

House \_\_\_\_\_ Amendment NO. \_\_\_\_\_

Offered By

1 AMEND House Committee Substitute for Senate Bill No. 1039, Page 12, Section 161.264, Line 55,  
2 by inserting after all of said section and line the following:

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4 "190.053. 1. All members of the board of directors of an ambulance district first elected on  
5 or after January 1, 2008, shall attend and complete an educational seminar or conference or other  
6 suitable training on the role and duties of a board member of an ambulance district. The training  
7 required under this section shall be offered by a statewide association organized for the benefit of  
8 ambulance districts or be approved by the state advisory council on emergency medical services.  
9 Such training shall include, at a minimum:

- 10 (1) Information relating to the roles and duties of an ambulance district director;  
11 (2) A review of all state statutes and regulations relevant to ambulance districts;  
12 (3) State ethics laws;  
13 (4) State sunshine laws, chapter 610;  
14 (5) Financial and fiduciary responsibility;  
15 (6) State laws relating to the setting of tax rates; and  
16 (7) State laws relating to revenue limitations.

17 2. ~~If any ambulance district board member fails to attend a training session within twelve~~  
18 ~~months after taking office, the board member shall not be compensated for attendance at meetings~~  
19 ~~thereafter until the board member has completed such training session. If any ambulance district~~  
20 ~~board member fails to attend a training session within twelve months of taking office regardless of~~  
21 ~~whether the board member received an attendance fee for a training session, the board member shall~~  
22 ~~be ineligible to run for reelection for another term of office until the board member satisfies the~~  
23 ~~training requirement of this section; however, this requirement shall only apply to board members~~  
24 ~~elected after August 28, 2022]~~ All members of the board of directors of an ambulance district shall  
25 complete three hours of continuing education for each term of office. The continuing education  
26 shall be offered by a statewide association organized for the benefit of ambulance districts or be  
27 approved by the state advisory council on emergency medical services.

28 3. Any ambulance district board member who fails to complete the initial training and  
29 continuing education requirements on or before the anniversary date of the member's election or  
30 appointment as required under this section shall immediately be disqualified from office. Upon

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1 such disqualification, the member's position shall be deemed vacant without further process or  
 2 declaration. The vacancy shall be filled in the manner provided for in section 190.052.

3 190.076. In addition to the annual audit required under section 190.075, each ambulance  
 4 district shall, at least once every three years, arrange for a certified public accountant or a firm of  
 5 certified public accountants to audit the records and accounts of the district. The audit shall be  
 6 made freely available to the public on the district's website or by other electronic means.

7 190.098. 1. As used in this section, the term "community paramedic services" means  
 8 services that are:

9 (1) Provided by any entity that:

10 (a) Employs licensed paramedics who are certified as community paramedics by the  
 11 department; and

12 (b) Has received an endorsement by the department as a community paramedic service  
 13 entity;

14 (2) Provided in a nonemergent setting, independent of a 911 system or emergency  
 15 summons;

16 (3) Consistent with the training and education, as well as within the scope of skill and  
 17 practice, of the personnel and with the supervisory standard approved by the medical director; and

18 (4) Reflected and documented in the entity's patient care plans or protocols approved by the  
 19 medical director in accordance with section 190.142.

20 2. In order for a person to be eligible for certification by the department as a community  
 21 paramedic, an individual shall:

22 (1) Be currently [~~certified~~] licensed as a paramedic;

23 (2) Successfully complete or have successfully completed a community paramedic  
 24 certification program from a college, university, or educational institution that has been approved by  
 25 the department or accredited by a national accreditation organization approved by the department;  
 26 and

27 (3) Complete an application form approved by the department.

28 ~~[2. A community paramedic shall practice in accordance with protocols and supervisory~~  
 29 ~~standards established by the medical director. A community paramedic shall provide services of a~~  
 30 ~~health care plan if the plan has been developed by the patient's physician or by an advanced practice~~  
 31 ~~registered nurse through a collaborative practice arrangement with a physician or a physician~~  
 32 ~~assistant through a collaborative practice arrangement with a physician and there is no duplication~~  
 33 ~~of services to the patient from another provider. ]~~

34 ~~3. [Any ambulance service shall enter into a written contract to provide community~~  
 35 ~~paramedic services in another ambulance service area, as that term is defined in section 190.100.~~  
 36 ~~The contract that is agreed upon may be for an indefinite period of time, as long as it includes at~~  
 37 ~~least a sixty-day cancellation notice by either ambulance service] (1) Any ambulance service that~~  
 38 ~~seeks to provide community paramedic services outside of its ambulance service area, as described~~  
 39 ~~in section 190.105 and administered by the department, and in the service area of another ambulance~~

1 service that currently provides community paramedic services shall be required to have a  
2 memorandum of understanding with that ambulance service regarding the provision of such  
3 community paramedic services. An ambulance service that provides community paramedic services  
4 may provide community paramedic services without a memorandum of understanding in the  
5 ambulance service area of an ambulance service that is not providing community paramedic  
6 services, but the ambulance service providing community paramedic services shall provide  
7 notification to the ambulance service with emergency service responsibilities in the service area of  
8 the general community paramedic activities being performed.

9 (2) Any emergency medical response agency seeking to provide community paramedic  
10 services within its designated response service area may do so if the ground ambulance service  
11 covering the area within which the emergency medical response agency is located does not provide  
12 community paramedic services. If such ground ambulance service does provide community  
13 paramedic services, the ground ambulance service may establish, at its sole discretion, a  
14 memorandum of understanding with the emergency medical response agency planning to offer  
15 community paramedic services in order to coordinate programs and avoid service duplication. If an  
16 emergency medical response agency is providing community paramedic services in a service area  
17 before the ground ambulance service in that service area begins offering community paramedic  
18 services, the emergency medical response agency and the ground ambulance service shall establish a  
19 memorandum of understanding for the coordination of services.

20 (3) A community paramedic program shall notify the appropriate local ambulance service  
21 when providing services within the service area of an ambulance service.

22 (4) The department shall establish regulations for the purpose of recognizing community  
23 paramedic service entities that have met the standards necessary to provide community paramedic  
24 services, including physician medical oversight, training, patient record keeping, formal  
25 relationships with primary care services where necessary, and quality improvement policies. The  
26 department shall issue an endorsement to any community paramedic service entity that meets such  
27 standards that allows the entity to provide community paramedic services for a period of five years.

28 4. A community paramedic is subject to the provisions of sections 190.001 to 190.245 and  
29 rules promulgated under sections 190.001 to 190.245.

30 5. No person shall hold himself or herself out as a community paramedic or provide the  
31 services of a community paramedic unless such person is certified by the department.

32 6. The medical director shall approve the implementation of the community paramedic  
33 program.

34 7. Any rule or portion of a rule, as that term is defined in section 536.010, that is created  
35 under the authority delegated in this section shall become effective only if it complies with and is  
36 subject to all of the provisions of chapter 536 and, if applicable, section 536.028. This section and  
37 chapter 536 are nonseverable and if any of the powers vested with the general assembly pursuant to  
38 chapter 536 to review, to delay the effective date, or to disapprove and annul a rule are subsequently

1 held unconstitutional, then the grant of rulemaking authority and any rule proposed or adopted after  
2 August 28, 2013, shall be invalid and void.

3 190.101. 1. There is hereby established a "State Advisory Council on Emergency Medical  
4 Services" which shall consist of ~~[sixteen]~~ no fewer than thirteen members~~[-, one of which shall be a~~  
5 ~~resident of a city not within a county]~~. The members of the council shall be appointed ~~[by the~~  
6 ~~governor with the advice and consent of the senate and]~~ as follows:

7 (1) One member with a background in mobile integrated health care and community  
8 paramedicine shall be appointed by the director of the department of health and senior services from  
9 the recommendations described in subdivision (4) of this subsection;

10 (2) One member shall be appointed by each regional EMS advisory committee;

11 (3) One member, who shall be a member of the time-critical diagnosis advisory committee,  
12 shall be appointed by the time-critical diagnosis advisory committee; and

13 (4) All other members shall be appointed by the director of the department of health and  
14 senior services from recommendations provided by:

15 (a) A statewide professional association representing ambulance service managers;

16 (b) A statewide professional association representing emergency medical technicians and  
17 paramedics;

18 (c) A statewide professional association representing ambulance districts;

19 (d) A statewide professional association representing fire chiefs;

20 (e) A statewide professional association representing fire protection districts;

21 (f) A statewide professional association representing firefighters;

22 (g) A statewide professional association representing emergency nurses;

23 (h) A statewide professional association representing the air ambulance industry;

24 (i) A statewide professional association representing emergency medical services  
25 physicians;

26 (j) A statewide association representing hospitals; and

27 (k) A statewide association representing pediatric emergency professionals.

28 2. The members of the council shall serve terms of four years. The ~~[governor]~~ council shall  
29 ~~[designate]~~ annually elect one of ~~[the]~~ its members as chairperson and may elect other officers as  
30 deemed necessary. The chairperson may appoint subcommittees that include noncouncil members.

31 ~~[2-]~~ 3. The state EMS medical directors advisory committee and the regional EMS advisory  
32 committees will be recognized as subcommittees of the state advisory council on emergency  
33 medical services.

34 ~~[3-]~~ 4. The council shall have geographical representation and representation from  
35 appropriate areas of expertise in emergency medical services including volunteers, professional  
36 organizations involved in emergency medical services, EMT's, paramedics, nurses, firefighters,  
37 physicians, ambulance service administrators, hospital administrators and other health care  
38 providers concerned with emergency medical services. ~~[The regional EMS advisory committees~~

1 ~~shall serve as a resource for the identification of potential members of the state advisory council on~~  
2 ~~emergency medical services.~~

3 ~~4.]~~ 5. The state EMS medical director, as described under section 190.103, shall serve as an  
4 ex officio member of the council.

5 ~~[5.]~~ 6. The members of the council and subcommittees shall serve without compensation  
6 except that members of the council shall, subject to appropriations, be reimbursed for reasonable  
7 travel expenses and meeting expenses related to the functions of the council.

8 ~~[6.]~~ 7. The purpose of the council is to make recommendations to the governor, the general  
9 assembly, and the department on policies, plans, procedures and proposed regulations on how to  
10 improve the statewide emergency medical services system. The council shall advise the governor,  
11 the general assembly, and the department on all aspects of the emergency medical services system.

12 ~~[7.]~~ 8. (1) There is hereby established a standing subcommittee of the council to monitor  
13 the implementation of the recognition of the EMS personnel licensure interstate compact under  
14 sections 190.900 to 190.939, the interstate commission for EMS personnel practice, and the  
15 involvement of the state of Missouri. The subcommittee shall meet at least biannually and receive  
16 reports from the Missouri delegate to the interstate commission for EMS personnel practice. The  
17 subcommittee shall consist of at least seven members appointed by the chair of the council, to  
18 include at least two members as recommended by the Missouri state council of firefighters and one  
19 member as recommended by the Missouri Association of Fire Chiefs. The subcommittee may  
20 submit reports and recommendations to the council, the department of health and senior services,  
21 the general assembly, and the governor regarding the participation of Missouri with the recognition  
22 of the EMS personnel licensure interstate compact.

23 (2) The subcommittee shall formally request a public hearing for any rule proposed by the  
24 interstate commission for EMS personnel practice in accordance with subsection 7 of section  
25 190.930. The hearing request shall include the request that the hearing be presented live through the  
26 internet. The Missouri delegate to the interstate commission for EMS personnel practice shall be  
27 responsible for ensuring that all hearings, notices of, and related rulemaking communications as  
28 required by the compact be communicated to the council and emergency medical services personnel  
29 under the provisions of subsections 4, 5, 6, and 8 of section 190.930.

30 (3) The department of health and senior services shall not establish or increase fees for  
31 Missouri emergency medical services personnel licensure in accordance with this chapter for the  
32 purpose of creating the funds necessary for payment of an annual assessment under subdivision (3)  
33 of subsection 5 of section 190.924.

34 ~~[8.]~~ 9. The council shall consult with the time-critical diagnosis advisory committee, as  
35 described under section 190.257, regarding time-critical diagnosis.

36 190.109. 1. The department shall, within a reasonable time after receipt of an application,  
37 cause such investigation as the department deems necessary to be made of the applicant for a ground  
38 ambulance license.

1           2. Any person that owned and operated a licensed ambulance on December 31, 1997, shall  
2 receive an ambulance service license from the department, unless suspended, revoked or terminated,  
3 for that ambulance service area which was, on December 31, 1997, described and filed with the  
4 department as the primary service area for its licensed ambulances on August 28, 1998, provided  
5 that the person makes application and adheres to the rules and regulations promulgated by the  
6 department pursuant to sections 190.001 to 190.245.

7           3. The department shall issue a new ground ambulance service license to an ambulance  
8 service that is not currently licensed by the department, or is currently licensed by the department  
9 and is seeking to expand its ambulance service area, except as provided in subsection 4 of this  
10 section, to be valid for a period of five years, unless suspended, revoked or terminated, when the  
11 director finds that the applicant meets the requirements of ambulance service licensure established  
12 pursuant to sections 190.100 to 190.245 and the rules adopted by the department pursuant to  
13 sections 190.001 to 190.245. In order to be considered for a new ambulance service license, an  
14 ambulance service shall submit to the department a letter of endorsement from each ambulance  
15 district or fire protection district that is authorized to provide ambulance service, or from each  
16 municipality not within an ambulance district or fire protection district that is authorized to provide  
17 ambulance service, in which the ambulance service proposes to operate. If an ambulance service  
18 proposes to operate in unincorporated portions of a county not within an ambulance district or fire  
19 protection district that is authorized to provide ambulance service, in order to be considered for a  
20 new ambulance service license, the ambulance service shall submit to the department a letter of  
21 endorsement from the county. Any letter of endorsement required pursuant to this section shall  
22 verify that the political subdivision has conducted a public hearing regarding the endorsement and  
23 that the governing body of the political subdivision has adopted a resolution approving the  
24 endorsement. The letter of endorsement shall affirmatively state that the proposed ambulance  
25 service:

- 26           (1) Will provide a benefit to public health that outweighs the associated costs;
- 27           (2) Will maintain or enhance the public's access to ambulance services;
- 28           (3) Will maintain or improve the public health and promote the continued development of  
29 the regional emergency medical service system;
- 30           (4) Has demonstrated the appropriate expertise in the operation of ambulance services; and
- 31           (5) Has demonstrated the financial resources necessary for the operation of the proposed  
32 ambulance service.

33           4. A contract between a political subdivision and a licensed ambulance service for the  
34 provision of ambulance services for that political subdivision shall expand, without further action by  
35 the department, the ambulance service area of the licensed ambulance service to include the  
36 jurisdictional boundaries of the political subdivision. The termination of the aforementioned  
37 contract shall result in a reduction of the licensed ambulance service's ambulance service area by  
38 removing the geographic area of the political subdivision from its ambulance service area, except

1 that licensed ambulance service providers may provide ambulance services as are needed at and  
2 around the state fair grounds for protection of attendees at the state fair.

3 5. The department shall renew a ground ambulance service license if the applicant meets the  
4 requirements established pursuant to sections 190.001 to 190.245, and the rules adopted by the  
5 department pursuant to sections 190.001 to 190.245.

6 6. The department shall promulgate rules relating to the requirements for a ground  
7 ambulance service license including, but not limited to:

- 8 (1) Vehicle design, specification, operation and maintenance standards;
- 9 (2) Equipment requirements;
- 10 (3) Staffing requirements;
- 11 (4) Five-year license renewal;
- 12 (5) Records and forms;
- 13 (6) Medical control plans;
- 14 (7) Medical director qualifications;
- 15 (8) Standards for medical communications;
- 16 (9) Memorandums of understanding with emergency medical response agencies that provide  
17 advanced life support;
- 18 (10) Quality improvement committees; ~~and~~
- 19 (11) Response time, patient care and transportation standards;
- 20 (12) Participation with regional EMS advisory committees; and
- 21 (13) Ambulance service administrator qualifications.

22 7. Application for a ground ambulance service license shall be made upon such forms as  
23 prescribed by the department in rules adopted pursuant to sections 190.001 to 190.245. The  
24 application form shall contain such information as the department deems necessary to make a  
25 determination as to whether the ground ambulance service meets all the requirements of sections  
26 190.001 to 190.245 and rules promulgated pursuant to sections 190.001 to 190.245.

27 190.112. 1. Each ambulance service licensed under sections 190.001 to 190.245 shall  
28 identify to the department an individual as the ambulance service administrator, who shall be  
29 responsible for the operations and staffing of the ambulance service.

30 2. Any individual identified as the ambulance service administrator under subsection 1 of  
31 this section shall be required to have achieved basic training of at least forty hours regarding the  
32 operations of an ambulance service and to complete two hours of annual continuing education to  
33 maintain the individual's status as the ambulance service administrator.

34 3. The training required under this section shall be offered by a statewide association  
35 organized for the benefit of ambulance districts or be approved by the state advisory council on  
36 emergency medical services. Such training shall include information on:

- 37 (1) Basic principles of accounting and economics;
- 38 (2) State and federal laws applicable to ambulance services;
- 39 (3) Regulatory requirements applicable to ambulance services;

1           (4) Human resources management and laws;

2           (5) Grant writing, contracts, and fundraising;

3           (6) The state sunshine law requirements under chapter 610 and state ethics laws; and

4           (7) Volunteer and community involvement.

5           4. Any individual serving as an ambulance service administrator as of August 28, 2024,  
6 shall have until January 1, 2026, to meet the training requirements of this section.

7           190.166. 1. In addition to the grounds for disciplinary action described in section 190.165,  
8 the department may refuse to issue, deny renewal of, or suspend a license required under section  
9 190.109, or take other corrective actions as described in this section, based on any of the following  
10 considerations:

11           (1) The license holder is determined to be financially insolvent;

12           (2) The ambulance service has inadequate personnel to operate the ambulance service to  
13 provide basic emergency operations. The ambulance service shall not be deemed to have such  
14 inadequate personnel as long as the ambulance service has the ability to staff a minimum of one  
15 ambulance unit twenty-four hours each day, seven days each week, with at least two licensed  
16 emergency medical technicians, and has a reasonable plan and schedule for the services of a second  
17 ambulance unit;

18           (3) The ambulance service requires an inordinate amount of mutual aid from neighboring  
19 services, such as more than ten percent of the total runs in the jurisdiction in any given month or  
20 more than would be considered prudent, and thus cannot provide an appropriate level of emergency  
21 response for the service area that would be considered prudent by the typical operator of emergency  
22 ambulance services;

23           (4) The principal manager or a board member or executive of the ambulance service is  
24 determined to be criminally liable for actions related to the license or service provided;

25           (5) The license holder or principal manager or a board member or other executive of the  
26 ambulance service is determined by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services to be ineligible  
27 for participation in Medicare;

28           (6) The license holder or principal manager or a board member or other executive of the  
29 ambulance service is determined by the MO HealthNet division to be ineligible for participation in  
30 the MO HealthNet program;

31           (7) The ambulance service administrator has failed to meet the required qualifications or  
32 failed to complete the training required in section 190.112; or

33           (8) If the ambulance service is an ambulance district, three or more board members have  
34 failed to complete the training required in section 190.053.

35           2. If the department determines an ambulance service is financially insolvent or its  
36 operations are insufficient as described in subsection 1 of this section, the department may require  
37 the license holder to submit a corrective action plan within fifteen days and require implementation  
38 of such corrective action plan within thirty days.



1           3. The department shall provide notice of any determination of insolvency or insufficiency  
 2 of operations of a license holder by the department to:

3           (1) Other license holders operating in the license holder's vicinity;

4           (2) Members of the general assembly who represent all or part of the license holder's service  
 5 area;

6           (3) The governing officials of any county or municipal entity in the license holder's service  
 7 area;

8           (4) The appropriate regional EMS advisory committee; and

9           (5) The state advisory council on emergency medical services.

10          4. Upon taking any corrective action under this section, the department shall immediately  
 11 engage with other license holders in the affected area to determine the extent to which ground  
 12 ambulance service may be provided to the affected service area during the time in which the  
 13 provisional or affected license holder is unable to provide adequate services, including any long-  
 14 term service arrangements. The holder of a provisional or suspended license may enter into an  
 15 agreement with other license holders to provide services to the affected area. Such agreement may  
 16 be in the form of an agreement to provide services, a joint powers agreement, formal consideration,  
 17 or payment for services rendered.

18          5. Any ambulance service operator who provides assistance in the service area of another  
 19 ambulance service operator whose license to operate has been suspended under this section shall  
 20 have the right to seek reasonable compensation from the ambulance service operator whose license  
 21 to operate has been suspended under this section for all calls, stand-by time, and responses to  
 22 medical emergencies during such time the license remains suspended. The reasonable  
 23 compensation shall not be limited to only those expenses incurred in actual responses, but may  
 24 include reasonable expenses to maintain the ambulance service including, but not limited to, the  
 25 daily operation costs of maintaining the service, personnel wages and benefits, equipment purchases  
 26 and maintenance, and other costs incurred in the operation of an ambulance service. The ambulance  
 27 service operator providing assistance shall be entitled to an award of costs and reasonable attorney's  
 28 fees in any action to enforce the provisions of this section.

29          190.174. Any person licensed under sections 190.001 to 190.245 shall be considered a  
 30 health care professional for purposes of section 537.035, and any quality improvement or quality  
 31 assurance activity required under sections 190.001 to 190.245 shall be considered an activity of a  
 32 peer review committee for purposes of section 537.035."; and

33  
 34 Further amend said bill by amending the title, enacting clause, and intersectional references  
 35 accordingly.