
HOUSE BILL 2141

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By Representatives Cody and Hunter; by request of Department of Health

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1 AN ACT Relating to fees for emergency medical service providers;
2 amending RCW 18.71.205, 18.73.081, and 43.70.110; and providing an
3 effective date.

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

5 **Sec. 1.** RCW 18.71.205 and 2010 1st sp.s. c 7 s 24 are each amended
6 to read as follows:

7 (1) The secretary of the department of health shall prescribe:

8 (a) Practice parameters, training standards for, and levels of,
9 physician trained emergency medical service intermediate life support
10 technicians and paramedics;

11 (b) Minimum standards and performance requirements for the
12 certification and recertification of physician's trained emergency
13 medical service intermediate life support technicians and paramedics;
14 ((and))

15 (c) Procedures for certification, recertification, and
16 decertification of physician's trained emergency medical service
17 intermediate life support technicians and paramedics; and

18 (d) Appropriate certification, recertification, and decertification

1 fees under RCW 43.70.110 for physician's trained emergency medical
2 service intermediate life support technicians and paramedics.

3 (2) Initial certification shall be for a period established by the
4 secretary pursuant to RCW 43.70.250 and 43.70.280.

5 (3) Recertification shall be granted upon proof of continuing
6 satisfactory performance and education, and shall be for a period
7 established by the secretary pursuant to RCW 43.70.250 and 43.70.280.

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

10 (a) Is licensed to practice medicine and surgery pursuant to
11 chapter 18.71 RCW or osteopathic medicine and surgery pursuant to
12 chapter 18.57 RCW; and

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

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

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

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

32 **Sec. 2.** RCW 18.73.081 and 1993 c 254 s 1 are each amended to read
33 as follows:

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

35 (1) Prescribe minimum requirements for:

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

37 (b) Ambulance and aid services; and

- 1 (c) Minimum emergency communication equipment;
- 2 (2) Adopt procedures for services that fail to perform in
3 accordance with minimum requirements;
- 4 (3) Prescribe minimum standards for first responder and emergency
5 medical technician training including:
- 6 (a) Adoption of curriculum and period of certification;
- 7 (b) Procedures for certification, recertification, decertification,
8 or modification of certificates;
- 9 (c) Adoption of requirements for ongoing training and evaluation,
10 as approved by the county medical program director, to include
11 appropriate evaluation for individual knowledge and skills. The first
12 responder, emergency medical technician, or emergency medical services
13 provider agency may elect a program of continuing education and a
14 written and practical examination instead of meeting the ongoing
15 training and evaluation requirements;
- 16 (d) Procedures for reciprocity with other states or national
17 certifying agencies;
- 18 (e) Review and approval or disapproval of training programs; and
- 19 (f) Adoption of standards for numbers and qualifications of
20 instructional personnel required for first responder and emergency
21 medical technician training programs;
- 22 (4) Adopt appropriate credentialing fees under RCW 43.70.110 for
23 first responders and emergency medical technicians and ambulance and
24 aid services, vehicles, and equipment;
- 25 (5) Prescribe minimum requirements for liability insurance to be
26 carried by licensed services except that this requirement shall not
27 apply to public bodies; and
- 28 ((+5)) (6) Certify emergency medical program directors.

29 **Sec. 3.** RCW 43.70.110 and 2011 c 35 s 1 are each amended to read
30 as follows:

- 31 (1) The secretary shall charge fees to the licensee for obtaining
32 a license. Physicians regulated pursuant to chapter 18.71 RCW who
33 reside and practice in Washington and obtain or renew a retired active
34 license are exempt from such fees. ~~((After June 30, 1995, municipal~~
35 ~~corporations providing emergency medical care and transportation~~
36 ~~services pursuant to chapter 18.73 RCW shall be exempt from such fees,~~
37 ~~provided that such other emergency services shall only be charged for~~

1 ~~their pro rata share of the cost of licensure and inspection, if~~
2 ~~appropriate.))~~ The secretary may waive the fees when, in the
3 discretion of the secretary, the fees would not be in the best interest
4 of public health and safety, or when the fees would be to the financial
5 disadvantage of the state.

6 (2) Except as provided in subsection (3) of this section, fees
7 charged shall be based on, but shall not exceed, the cost to the
8 department for the licensure of the activity or class of activities and
9 may include costs of necessary inspection.

10 (3) License fees shall include amounts in addition to the cost of
11 licensure activities in the following circumstances:

12 (a) For registered nurses and licensed practical nurses licensed
13 under chapter 18.79 RCW, support of a central nursing resource center
14 as provided in RCW 18.79.202, until June 30, 2013;

15 (b) For all health care providers licensed under RCW 18.130.040,
16 the cost of regulatory activities for retired volunteer medical worker
17 licensees as provided in RCW 18.130.360; and

18 (c) For physicians licensed under chapter 18.71 RCW, physician
19 assistants licensed under chapter 18.71A RCW, osteopathic physicians
20 licensed under chapter 18.57 RCW, osteopathic physicians' assistants
21 licensed under chapter 18.57A RCW, naturopaths licensed under chapter
22 18.36A RCW, podiatrists licensed under chapter 18.22 RCW, chiropractors
23 licensed under chapter 18.25 RCW, psychologists licensed under chapter
24 18.83 RCW, registered nurses licensed under chapter 18.79 RCW,
25 optometrists licensed under chapter 18.53 RCW, mental health counselors
26 licensed under chapter 18.225 RCW, massage therapists licensed under
27 chapter 18.108 RCW, clinical social workers licensed under chapter
28 18.225 RCW, midwives licensed under chapter 18.50 RCW((+)) licensed
29 marriage and family therapists under chapter 18.225 RCW((+)) and East
30 Asian medicine practitioners licensed under chapter 18.06 RCW, the
31 license fees shall include up to an additional twenty-five dollars to
32 be transferred by the department to the University of Washington for
33 the purposes of RCW 43.70.112.

34 (4) Department of health advisory committees may review fees
35 established by the secretary for licenses and comment upon the
36 appropriateness of the level of such fees.

1 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** This act takes effect July 1, 2012.

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