

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; requiring the adoption of administrative regulations establishing the minimum qualifications for a driver of an ambulance; 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.130 is hereby amended to read as follows:
7 450B.130 1. The board shall adopt regulations establishing
8 reasonable minimum : ~~{standards for:}~~
9 (a) ***Qualifications for a driver of an ambulance; and***
10 (b) ***Standards for:***
11 (1) Sanitation in ambulances and air ambulances;
12 ~~{(b)}~~ (2) Medical and nonmedical equipment and supplies to be carried
13 in ambulances and air ambulances and medical equipment and supplies to
14 be carried in vehicles of a fire-fighting agency;
15 ~~{(c)}~~ (3) Interior configuration, design and dimensions of ambulances
16 placed in service after July 1, 1979;

~~(d)~~ (4) Permits for operation of ambulances, air ambulances and vehicles of a fire-fighting agency;

~~(e)~~ (5) Records to be maintained by an operator of an ambulance or air ambulance or by a fire-fighting agency; and

~~(f)~~ (6) Treatment of patients who are critically ill or in urgent need of treatment.

2. The health officers of this state shall jointly adopt regulations to establish the minimum standards for the certification of emergency medical technicians. Upon adoption of the regulations, each health authority shall adopt the regulations for its jurisdiction. After each health authority adopts the regulations, the standards established constitute the minimum standards for certification of emergency medical technicians in this state. Any changes to the minimum standards must be adopted jointly by the health officers and by each health authority in the manner set forth in this subsection. Any changes in the minimum standards which are not adopted in the manner set forth in this subsection are void.

3. A health officer may adopt regulations that impose additional requirements for the certification of emergency medical technicians in his jurisdiction, but he must accept the certification of an emergency medical technician from the jurisdiction of another health officer as proof that the emergency medical technician has met the minimum requirements for certification.

Sec. 3. NRS 450B.260 is hereby amended to read as follows:

450B.260 1. Except as otherwise provided in this section, the public or private owner of an ambulance or air ambulance or a fire-fighting agency which owns a vehicle used in providing medical care at the scene of an emergency shall not permit its operation and use by any person not licensed under this chapter.

2. An ambulance carrying a sick or injured patient must be occupied by ~~at~~:

(a) A driver and an attendant, each of whom is licensed as an attendant pursuant to this chapter or exempt from licensing pursuant to subsection 6 of NRS 450B.160 ~~or~~; or

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

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

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

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

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

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