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1 AN ACT Relating to department of health authority regarding  
2 emergency medical technician license fees; and amending RCW 18.73.081  
3 and 18.71.205.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

5 **Sec. 1.** RCW 18.73.081 and 1993 c 254 s 1 are each amended to read  
6 as follows:

7 In addition to other duties prescribed by law, the secretary shall:

8 (1) Prescribe minimum requirements for:

9 (a) Ambulance, air ambulance, and aid vehicles and equipment;

10 (b) Ambulance and aid services; and

11 (c) Minimum emergency communication equipment;

12 (2) Adopt procedures for services that fail to perform in  
13 accordance with minimum requirements;

14 (3) Prescribe minimum standards for first responder and emergency  
15 medical technician training including:

16 (a) Adoption of curriculum and period of certification;

17 (b) Procedures for certification, recertification, decertification,  
18 or modification of certificates;

1 (c) Adoption of requirements for ongoing training and evaluation,  
2 as approved by the county medical program director, to include  
3 appropriate evaluation for individual knowledge and skills. The first  
4 responder, emergency medical technician, or emergency medical services  
5 provider agency may elect a program of continuing education and a  
6 written and practical examination instead of meeting the ongoing  
7 training and evaluation requirements;

8 (d) Procedures for reciprocity with other states or national  
9 certifying agencies;

10 (e) Review and approval or disapproval of training programs; and

11 (f) Adoption of standards for numbers and qualifications of  
12 instructional personnel required for first responder and emergency  
13 medical technician training programs;

14 (4) Prescribe minimum requirements for liability insurance to be  
15 carried by licensed services except that this requirement shall not  
16 apply to public bodies; and

17 (5) Certify emergency medical program directors.

18 (6) This section may not be construed as granting authority to the  
19 secretary to set license fees for emergency medical technicians.

20 **Sec. 2.** RCW 18.71.205 and 1992 c 128 s 1 are each amended to read  
21 as follows:

22 (1) The secretary of the department of health, in conjunction with  
23 the advice and assistance of the emergency medical services licensing  
24 and certification advisory committee as prescribed in RCW 18.73.050,  
25 and the board of medical examiners, shall prescribe:

26 (a) Minimum standards and performance requirements for the  
27 certification and recertification of physician's trained intravenous  
28 therapy technicians, airway management technicians, and mobile  
29 intensive care paramedics; and

30 (b) Procedures for certification, recertification, and  
31 decertification of physician's trained intravenous therapy technicians,  
32 airway management technicians, and mobile intensive care paramedics.

33 (2) Initial certification shall be for a period of three years.

34 (3) Recertification shall be granted upon proof of continuing  
35 satisfactory performance and education, and shall be for a period of  
36 three years.

37 (4) As used in chapters 18.71 and 18.73 RCW, "approved medical  
38 program director" means a person who:

1 (a) Is licensed to practice medicine and surgery pursuant to  
2 chapter 18.71 RCW or osteopathy and surgery pursuant to chapter 18.57  
3 RCW; and

4 (b) Is qualified and knowledgeable in the administration and  
5 management of emergency care and services; and

6 (c) Is so certified by the department of health for a county, group  
7 of counties, or cities with populations over four hundred thousand in  
8 coordination with the recommendations of the local medical community  
9 and local emergency medical services and trauma care council.

10 (5) The uniform disciplinary act, chapter 18.130 RCW, governs  
11 uncertified practice, the issuance and denial of certificates, and the  
12 disciplining of certificate holders under this section. The secretary  
13 shall be the disciplining authority under this section. Disciplinary  
14 action shall be initiated against a person credentialed under this  
15 chapter in a manner consistent with the responsibilities and duties of  
16 the medical program director under whom such person is responsible.

17 (6) This section may not be construed to grant the secretary  
18 authority to set license fees for emergency medical technicians.

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