

FINAL BILL REPORT

SHB 1427

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Synopsis as Enacted

Brief Description: Modifying provisions for emergency medical service professionals.

Sponsors: House Committee on Health Care (originally sponsored by Representatives Dyer, Dellwo, Backlund, Thibaudeau and Skinner).

House Committee on Health Care
Senate Committee on Health & Long-Term Care

Background: Emergency medical service personnel are certified by the Department of Health or the University of Washington School of Medicine to practice emergency medical services. Categories of emergency medical personnel include mobile intravenous therapy technicians, mobile airway management technicians, and mobile intensive care paramedics.

Training standards and practice parameters for the different categories of emergency medical services personnel are specified by statute.

Summary: The specific levels of emergency medical service personnel are repealed and these personnel are defined generally as "emergency medical service intermediate life support technicians and paramedics."

Practice parameters and training standards of levels of emergency medical service intermediate life support technicians and paramedics are to be promulgated by rule by the Department of Health, in conjunction with the Emergency Medical Services Licensing and Certification Advisory Committee and the Medical Quality Assurance Commission.

The practice activities of emergency medical services personnel are clarified. They are limited to actions taken under the express orders of medical program directors, and do not include free-standing or non-directed actions (for actions that are not emergencies or life-threatening conditions).

Votes on Final Passage:

House	98	0
Senate	46	0

Effective: July 23, 1995