

HOUSE AMENDMENT NO. _____
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Offered By

1 AMEND House Amendment No. _____ to Senate Substitute for Senate Bill No. 1298, Page 1, Line
2 1, by inserting after the words "No. 1298," the following:

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4 "Page 1, Section A, Line 3, by inserting after all of said section and line the following:
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6 "190.053. 1. All members of the board of directors of an ambulance district first elected on
7 or after January 1, 2008, shall attend and complete an educational seminar or conference or other
8 suitable training on the role and duties of a board member of an ambulance district. The training
9 required under this section shall be offered by a statewide association organized for the benefit of
10 ambulance districts or be approved by the state advisory council on emergency medical services.
11 Such training shall include, at a minimum:

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

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

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1 3. Any ambulance district board member who fails to complete the initial training and
2 continuing education requirements on or before the anniversary date of the member's election or
3 appointment as required under this section shall immediately be disqualified from office. Upon
4 such disqualification, the member's position shall be deemed vacant without further process or
5 declaration. The vacancy shall be filled in the manner provided for in section 190.052.

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

10 190.109. 1. The department shall, within a reasonable time after receipt of an application,
11 cause such investigation as the department deems necessary to be made of the applicant for a ground
12 ambulance license.

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

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

- 38 (1) Will provide a benefit to public health that outweighs the associated costs;
39 (2) Will maintain or enhance the public's access to ambulance services;

1 (3) Will maintain or improve the public health and promote the continued development of
2 the regional emergency medical service system;

3 (4) Has demonstrated the appropriate expertise in the operation of ambulance services; and

4 (5) Has demonstrated the financial resources necessary for the operation of the proposed
5 ambulance service.

6 4. A contract between a political subdivision and a licensed ambulance service for the
7 provision of ambulance services for that political subdivision shall expand, without further action by
8 the department, the ambulance service area of the licensed ambulance service to include the
9 jurisdictional boundaries of the political subdivision. The termination of the aforementioned
10 contract shall result in a reduction of the licensed ambulance service's ambulance service area by
11 removing the geographic area of the political subdivision from its ambulance service area, except
12 that licensed ambulance service providers may provide ambulance services as are needed at and
13 around the state fair grounds for protection of attendees at the state fair.

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

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

19 (1) Vehicle design, specification, operation and maintenance standards;

20 (2) Equipment requirements;

21 (3) Staffing requirements;

22 (4) Five-year license renewal;

23 (5) Records and forms;

24 (6) Medical control plans;

25 (7) Medical director qualifications;

26 (8) Standards for medical communications;

27 (9) Memorandums of understanding with emergency medical response agencies that provide
28 advanced life support;

29 (10) Quality improvement committees; ~~and~~

30 (11) Response time, patient care and transportation standards;

31 (12) Participation with regional EMS advisory committees; and

32 (13) Ambulance service administrator qualifications.

33 7. Application for a ground ambulance service license shall be made upon such forms as
34 prescribed by the department in rules adopted pursuant to sections 190.001 to 190.245. The
35 application form shall contain such information as the department deems necessary to make a
36 determination as to whether the ground ambulance service meets all the requirements of sections
37 190.001 to 190.245 and rules promulgated pursuant to sections 190.001 to 190.245.

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

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

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

11 (1) Basic principles of accounting and economics;

12 (2) State and federal laws applicable to ambulance services;

13 (3) Regulatory requirements applicable to ambulance services;

14 (4) Human resources management and laws;

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

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

17 (7) Volunteer and community involvement.

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

20 190.166. 1. In addition to the grounds for disciplinary action described in section 190.165,
21 the department may refuse to issue, deny renewal of, or suspend a license required under section
22 190.109, or take other corrective actions as described in this section, based on any of the following
23 considerations:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

32 5. Any ambulance service operator who provides assistance in the service area of another
33 ambulance service operator whose license to operate has been suspended under this section shall
34 have the right to seek reasonable compensation from the ambulance service operator whose license
35 to operate has been suspended under this section for all calls, stand-by time, and responses to
36 medical emergencies during such time the license remains suspended. The reasonable
37 compensation shall not be limited to only those expenses incurred in actual responses, but may
38 include reasonable expenses to maintain the ambulance service including, but not limited to, the
39 daily operation costs of maintaining the service, personnel wages and benefits, equipment purchases
40 and maintenance, and other costs incurred in the operation of an ambulance service. The ambulance
41 service operator providing assistance shall be entitled to an award of costs and reasonable attorney's

1 fees in any action to enforce the provisions of this section."; and

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3 Further amend said bill,"; and

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5 Further amend said bill by amending the title, enacting clause, and intersectional references
6 accordingly.

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8 THIS AMENDS 4984S02.14H