

Amendment No. 183

Assembly Amendment to Assembly Bill No. 349 (BDR 40-1022)

Proposed by: Assembly Committee on Health and Human Services**Amends:** Summary: No Title: Yes Preamble: No Joint Sponsorship: No Digest: Yes

Adoption of this amendment will MAINTAIN the 2/3s majority vote requirement for final passage of A.B. 349 (§ 1).

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EXPLANATION: Matter in (1) ***blue bold italics*** is new language in the original bill; (2) ***green bold italic underlining*** is new language proposed in this amendment; (3) ~~red strikethrough~~ is deleted language in the original bill; (4) ~~purple double strikethrough~~ is language proposed to be deleted in this amendment; (5) orange double underlining is deleted language in the original bill that is proposed to be retained in this amendment; and (6) ***green bold dashed underlining*** is newly added transitory language.

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Date: 4/6/2009

A.B. No. 349—Revises provisions governing certain emergency medical technicians. (BDR 40-1022)



ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 349—ASSEMBLYMEN PARNELL, LESLIE, MCCLAIN; BOBZIEN,
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MARCH 13, 2009

Referred to Committee on Health and Human Services

SUMMARY—Revises provisions governing certain emergency medical technicians. (BDR 40-1022)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: No.
Effect on the State: Yes.

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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; providing for the endorsement of intermediate emergency medical technicians and advanced emergency medical technicians to administer immunizations, dispense medication and provide certain services for ~~the public health~~ an emergency or otherwise satisfy public health needs; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel's Digest:

Existing law requires the district board of health, in a county whose population is more than 400,000 (currently Clark County), and the State Board of Health, in a county whose population is less than 400,000, to establish the requirements, basic training and scope of practice for the certification of intermediate emergency medical technicians ~~and~~ and advanced emergency medical technicians. (NRS 450B.191, 450B.1915, ~~450B.195, 450B.197~~) This bill requires the State Board of Health, in a county whose population is less than 400,000, to prescribe regulations for the endorsement of intermediate emergency medical technicians and advanced emergency medical technicians to administer immunizations, dispense medication and provide certain services for the community in ~~the public health~~ an emergency or otherwise satisfy public health needs. The district board of health, in a county whose population is 400,000 or more, is authorized, but is not required, to adopt regulations for such an endorsement.

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

Section 1. Chapter 450B of NRS is hereby amended by adding thereto a new section to read as follows:

1. An intermediate emergency medical technician or an advanced emergency medical technician who holds an endorsement to administer immunizations, dispense medication and prepare and respond to certain public health needs issued in accordance with the regulations adopted pursuant to this section may:

(a) Administer immunizations and dispense medications;
(b) Participate in activities designed to prepare the community to meet anticipated health needs, including, without limitation, participation in public vaccination clinics; and

(c) Respond to an actual epidemic or other ~~public health~~ emergency in the community,

under the direct supervision of the local health officer, or his designee, of the jurisdiction in which the immunization is administered or the medication is dispensed or in which the ~~public health~~ emergency or need exists.

2. The district board of health, in a county whose population is 400,000 or more, may adopt regulations for the endorsement of intermediate emergency medical technicians and advanced emergency medical technicians pursuant to this section. The regulations must:

(a) Prescribe the minimum training required to obtain such an endorsement;

(b) Prescribe the continuing education requirements or other evidence of continued competency for renewal of the endorsement;

(c) Prescribe the fee for the issuance and renewal of the endorsement, which must not exceed \$5; and

(d) Not require licensure as an attendant as a condition of eligibility for an endorsement pursuant to this section.

3. The State Board of Health shall, for counties whose population is less than 400,000, adopt regulations for the endorsement of intermediate emergency medical technicians and advanced emergency medical technicians pursuant to this section. The regulations must:

(a) Prescribe the minimum training required to obtain such an endorsement;

(b) Prescribe the continuing education requirements or other evidence of continued competency for renewal of the endorsement;

(c) Prescribe the fee for the issuance and renewal of the endorsement, which must not exceed \$5;

(d) To the extent practicable, authorize local health officers to provide the training and continuing education required to obtain and renew an endorsement; and

(e) Not require licensure as an attendant as a condition of eligibility for an endorsement pursuant to this section.

4. As used in this section ~~“local health officer”~~:

(a) “Emergency” means an occurrence or threatened occurrence for which, in the determination of the Governor, the assistance of state agencies is needed to supplement the efforts and capabilities of political subdivisions to save lives, protect property and protect the health and safety of persons in this State, or to avert the threat of damage to property or injury to or the death of persons in this State.

(b) “Local health officer” means a city health officer appointed pursuant to NRS 439.430, county health officer appointed pursuant to NRS 439.290 or district health officer appointed pursuant to NRS 439.368 or 439.400.

Sec. 2. NRS 450B.1915 is hereby amended to read as follows:

450B.1915 An intermediate emergency medical technician may perform any procedure and administer any drug ~~approved~~:

1. Approved by regulation of the board ~~to~~; or

2. Authorized pursuant to section 1 of this act, if the intermediate emergency medical technician has obtained an endorsement pursuant to that section.

Sec. 3. NRS 450B.197 is hereby amended to read as follows:

450B.197 An attendant or a firefighter who is an advanced emergency medical technician may perform any procedure and administer any drug ~~approved~~

~~;~~ 1. *Approved* by regulation of the board ~~H~~; or

2. *Authorized pursuant to section 1 of this act, if the attendant or firefighter who is an advanced emergency medical technician has obtained an endorsement pursuant to that section.*

~~Sec. 3.~~ **Sec. 4.** NRS 454.213 is hereby amended to read as follows:

454.213 A drug or medicine referred to in NRS 454.181 to 454.371, inclusive, may be possessed and administered by:

1. A practitioner.

2. A physician assistant licensed pursuant to chapter 630 or 633 of NRS, at the direction of his supervising physician or a licensed dental hygienist acting in the office of and under the supervision of a dentist.

3. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 4, a registered nurse licensed to practice professional nursing or licensed practical nurse, at the direction of a prescribing physician, physician assistant licensed pursuant to chapter 630 or 633 of NRS, dentist, podiatric physician or advanced practitioner of nursing, or pursuant to a chart order, for administration to a patient at another location.

4. In accordance with applicable regulations of the Board, a registered nurse licensed to practice professional nursing or licensed practical nurse who is:

(a) Employed by a health care agency or health care facility that is authorized to provide emergency care, or to respond to the immediate needs of a patient, in the residence of the patient; and

(b) Acting under the direction of the medical director of that agency or facility who works in this State.

5. ~~Ant~~ Except as otherwise provided in subsection 6, an intermediate emergency medical technician or an advanced emergency medical technician, as authorized by regulation of the State Board of Pharmacy and in accordance with any applicable regulations of:

(a) The State Board of Health in a county whose population is less than 100,000;

(b) A county board of health in a county whose population is 100,000 or more; or

(c) A district board of health created pursuant to NRS 439.362 or 439.370 in any county.

6. An intermediate emergency medical technician or an advanced emergency medical technician who holds an endorsement issued pursuant to section 1 of this act, under the direct supervision of a local health officer or his designee pursuant to that section.

7. A respiratory therapist employed in a health care facility. The therapist may possess and administer respiratory products only at the direction of a physician.

~~7.7~~ 8. A dialysis technician, under the direction or supervision of a physician or registered nurse only if the drug or medicine is used for the process of renal dialysis.

~~8.7~~ 9. A medical student or student nurse in the course of his studies at an approved college of medicine or school of professional or practical nursing, at the direction of a physician and:

(a) In the presence of a physician or a registered nurse; or

(b) Under the supervision of a physician or a registered nurse if the student is authorized by the college or school to administer the drug or medicine outside the presence of a physician or nurse.

1 ↵ A medical student or student nurse may administer a dangerous drug in the
2 presence or under the supervision of a registered nurse alone only if the
3 circumstances are such that the registered nurse would be authorized to administer
4 it personally.

5 ~~10.~~ Any person designated by the head of a correctional institution.

6 ~~11.~~ An ultimate user or any person designated by the ultimate user
7 pursuant to a written agreement.

8 ~~12.~~ A nuclear medicine technologist, at the direction of a physician and
9 in accordance with any conditions established by regulation of the Board.

10 ~~13.~~ A radiologic technologist, at the direction of a physician and in
11 accordance with any conditions established by regulation of the Board.

12 ~~14.~~ A chiropractic physician, but only if the drug or medicine is a
13 topical drug used for cooling and stretching external tissue during therapeutic
14 treatments.

15 ~~15.~~ A physical therapist, but only if the drug or medicine is a topical
16 drug which is:

17 (a) Used for cooling and stretching external tissue during therapeutic
18 treatments; and

19 (b) Prescribed by a licensed physician for:

20 (1) Iontophoresis; or

21 (2) The transmission of drugs through the skin using ultrasound.

22 ~~16.~~ In accordance with applicable regulations of the State Board of
23 Health, an employee of a residential facility for groups, as defined in NRS 449.017,
24 pursuant to a written agreement entered into by the ultimate user.

25 ~~17.~~ A veterinary technician at the direction of his supervising
26 veterinarian.

27 ~~18.~~ In accordance with applicable regulations of the Board, a registered
28 pharmacist who:

29 (a) Is trained in and certified to carry out standards and practices for
30 immunization programs;

31 (b) Is authorized to administer immunizations pursuant to written protocols
32 from a physician; and

33 (c) Administers immunizations in compliance with the “Standards of
34 Immunization Practices” recommended and approved by the United States Public
35 Health Service Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices.

36 ~~19.~~ A person who is enrolled in a training program to become a
37 physician assistant licensed pursuant to chapter 630 or 633 of NRS, dental
38 hygienist, intermediate emergency medical technician, advanced emergency
39 medical technician, respiratory therapist, dialysis technician, nuclear medicine
40 technologist, radiologic technologist, physical therapist or veterinary technician if
41 the person possesses and administers the drug or medicine in the same manner and
42 under the same conditions that apply, respectively, to a physician assistant licensed
43 pursuant to chapter 630 or 633 of NRS, dental hygienist, intermediate emergency
44 medical technician, advanced emergency medical technician, respiratory therapist,
45 dialysis technician, nuclear medicine technologist, radiologic technologist, physical
46 therapist or veterinary technician who may possess and administer the drug or
47 medicine, and under the direct supervision of a person licensed or registered to
48 perform the respective medical art or a supervisor of such a person.

49 ~~Sec. 4.~~ **Sec. 5.** On or before July 1, 2009, the State Board of Health shall
50 adopt regulations for the endorsement of intermediate emergency medical
51 technicians and advanced emergency medical technicians pursuant to section 1
52 of this act.

- 1 ~~{Sec. 5.}~~ **Sec. 6.** 1. This section and sections 1 and ~~{4}~~ **5.** of this act
2 become effective upon passage and approval for purposes of adopting regulations
3 and on July 1, 2009, for all other purposes.
4 2. Sections 2, ~~{and}~~ **3 and 4.** of this act become effective on July 1, 2009.