

**SHB 1893 - S AMD 1458**

By Senator Van De Wege

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1 On page 4, after line 2, insert the following:

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3 "NEW SECTION. Sec. 2. A new section is added to chapter 18.71  
4 RCW to read as follows:

5 (1) Emergency medical services providers who are currently  
6 licensed or certified in another state or who hold a current  
7 certification from a national certifying agency approved by the  
8 department are eligible for a Washington provisional emergency  
9 services provider certification.

10 (2) To be eligible for a Washington provisional emergency  
11 services provider certification, the applicant shall:

12 (a) Be currently licensed or certified in another state and be  
13 in good standing with the emergency medical services board of that  
14 state or hold a current emergency medical services provider  
15 certification from a national certifying agency approved by the  
16 department;

17 (b) Be employed or have a valid employment offer from a  
18 Washington emergency medical services agency; and

19 (c) Be approved for a provisional status from the county medical  
20 program director in which the applicant is or will be employed.

21 (3) If the employer or host agency has:

22 (a) Fewer than 25 employees holding a current emergency medical  
23 technician or paramedic certification or license, up to 20 percent  
24 of those employees, rounded to the next whole number, may practice  
25 under a provisional certification; or

26 (b) Twenty-five or more employees holding a current emergency  
27 medical technician or paramedic certification or license, up to 10

1 percent of those employees, rounded to the next whole number, may  
2 practice under a provisional certification.

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4 **Sec. 3.** RCW 18.73.081 and 1993 c 254 s 1 are each amended to  
5 read as follows:

6 In addition to other duties prescribed by law, the secretary  
7 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  
15 emergency medical technician training including:

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

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

19 (c) Adoption of requirements for ongoing training and  
20 evaluation, as approved by the county medical program director, to  
21 include appropriate evaluation for individual knowledge and skills.  
22 The first responder, emergency medical technician, or emergency  
23 medical services provider agency may elect a program of continuing  
24 education and a written and practical examination instead of meeting  
25 the ongoing training and evaluation requirements;

26 (d) Procedures for reciprocity with other states or national  
27 certifying agencies;

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

29 (f) Adoption of standards for numbers and qualifications of  
30 instructional personnel required for first responder and emergency  
31 medical technician training programs;

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

1 (5) Certify emergency medical program directors.

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3 **Sec. 4.** RCW 18.71.205 and 2015 c 93 s 3 are each amended to  
4 read as follows:

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

6 (a) Practice parameters, training standards for, and levels of,  
7 physician's trained advanced emergency medical technicians and  
8 paramedics;

9 (b) Minimum standards and performance requirements for the  
10 certification and recertification of physician's trained advanced  
11 emergency medical technicians and paramedics; and

12 (c) Procedures for provisional certification, certification,  
13 recertification, and decertification of physician's trained advanced  
14 emergency medical technicians and paramedics.

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

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

20 (4) As used in this chapter and chapter 18.73 RCW, "approved  
21 medical program director" means a person who:

22 (a) Is licensed to practice medicine and surgery pursuant to  
23 this chapter or osteopathic medicine and surgery pursuant to chapter  
24 18.57 RCW; and

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

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

32 (5) The uniform disciplinary act, chapter 18.130 RCW, governs  
33 uncertified practice, the issuance and denial of certificates, and  
34 the disciplining of certificate holders under this section. The

1 secretary shall be the disciplining authority under this section.  
2 Disciplinary action shall be initiated against a person credentialed  
3 under this chapter in a manner consistent with the responsibilities  
4 and duties of the medical program director under whom such person is  
5 responsible.

6 (6) Such activities of physician's trained advanced emergency  
7 medical technicians and paramedics shall be limited to actions taken  
8 under the express written or oral order of medical program directors  
9 and shall not be construed at any time to include freestanding or  
10 nondirected actions, for actions not presenting an emergency or  
11 life-threatening condition, except nonemergency activities performed  
12 pursuant to subsection (7) of this section.

13 (7) Nothing in this section prohibits a physician's trained  
14 advanced emergency medical technician or paramedic, acting under the  
15 responsible supervision and direction of an approved medical program  
16 director, from participating in a community assistance referral and  
17 education services program established under RCW 35.21.930 if such  
18 participation does not exceed the participant's training and  
19 certification."

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21 On page 1, line 3, after "request;" strike "and amending RCW  
22 18.73.030." and insert "amending RCW 18.73.030, 18.73.081, and  
23 18.71.205; and adding a new section to chapter 18.71 RCW."

24 EFFECT: Creates a provisional emergency services provider  
certification and establishes the certification's eligibility  
requirements.

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