

HCS HB 1977 -- EMERGENCY SERVICES

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

(1) Requires all basic life support ambulances and stretcher vans operated in the state to be equipped with an automated external defibrillator and to be 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 using 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 compliance requirements of the Department of Health and Senior Services under the Comprehensive Emergency Medical Services Systems Act; and

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