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# HOUSE BILL NO. 922

103RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE HRUZA.

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JOSEPH ENGLER, Chief Clerk

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## AN ACT

To repeal sections 190.108 and 190.109, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof two new sections relating to equipment requirements for ambulances.

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*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the state of Missouri, as follows:*

Section A. Sections 190.108 and 190.109, RSMo, are repealed and two new sections  
2 enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as sections 190.108 and 190.109, to read as follows:

2019.108. 1. The department shall, within a reasonable time after receipt of an  
2 application, cause such investigation as the department deems necessary to be made of the  
3 applicant for an air ambulance license.

4 2. The department shall have the authority and responsibility to license an air  
5 ambulance service in accordance with sections 190.001 to 190.245, and in accordance with  
6 rules adopted by the department pursuant to sections 190.001 to 190.245. The department  
7 may promulgate rules relating to the requirements for an air ambulance license including, but  
8 not limited to:

- 9 (1) Medical control plans;
- 10 (2) Medical director qualifications;
- 11 (3) Air medical staff qualifications;
- 12 (4) Response and operations standards to assure that the health and safety needs of the  
13 public are met;
- 14 (5) Standards for air medical communications;
- 15 (6) Criteria for compliance with licensure requirements;
- 16 (7) Records and forms;

EXPLANATION — Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets **[thus]** in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted from the law. Matter in **bold-face** type in the above bill is proposed language.

17 (8) Equipment requirements. **The department shall require the air ambulance to**  
18 **be equipped with naloxone and bleeding control kits;**

19 (9) Five-year license renewal;

20 (10) Quality improvement committees; and

21 (11) Response time, patient care and transportation standards.

22 3. Application for an air 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 air 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 4. Upon the sale or transfer of any air ambulance service ownership, the owner of  
28 such service shall notify the department of the change in ownership within thirty days of such  
29 sale or transfer. After receipt of such notice, the department shall conduct an inspection of the  
30 ambulance service to verify compliance with the licensure standards of sections 190.001 to  
31 190.245.

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

4 2. Any person that owned and operated a licensed ambulance on December 31, 1997,  
5 shall receive an ambulance service license from the department, unless suspended, revoked or  
6 terminated, for that ambulance service area which was, on December 31, 1997, described and  
7 filed with the department as the primary service area for its licensed ambulances on August  
8 28, 1998, provided that the person makes application and adheres to the rules and regulations  
9 promulgated by the department pursuant to sections 190.001 to 190.245.

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

23 authorized to provide ambulance service, in order to be considered for a new ambulance  
24 service license, the ambulance service shall submit to the department a letter of endorsement  
25 from the county. Any letter of endorsement required pursuant to this section shall verify that  
26 the political subdivision has conducted a public hearing regarding the endorsement and that  
27 the governing body of the political subdivision has adopted a resolution approving the  
28 endorsement. The letter of endorsement shall affirmatively state that the proposed ambulance  
29 service:

30 (1) Will provide a benefit to public health that outweighs the associated costs;

31 (2) Will maintain or enhance the public's access to ambulance services;

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

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

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

38 4. A contract between a political subdivision and a licensed ambulance service for the  
39 provision of ambulance services for that political subdivision shall expand, without further  
40 action by the department, the ambulance service area of the licensed ambulance service to  
41 include the jurisdictional boundaries of the political subdivision. The termination of the  
42 aforementioned contract shall result in a reduction of the licensed ambulance service's  
43 ambulance service area by removing the geographic area of the political subdivision from its  
44 ambulance service area, except that licensed ambulance service providers may provide  
45 ambulance services as are needed at and around the state fair grounds for protection of  
46 attendees at the state fair.

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

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

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

53 (2) Equipment requirements. **The department shall require the ambulance to be**  
54 **equipped with naloxone and bleeding control kits;**

55 (3) Staffing requirements;

56 (4) Five-year license renewal;

57 (5) Records and forms;

58 (6) Medical control plans;

59 (7) Medical director qualifications;

60 (8) Standards for medical communications;

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

63 (10) Quality improvement committees; and

64 (11) Response time, patient care and transportation standards.

65 7. Application for a ground ambulance service license shall be made upon such forms  
66 as prescribed by the department in rules adopted pursuant to sections 190.001 to 190.245.

67 The application form shall contain such information as the department deems necessary to  
68 make a determination as to whether the ground ambulance service meets all the requirements  
69 of sections 190.001 to 190.245 and rules promulgated pursuant to sections 190.001 to  
70 190.245.

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