

HCS HB 1977 -- EMERGENCY SERVICES (Wasson)

COMMITTEE OF ORIGIN: Committee on Public Safety

This substitute changes the laws regarding emergency services and emergency medical technicians-intermediate. In its main provisions, the substitute:

(1) Requires all basic life support ambulances and stretcher vans to be equipped with an automated external defibrillator and staffed by at least one person trained in its use;

(2) Repeals the provision allowing only emergency medical response agencies, fire departments, and fire protection districts to provide certain advanced life support services with emergency medical technicians-intermediate;

(3) Repeals the provision requiring emergency medical response agencies using emergency medical technicians-intermediate to work in collaboration with an ambulance service providing advanced life support with personnel trained at the paramedic level;

(4) Allows a temporary emergency medical technician licensee to practice under the immediate supervision of a licensed emergency medical technician-intermediate;

(5) Requires employers and supervisors of emergency medical technicians-intermediate to cooperate with the Department of Health and Senior Services compliance requirements under the Comprehensive Emergency Medical Services Systems Act; and

(6) Adds an emergency medical technician-intermediate or EMT-I to the definition of "emergency medical care provider" as it relates to exposure to contagious or infectious diseases.

FISCAL NOTE: No impact on state funds in FY 2011, FY 2012, and FY 2013.