

SENATE BILL NO. 227—SENATORS RHOADS, MCGINNESS,
AMODEI AND JACOBSEN

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Referred to Committee on Human Resources and Facilities

SUMMARY—Allows person who is not licensed as attendant to drive ambulance under certain circumstances. (BDR 40-1246)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: No.
Effect on the State or on Industrial Insurance: No.

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EXPLANATION – Matter in ***bolded italics*** is new; matter between brackets ~~omitted material~~ is material to be omitted.

AN ACT relating to emergency medical services; allowing a person who is not licensed as an attendant to drive an ambulance under certain circumstances; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, REPRESENTED IN SENATE AND
ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

- 1 **Section 1.** NRS 450B.050 is hereby amended to read as follows:
2 450B.050 “Attendant” means a person responsible for the care of a
3 sick or injured person in an ambulance or air ambulance, and ~~includes~~
4 ***may include*** the driver of an ambulance but not the pilot of an air
5 ambulance.
6 **Sec. 2.** NRS 450B.260 is hereby amended to read as follows:
7 450B.260 1. Except as otherwise provided in this section, the public
8 or private owner of an ambulance or air ambulance or a fire-fighting agency
9 which owns a vehicle used in providing medical care at the scene of an
10 emergency shall not permit its operation and use by any person not licensed
11 under this chapter.
12 2. An ambulance carrying a sick or injured patient must be occupied by
13 ~~at~~ :
14 ***(a)*** A driver and an attendant, each of whom is licensed as an attendant
15 pursuant to this chapter or exempt from licensing pursuant to subsection 6
16 of NRS 450B.160 ~~is~~ ; ***or***

1 ***(b) A driver and, if the driver is not licensed as an attendant***
2 ***pursuant to this chapter, two attendants who are licensed pursuant***
3 ***to this chapter or are exempt from licensing pursuant to subsection 6 of***
4 ***NRS 450B.160,***

5 except in geographic areas which may be designated by the board and for
6 which the board may prescribe lesser qualifications.

7 3. An air ambulance carrying a sick or injured patient must be occupied
8 by a licensed attendant, or a person exempt from licensing pursuant to
9 subsection 6 of NRS 450B.160, in addition to the pilot of the aircraft.

10 4. The pilot of an air ambulance is not required to have a license under
11 this chapter.

12 5. A person who operates or uses a vehicle owned by a fire-fighting
13 agency is not required to be licensed under this chapter, except that such a
14 vehicle may not be used to provide intermediate or advanced medical care
15 at the scene of an emergency unless at least one person in the vehicle is
16 licensed to provide the care.

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