic, stabilizing, or

1 preventive purposes, precedent to and during transportation of such patients
2 to emergency treatment facilities.

3 Section 2. That chapter 36-4B be amended by adding thereto a NEW SECTION to read as
4 follows:

5 An emergency medical technician-advanced may perform placement of esophageal and
6 supraglottic airways, intravenous cannulations, shock management, administration of specific
7 medications, and other advanced skills approved by the board.