

CERTIFICATION OF ENROLLMENT

**SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 1427**

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House of Representatives**

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**President of the Senate**

Approved

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**Governor of the State of Washington**

CERTIFICATE

I, Timothy A. Martin, Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is **SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 1427** as passed by the House of Representatives and the Senate on the dates hereon set forth.

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**Chief Clerk**

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**Secretary of State  
State of Washington**

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**By** House Committee on Health Care (originally sponsored by Representatives Dyer, Dellwo, Backlund, Thibaudeau and Skinner)

Read first time 02/21/95.

1            AN ACT Relating to emergency medical service professionals; and  
2 amending RCW 18.71.030, 18.71.200, 18.71.205, and 18.71.210.

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

4            **Sec. 1.** RCW 18.71.030 and 1994 sp.s. c 9 s 306 are each amended to  
5 read as follows:

6            Nothing in this chapter shall be construed to apply to or interfere  
7 in any way with the practice of religion or any kind of treatment by  
8 prayer; nor shall anything in this chapter be construed to prohibit:

9            (1) The furnishing of medical assistance in cases of emergency  
10 requiring immediate attention;

11            (2) The domestic administration of family remedies;

12            (3) The administration of oral medication of any nature to students  
13 by public school district employees or private elementary or secondary  
14 school employees as provided for in chapter 28A.210 RCW;

15            (4) The practice of dentistry, osteopathy, osteopathy and surgery,  
16 nursing, chiropractic, podiatric medicine and surgery, optometry,  
17 naturopathy, or any other healing art licensed under the methods or  
18 means permitted by such license;

1 (5) The practice of medicine in this state by any commissioned  
2 medical officer serving in the armed forces of the United States or  
3 public health service or any medical officer on duty with the United  
4 States veterans administration while such medical officer is engaged in  
5 the performance of the duties prescribed for him or her by the laws and  
6 regulations of the United States;

7 (6) The practice of medicine by any practitioner licensed by  
8 another state or territory in which he or she resides, provided that  
9 such practitioner shall not open an office or appoint a place of  
10 meeting patients or receiving calls within this state;

11 (7) The practice of medicine by a person who is a regular student  
12 in a school of medicine approved and accredited by the commission,  
13 however, the performance of such services be only pursuant to a regular  
14 course of instruction or assignments from his or her instructor, or  
15 that such services are performed only under the supervision and control  
16 of a person licensed pursuant to this chapter;

17 (8) The practice of medicine by a person serving a period of  
18 postgraduate medical training in a program of clinical medical training  
19 sponsored by a college or university in this state or by a hospital  
20 accredited in this state, however, the performance of such services  
21 shall be only pursuant to his or her duties as a trainee;

22 (9) The practice of medicine by a person who is regularly enrolled  
23 in a physician assistant program approved by the commission, however,  
24 the performance of such services shall be only pursuant to a regular  
25 course of instruction in said program and such services are performed  
26 only under the supervision and control of a person licensed pursuant to  
27 this chapter;

28 (10) The practice of medicine by a licensed physician assistant  
29 which practice is performed under the supervision and control of a  
30 physician licensed pursuant to this chapter;

31 (11) The practice of medicine, in any part of this state which  
32 shares a common border with Canada and which is surrounded on three  
33 sides by water, by a physician licensed to practice medicine and  
34 surgery in Canada or any province or territory thereof;

35 (12) The administration of nondental anesthesia by a dentist who  
36 has completed a residency in anesthesiology at a school of medicine  
37 approved by the commission, however, a dentist allowed to administer  
38 nondental anesthesia shall do so only under authorization of the  
39 patient's attending surgeon, obstetrician, or psychiatrist, and the

1 commission has jurisdiction to discipline a dentist practicing under  
2 this exemption and enjoin or suspend such dentist from the practice of  
3 nondental anesthesia according to this chapter and chapter 18.130 RCW;

4 (13) Emergency lifesaving service rendered by a physician's trained  
5 (~~mobile intravenous therapy technician, by a physician's trained~~  
6 ~~mobile airway management technician, or by a physician's trained mobile~~  
7 ~~intensive care paramedic~~) emergency medical service intermediate life  
8 support technician and paramedic, as defined in RCW 18.71.200, if the  
9 emergency lifesaving service is rendered under the responsible  
10 supervision and control of a licensed physician;

11 (14) The provision of clean, intermittent bladder catheterization  
12 for students by public school district employees or private school  
13 employees as provided for in RCW 18.79.290 and 28A.210.280.

14 **Sec. 2.** RCW 18.71.200 and 1991 c 3 s 165 are each amended to read  
15 as follows:

16 (~~(1)~~) As used in this chapter, a "physician's trained (~~mobile~~  
17 ~~intravenous therapy~~)" emergency medical service intermediate life  
18 support technician and paramedic" means a person who:

19 (~~(a)~~) (1) Has successfully completed an emergency medical  
20 technician course as described in chapter 18.73 RCW;

21 (~~(b)~~) (2) Is trained under the supervision of an approved medical  
22 program director (~~to administer intravenous solutions~~) according to  
23 training standards prescribed in rule to perform specific phases of  
24 advanced cardiac and trauma life support under written or oral  
25 authorization of an approved licensed physician; and

26 (~~(c)~~) (3) Has been examined and certified as a physician's  
27 trained (~~mobile intravenous therapy~~) emergency medical service  
28 intermediate life support technician and paramedic, by level, by the  
29 University of Washington's school of medicine or the department of  
30 health(;

31 (2) As used in this chapter, a "physician's trained mobile airway  
32 management technician" means a person who:

33 (a) Has successfully completed an emergency medical technician  
34 course as described in chapter 18.73 RCW;

35 (b) Is trained under the supervision of an approved medical program  
36 director to perform endotracheal airway management and other authorized  
37 aids to ventilation under written or oral authorization of an approved  
38 licensed physician; and

1       ~~(c) Has been examined and certified as a physician's trained mobile~~  
2 ~~airway management technician by the University of Washington's school~~  
3 ~~of medicine or the department of health; and~~  
4       ~~(3) As used in this chapter, a "physician's trained mobile~~  
5 ~~intensive care paramedic" means a person who:~~  
6       ~~(a) Has successfully completed an emergency medical technician~~  
7 ~~course as described in chapter 18.73 RCW;~~  
8       ~~(b) Is trained under the supervision of an approved medical program~~  
9 ~~director:~~  
10       ~~(i) To carry out all phases of advanced cardiac life support;~~  
11       ~~(ii) To administer drugs under written or oral authorization of an~~  
12 ~~approved licensed physician; and~~  
13       ~~(iii) To administer intravenous solutions under written or oral~~  
14 ~~authorization of an approved licensed physician; and~~  
15       ~~(iv) To perform endotracheal airway management and other authorized~~  
16 ~~aids to ventilation; and~~  
17       ~~(c) Has been examined and certified as a physician's trained mobile~~  
18 ~~intensive care paramedic by the University of Washington's school of~~  
19 ~~medicine or by the department of health)).~~

20       **Sec. 3.** RCW 18.71.205 and 1994 sp.s. c 9 s 316 are each amended to  
21 read 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 commission, shall prescribe:

26       (a) Practice parameters, training standards for, and levels of,  
27 physician trained emergency medical service intermediate life support  
28 technicians and paramedics;

29       (b) Minimum standards and performance requirements for the  
30 certification and recertification of physician's trained ((intravenous  
31 therapy technicians, airway management technicians, and mobile  
32 intensive care paramedics)) emergency medical service intermediate life  
33 support technicians and paramedics; and

34       ~~((b))~~ (c) Procedures for certification, recertification, and  
35 decertification of physician's trained ((intravenous therapy  
36 technicians, airway management technicians, and mobile intensive care  
37 paramedics)) emergency medical service intermediate life support  
38 technicians and paramedics.

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

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

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

7 (a) Is licensed to practice medicine and surgery pursuant to  
8 chapter 18.71 RCW or osteopathy and surgery pursuant to chapter 18.57  
9 RCW; and

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

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

16 (5) The Uniform Disciplinary Act, chapter 18.130 RCW, governs  
17 uncertified practice, the issuance and denial of certificates, and the  
18 disciplining of certificate holders under this section. The secretary  
19 shall be the disciplining authority under this section. Disciplinary  
20 action shall be initiated against a person credentialed under this  
21 chapter in a manner consistent with the responsibilities and duties of  
22 the medical program director under whom such person is responsible.

23 (6) Such activities of physician trained emergency medical service  
24 intermediate life support technicians and paramedics shall be limited  
25 to actions taken under the express written or oral order of medical  
26 program directors and shall not be construed at any time to include  
27 free standing or nondirected actions, for actions not presenting an  
28 emergency or life-threatening condition.

29 **Sec. 4.** RCW 18.71.210 and 1989 c 260 s 4 are each amended to read  
30 as follows:

31 No act or omission of any physician's trained (~~mobile intensive~~  
32 ~~care paramedic, intravenous therapy~~) emergency medical service  
33 intermediate life support technician and paramedic, (~~or airway~~  
34 ~~management technician,~~) as defined in RCW 18.71.200 (~~as now or~~  
35 ~~hereafter amended~~), any emergency medical technician or first  
36 responder as defined in RCW 18.73.030, done or omitted in good faith  
37 while rendering emergency medical service under the responsible  
38 supervision and control of a licensed physician or an approved medical

1 program director or delegate(s) to a person who has suffered illness or  
2 bodily injury shall impose any liability upon:

3 (1) The physician's trained ((mobile intensive care paramedic,  
4 intravenous therapy technician, airway management technician,))  
5 emergency medical service intermediate life support technician and  
6 paramedic, emergency medical technician, or first responder;

7 (2) The medical program director;

8 (3) The supervising physician(s);

9 (4) Any hospital, the officers, members of the staff, nurses, or  
10 other employees of a hospital;

11 (5) Any training agency or training physician(s);

12 (6) Any licensed ambulance service; or

13 (7) Any federal, state, county, city or other local governmental  
14 unit or employees of such a governmental unit.

15 This section shall apply to an act or omission committed or omitted  
16 in the performance of the actual emergency medical procedures and not  
17 in the commission or omission of an act which is not within the field  
18 of medical expertise of the physician's trained ((mobile intensive care  
19 paramedic, intravenous therapy technician, airway management))  
20 emergency medical service intermediate life support technician and  
21 paramedic, emergency medical technician, or first responder, as the  
22 case may be.

23 This section shall not relieve a physician or a hospital of any  
24 duty otherwise imposed by law upon such physician or hospital for the  
25 designation or training of a physician's trained ((mobile intensive  
26 care paramedic, intravenous therapy technician, airway management))  
27 emergency medical service intermediate life support technician and  
28 paramedic, emergency medical technician, or first responder, nor shall  
29 this section relieve any individual or other entity listed in this  
30 section of any duty otherwise imposed by law for the provision or  
31 maintenance of equipment to be used by the physician's trained ((mobile  
32 intensive care paramedics, intravenous therapy technicians, airway  
33 management)) emergency medical service intermediate life support  
34 technicians and paramedics, emergency medical technicians, or first  
35 responders.

36 This section shall not apply to any act or omission which  
37 constitutes either gross negligence or willful or wanton misconduct.

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