

ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 51—COMMITTEE ON  
HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

(ON BEHALF OF THE HEALTH DIVISION)

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Referred to Committee on Health and Human Services

SUMMARY—Revises provisions relating to certain providers of  
emergency medical services. (BDR 40-447)

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 providers of emergency medical services;  
revising provisions relating to the certification of  
emergency medical technicians; requiring certain money  
collected from issuing certain licenses and certificates to  
be used to provide grants for training volunteers to  
provide emergency medical care; revising training  
requirements for licensed physicians, registered nurses  
and licensed physician assistants who provide emergency  
medical care in an ambulance; revising certain  
educational standards for emergency medical technicians;  
and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

**Legislative Counsel's Digest:**

1 Existing law provides for the training and certification of three types of  
2 emergency medical technicians based upon the level of care provided. (NRS  
3 450B.180, 450B.1905, 450B.191, 450B.195) **Sections 1-4 and 6-53** of this bill  
4 revise the terms used to refer to those three types of emergency medical technicians  
5 for consistency with the terms used in the *National Emergency Medical Services*  
6 *Education Standards* released by the National Highway Traffic Safety  
7 Administration in 2009. That publication establishes the minimum education  
8 competencies required for persons who provide emergency medical services and  
9 will replace the *National Standard Curriculum* of the United States Department of  
10 Transportation. The term “emergency medical technician” in existing law continues  
11 to refer to the basic level of emergency medical technician. However, this bill  
12 replaces the term “intermediate emergency medical technician” with “advanced  
13 emergency medical technician” and replaces the term “advanced emergency



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medical technician” with “paramedic.” In addition, **sections 21, 22 and 24** require the training for certification as an emergency medical technician, advanced emergency medical technician and paramedic to follow the curriculum or educational standards prepared by the United States Department of Transportation which are now set forth in the *National Emergency Medical Services Education Standards*.

Existing law authorizes a health authority to issue licenses to attendants, who are persons responsible for caring for sick or injured persons in an ambulance or air ambulance, and to firefighters employed by or serving as volunteers with a fire-fighting agency. (NRS 450B.160) **Section 16** of this bill removes the reference to volunteers so that the health authority may issue a license to any person serving with a fire-fighting agency, whether or not the person is serving as a volunteer. In addition, **section 16** revises the training requirements for a licensed physician, registered nurse and licensed physician assistant to serve as attendants.

**Section 5** of this bill requires that any money collected by the Health Division of the Department of Health and Human Services from licensing attendants and firefighters be accounted for separately in the State General Fund and used only to provide grants for training volunteers to provide emergency medical care.

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

**Section 1.** NRS 441A.195 is hereby amended to read as follows:

441A.195 1. A law enforcement officer, correctional officer, emergency medical attendant, firefighter, county coroner or medical examiner or any of their employees, any other person who is employed by an agency of criminal justice or any other public employee whose duties may require him or her to come into contact with human blood or bodily fluids, who may have been exposed to a contagious disease while performing his or her official duties, or the employer of such a person, may petition a court for an order requiring the testing of a person or decedent for exposure to the human immunodeficiency virus, the hepatitis B surface antigen, hepatitis C and tuberculosis if the person or decedent may have exposed the officer, medical attendant, firefighter, county coroner or medical examiner or their employee, other person employed by an agency of criminal justice or other public employee whose duties may require him or her to come into contact with human blood or bodily fluids to a contagious disease.

2. When possible, before filing a petition pursuant to subsection 1, the person or employer petitioning shall submit information concerning the possible exposure to a contagious disease to the designated health care officer for the employer or, if there is no designated health care officer, the person designated by the employer to document and verify possible exposure to contagious diseases, for verification that there was substantial



1 exposure. Each designated health care officer or person designated  
2 by an employer to document and verify possible exposure to  
3 contagious diseases shall establish guidelines based on current  
4 scientific information to determine substantial exposure.

5 3. A court shall promptly hear a petition filed pursuant to  
6 subsection 1 and determine whether there is probable cause to  
7 believe that a possible transfer of blood or other bodily fluids  
8 occurred between the person who filed the petition or on whose  
9 behalf the petition was filed and the person or decedent who  
10 possibly exposed him or her to a contagious disease. If the court  
11 determines that probable cause exists to believe that a possible  
12 transfer of blood or other bodily fluids occurred, the court shall:

13 (a) Order the person who possibly exposed the petitioner, or the  
14 person on whose behalf the petition was filed, to a contagious  
15 disease to submit two specimens of blood to a local hospital or  
16 medical laboratory for testing for exposure to the human  
17 immunodeficiency virus, the hepatitis B surface antigen, hepatitis C  
18 and tuberculosis; or

19 (b) Order that two specimens of blood be drawn from the  
20 decedent who possibly exposed the petitioner, or the person on  
21 whose behalf the petition was filed, to a contagious disease and be  
22 submitted to a local hospital or medical laboratory for testing for  
23 exposure to the human immunodeficiency virus, the hepatitis B  
24 surface antigen, hepatitis C and tuberculosis.

25 ➤ The local hospital or medical laboratory shall perform the test in  
26 accordance with generally accepted medical practices and shall  
27 disclose the results of the test in the manner set forth in  
28 NRS 629.069.

29 4. The employer of a person who files a petition or on whose  
30 behalf a petition is filed pursuant to this section or the insurer of the  
31 employer shall pay the cost of performing the test pursuant to  
32 subsection 3.

33 5. As used in this section:

34 (a) "Agency of criminal justice" has the meaning ascribed to it  
35 in NRS 179A.030.

36 (b) "Emergency medical attendant" means a person licensed as  
37 an attendant or certified as an emergency medical technician,  
38 ~~intermediate~~ **advanced** emergency medical technician or  
39 ~~advanced emergency medical technician~~ **paramedic** pursuant to  
40 chapter 450B of NRS.

41 **Sec. 2.** NRS 450.480 is hereby amended to read as follows:

42 450.480 A hospital or rescue unit which meets minimum  
43 requirements established by the State Board of Health, or an  
44 ambulance service which meets minimum requirements established  
45 by the State Board of Health in a county whose population is less



1 than 100,000, or a county or district board of health in a county  
2 whose population is 100,000 or more, may use ~~advanced~~  
3 ~~emergency medical technicians,~~ **paramedics**, as defined in NRS  
4 450B.025, for the rendering of emergency medical care to the sick  
5 or injured:

6 1. At the scene of an emergency and during transport to a  
7 hospital;

8 2. While in a hospital emergency department; and

9 3. Until responsibility for care is assumed by the regular staff  
10 of the hospital.

11 **Sec. 3.** Chapter 450B of NRS is hereby amended by adding  
12 thereto the provisions set forth as sections 4 and 5 of this act.

13 **Sec. 4.** ***"Certificate" means a certificate issued by a health***  
14 ***authority acknowledging the successful completion of a program***  
15 ***or approved course for training as an emergency medical***  
16 ***technician, advanced emergency medical technician or paramedic***  
17 ***as identified on the certificate.***

18 **Sec. 5.** ***Any money collected by the Health Division for***  
19 ***issuing a license or certificate pursuant to NRS 450B.160:***

20 1. ***Must be accounted for separately in the State General***  
21 ***Fund;***

22 2. ***May be used only to provide grants to train volunteers to***  
23 ***provide emergency medical care as authorized by the Health***  
24 ***Division; and***

25 3. ***Does not revert to the State General Fund at the end of any***  
26 ***fiscal year.***

27 **Sec. 6.** NRS 450B.020 is hereby amended to read as follows:

28 450B.020 As used in this chapter, unless the context otherwise  
29 requires, the words and terms defined in NRS 450B.025 to  
30 450B.110, inclusive, ***and section 4 of this act*** have the meanings  
31 ascribed to them in those sections.

32 **Sec. 7.** NRS 450B.025 is hereby amended to read as follows:

33 450B.025 ~~["Advanced—emergency—medical—technician"]~~  
34 ***"Paramedic"*** means a person ~~[-~~

35 ~~—1. Trained in advanced emergency medical care in a training~~  
36 ~~program approved by the board; and~~

37 ~~—2. Certified]~~ ***certified*** by the health officer as having  
38 satisfactorily completed ~~[the training]~~ ***a program [-] or approved***  
39 ***course for training pursuant to NRS 450B.195.***

40 **Sec. 8.** NRS 450B.040 is hereby amended to read as follows:

41 450B.040 "Ambulance" means a motor vehicle which is  
42 specially designed, constructed, equipped and staffed to provide  
43 ~~[basic, intermediate or advanced]~~ ***emergency medical*** care for one  
44 or more:

45 1. Sick or injured persons; or



2. Persons whose medical condition may require special observation during transportation or transfer, including, without limitation, such a vehicle of a fire-fighting agency.

**Sec. 9.** NRS 450B.065 is hereby amended to read as follows:

450B.065 "Emergency medical technician" means a person ~~[-~~:

~~1. Trained in basic emergency medical care in a training program approved by the board; and~~

~~2. Certified]~~ **certified** by the health officer as having satisfactorily completed ~~[the training]~~ **a** program ~~[-]~~ **or approved course for training pursuant to NRS 450B.1905.**

**Sec. 10.** NRS 450B.0703 is hereby amended to read as follows:

450B.0703 "Emergency response employee" means a firefighter, attendant, volunteer attendant, emergency medical technician, ~~[intermediate]~~ **advanced** emergency medical technician, ~~[advanced emergency medical technician,]~~ **paramedic**, law enforcement officer, correctional officer, other peace officer or person who is employed by an agency of criminal justice, county coroner or medical examiner or any of their employees, any other public employee whose duties may require him or her to come into contact with human blood or bodily fluids or any other person who, in the course of his or her professional duties, responds to emergencies in this State.

**Sec. 11.** NRS 450B.071 is hereby amended to read as follows:

450B.071 "Firefighter" means a person who holds a license and is employed by or serving ~~[as a volunteer]~~ with a fire-fighting agency.

**Sec. 12.** NRS 450B.085 is hereby amended to read as follows:

450B.085 ~~["Intermediate"]~~ **"Advanced"** emergency medical technician" means a person ~~[-~~:

~~1. Trained in intermediate emergency medical care in a training program approved by the board; and~~

~~2. Individually]~~ certified by the health officer as having satisfactorily completed ~~[the training]~~ **a** program ~~[-]~~ **or approved course for training pursuant to NRS 450B.191.**

**Sec. 13.** NRS 450B.090 is hereby amended to read as follows:

450B.090 "License" means the license issued by the health authority under the provisions of this chapter to an attendant of an ambulance or an air ambulance or to a firefighter employed by or serving ~~[as a volunteer]~~ with a fire-fighting agency.

**Sec. 14.** NRS 450B.100 is hereby amended to read as follows:

450B.100 "Permit" means the permit issued by the health authority under the provisions of this chapter to:



1 1. A person, agency of the State or political subdivision to own  
2 or operate an ambulance or air ambulance in the State of Nevada; or

3 2. A fire-fighting agency to provide ~~intermediate or advanced~~  
4 medical care **by emergency medical technicians, advanced**  
5 **emergency medical technicians or paramedics** to sick or injured  
6 persons:

7 (a) At the scene of an emergency; or

8 (b) At the scene of an emergency and while transporting those  
9 persons to a medical facility.

10 **Sec. 15.** NRS 450B.130 is hereby amended to read as follows:  
11 450B.130 1. The board shall adopt regulations establishing  
12 reasonable minimum standards for:

13 (a) Sanitation in ambulances and air ambulances;

14 (b) Medical and nonmedical equipment and supplies to be  
15 carried in ambulances and air ambulances and medical equipment  
16 and supplies to be carried in vehicles of a fire-fighting agency;

17 (c) Interior configuration, design and dimensions of ambulances  
18 placed in service after July 1, 1979;

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

21 (e) Records ~~to~~ **which must** be maintained **and filed with the**  
22 **Health Division** by an operator of an ambulance or air ambulance or  
23 by a fire-fighting agency; and

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

26 2. The health officers of this state shall jointly adopt  
27 regulations to establish the minimum standards for the certification  
28 ~~of emergency medical technicians.~~ **or licensure of persons who**  
29 **provide emergency medical care.** Upon adoption of the regulations,  
30 each health authority shall adopt the regulations for its jurisdiction.  
31 After each health authority adopts the regulations, the standards  
32 established constitute the minimum standards for certification ~~of~~  
33 ~~emergency medical technicians.~~ **or licensure of persons who**  
34 **provide emergency medical care** in this state. Any changes to the  
35 minimum standards must be adopted jointly by the health officers  
36 and by each health authority in the manner set forth in this  
37 subsection. Any changes in the minimum standards which are not  
38 adopted in the manner set forth in this subsection are void.

39 3. A health officer may adopt regulations that impose  
40 additional requirements for the certification ~~of emergency medical~~  
41 ~~technicians.~~ **or licensure of persons who provide emergency**  
42 **medical care** in the jurisdiction of the health officer, but the health  
43 officer must accept the certification ~~of an emergency medical~~  
44 ~~technician.~~ **or license of a person who provides emergency medical**  
45 **care** from the jurisdiction of another health officer as proof that the



~~{emergency medical technician}~~ *person who provides emergency medical care* has met the minimum requirements for certification ~~{}~~ or licensure.

4. As used in this section, “*person who provides emergency medical care*” means an *emergency medical technician, advanced emergency medical technician, paramedic, attendant of an ambulance or air ambulance or firefighter employed by or serving with a fire-fighting agency.*

Sec. 16. NRS 450B.160 is hereby amended to read as follows:

450B.160 1. The health authority may issue licenses to attendants and to firefighters employed by or serving ~~{as volunteers}~~ with a fire-fighting agency.

2. Each license must be evidenced by a card issued to the holder of the license, is valid for a period not to exceed 2 years and is renewable.

3. An applicant for a license must file with the health authority:

(a) A current, valid certificate evidencing the applicant’s successful completion of a program or course for training ~~{in}~~ *as an emergency medical ~~{technology}~~ technician, advanced emergency medical technician or paramedic,* if the applicant is applying for a license as an attendant, or, if a volunteer attendant, at a level of skill determined by the board.

(b) A current valid certificate evidencing the applicant’s successful completion of a program for training as an ~~{intermediate}~~ emergency medical technician , ~~{or}~~ advanced emergency medical technician *or paramedic* if the applicant is applying for a license as a firefighter with a fire-fighting agency.

(c) A signed statement showing:

(1) The name and address of the applicant;

(2) The name and address of the employer of the applicant;

and

(3) A description of the applicant’s duties.

(d) Such other certificates for training and such other items as the board may specify.

4. The board shall adopt such regulations as it determines are necessary for the issuance, suspension, revocation and renewal of licenses.

5. Each operator of an ambulance or air ambulance and each fire-fighting agency shall annually file with the health authority a complete list of the licensed persons in its service.

6. Licensed physicians, registered nurses and licensed physician assistants may serve as attendants without being licensed under the provisions of this section. A registered nurse who performs ~~{advanced}~~ emergency care in an ambulance or air ambulance shall perform the care in accordance with the regulations



1 of the State Board of Nursing. A licensed physician assistant who  
2 performs ~~advanced~~ emergency care in an ambulance or air  
3 ambulance shall perform the care in accordance with the regulations  
4 of the Board of Medical Examiners.

5 7. Each licensed physician, registered nurse and licensed  
6 physician assistant who serves as an attendant must have current  
7 certification of completion of training in:

8 (a) Advanced life-support procedures for patients who require  
9 cardiac care;

10 (b) Life-support procedures for pediatric patients who require  
11 cardiac care; ~~for~~

12 (c) Life-support procedures for patients with trauma that are  
13 administered before the arrival of those patients at a hospital ~~H~~ ;  
14 *and*

15 *(d) The manner in which to provide care in an ambulance or*  
16 *air ambulance.*

17 ➔ The certification must be issued by the Board of Medical  
18 Examiners for a physician or licensed physician assistant or by the  
19 State Board of Nursing for a registered nurse.

20 8. The Board of Medical Examiners and the State Board of  
21 Nursing shall issue a certificate pursuant to subsection 7 if the  
22 licensed physician, licensed physician assistant or registered nurse  
23 attends:

24 (a) A course offered by a national organization which is  
25 nationally recognized for issuing such certification;

26 (b) Training conducted by the operator of an ambulance or air  
27 ambulance; or

28 (c) Any other course or training,

29 ➔ approved by the Board of Medical Examiners or the State Board  
30 of Nursing, whichever is issuing the certification. ~~[The Board of  
31 Medical Examiners and the State Board of Nursing may require  
32 certification of training in all three areas set forth in subsection 7 for  
33 a licensed physician, licensed physician assistant or registered nurse  
34 who primarily serves as an attendant in a county whose population  
35 is 400,000 or more.]~~

36 **Sec. 17.** NRS 450B.180 is hereby amended to read as follows:

37 450B.180 1. Any person desiring certification as an  
38 emergency medical technician , *advanced emergency medical*  
39 *technician or paramedic* must apply to the health authority using  
40 forms prescribed by the health authority.

41 2. The health authority, pursuant to regulations and procedures  
42 adopted by the board, shall make a determination of the applicant's  
43 qualifications to be certified as an emergency medical technician,  
44 *advanced emergency medical technician or paramedic* and shall





1 issue ~~{a}~~ *the appropriate* certificate ~~{as an emergency medical~~  
2 ~~technician}~~ to each qualified applicant.

3 3. A certificate ~~{as an emergency medical technician}~~ is valid  
4 for a period not exceeding 2 years and may be renewed if the holder  
5 of the certificate complies with the provisions of this chapter and  
6 meets the qualifications set forth in the regulations and standards  
7 established by the board pursuant to this chapter. The regulations  
8 and standards established by the board must provide for the  
9 completion of a course of instruction, within 2 years after initial  
10 licensure, relating to the medical consequences of an act of terrorism  
11 that involves the use of a weapon of mass destruction. The course  
12 must provide at least 4 hours of instruction that includes instruction  
13 in the following subjects:

14 (a) An overview of acts of terrorism and weapons of mass  
15 destruction;

16 (b) Personal protective equipment required for acts of terrorism;

17 (c) Common symptoms and methods of treatment associated  
18 with exposure to, or injuries caused by, chemical, biological,  
19 radioactive and nuclear agents;

20 (d) Syndromic surveillance and reporting procedures for acts of  
21 terrorism that involve biological agents; and

22 (e) An overview of the information available on, and the use of,  
23 the Health Alert Network.

24 ➤ The board may thereafter determine whether to establish  
25 regulations and standards requiring additional courses of instruction  
26 relating to the medical consequences of an act of terrorism that  
27 involves the use of a weapon of mass destruction.

28 4. The health authority may suspend or revoke ~~{the}~~ *a*  
29 certificate ~~{of an emergency medical technician}~~ if it finds that the  
30 holder of the certificate no longer meets the prescribed  
31 qualifications. Unless the certificate is suspended by the district  
32 court pursuant to NRS 425.540, the holder of the certificate may  
33 appeal the suspension or revocation of his or her certificate pursuant  
34 to regulations adopted by the board.

35 5. The board shall determine the procedures and techniques  
36 which may be performed by an emergency medical technician ~~H~~,  
37 *advanced emergency medical technician or paramedic*.

38 6. A certificate issued pursuant to this section is valid  
39 throughout the State, whether issued by the Health Division or a  
40 district board of health.

41 7. The Health Division shall maintain a central registry of all  
42 certificates issued pursuant to this section, whether issued by the  
43 Health Division or a district board of health.

44 8. The board shall adopt such regulations as are necessary to  
45 carry out the provisions of this section.



9. As used in this section:

(a) "Act of terrorism" has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS 202.4415.

(b) "Biological agent" has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS 202.442.

(c) "Chemical agent" has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS 202.4425.

(d) "Radioactive agent" has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS 202.4437.

(e) "Weapon of mass destruction" has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS 202.4445.

**Sec. 18.** NRS 450B.183 is hereby amended to read as follows:

450B.183 1. An applicant for the issuance or renewal of a license as an attendant or firefighter employed by a fire-fighting agency or ~~an emergency medical technician~~ a certificate shall submit to the health authority the statement prescribed by the Division of Welfare and Supportive Services of the Department of Health and Human Services pursuant to NRS 425.520. The statement must be completed and signed by the applicant.

2. The health authority shall include the statement required pursuant to subsection 1 in:

(a) The application or any other forms that must be submitted for the issuance or renewal of the license or certificate; or

(b) A separate form prescribed by the health authority.

3. A license or certificate described in subsection 1 may not be issued or renewed by the health authority if the applicant:

(a) Fails to submit the statement required pursuant to subsection 1; or

(b) Indicates on the statement submitted pursuant to subsection 1 that the applicant is subject to a court order for the support of a child and is not in compliance with the order or a plan approved by the district attorney or other public agency enforcing the order for the repayment of the amount owed pursuant to the order.

4. If an applicant indicates on the statement submitted pursuant to subsection 1 that the applicant is subject to a court order for the support of a child and is not in compliance with the order or a plan approved by the district attorney or other public agency enforcing the order for the repayment of the amount owed pursuant to the order, the health authority shall advise the applicant to contact the district attorney or other public agency enforcing the order to determine the actions that the applicant may take to satisfy the arrearage.

**Sec. 19.** NRS 450B.185 is hereby amended to read as follows:

450B.185 1. If the health authority receives a copy of a court order issued pursuant to NRS 425.540 that provides for the



1 suspension of all professional, occupational and recreational  
2 licenses, certificates and permits issued to a person who is the  
3 holder of a license as an attendant or firefighter employed by a fire-  
4 fighting agency or ~~an emergency medical technician~~ a certificate,  
5 the health authority shall deem the license or certificate issued to  
6 that person to be suspended at the end of the 30th day after the date  
7 on which the court order was issued unless the health authority  
8 receives a letter issued to the holder of the license or certificate by  
9 the district attorney or other public agency pursuant to NRS 425.550  
10 stating that the holder of the license or certificate has complied with  
11 the subpoena or warrant or has satisfied the arrearage pursuant to  
12 NRS 425.560.

13 2. The health authority shall reinstate a license as an attendant  
14 or firefighter employed by a fire-fighting agency or ~~an emergency~~  
15 ~~medical technician~~ a certificate that has been suspended by a  
16 district court pursuant to NRS 425.540 if:

17 (a) The health authority receives a letter issued by the district  
18 attorney or other public agency pursuant to NRS 425.550 to the  
19 person whose license or certificate was suspended stating that the  
20 person whose license or certificate was suspended has complied  
21 with the subpoena or warrant or has satisfied the arrearage pursuant  
22 to NRS 425.560; and

23 (b) The person whose license or certificate was suspended pays  
24 any fees imposed by the health authority for the reinstatement of a  
25 suspended license or certificate.

26 **Sec. 20.** NRS 450B.187 is hereby amended to read as follows:

27 450B.187 An application for the issuance or renewal of a  
28 license as an attendant or firefighter employed by a fire-fighting  
29 agency or ~~an emergency medical technician~~ a certificate must  
30 include the social security number of the applicant.

31 **Sec. 21.** NRS 450B.1905 is hereby amended to read as  
32 follows:

33 450B.1905 1. A program ~~for~~ of training ~~in the basic care of~~  
34 ~~a patient in urgent need of medical care or observation~~ for  
35 *certification as an emergency medical technician* must be:

36 (a) Supervised by a physician and approved by the health  
37 authority; or

38 (b) Presented by a national organization which is nationally  
39 recognized for providing such training and approved by the board.

40 2. ~~Except as otherwise provided in subsections 3 and 4,~~  
41 ~~training in basic care must include:~~

42 ~~—(a) Procedures to establish and maintain an open airway in a~~  
43 ~~patient;~~

44 ~~—(b) Administration of oxygen, both manually and by a device~~  
45 ~~which uses intermittent positive pressure;~~



- 1 ~~—(c) Cardiopulmonary resuscitation;~~
- 2 ~~—(d) Treatment of shock;~~
- 3 ~~—(e) Control of bleeding;~~
- 4 ~~—(f) Treatment of wounds;~~
- 5 ~~—(g) Application of splints;~~
- 6 ~~—(h) Treatment for poisoning;~~
- 7 ~~—(i) Childbirth; and~~
- 8 ~~—(j) Rescue.~~

9 ~~—3.]~~ A program ~~{for} of~~ training ~~{in the basic care of a patient~~  
10 ~~may} for certification as an emergency medical technician must~~  
11 follow the curriculum *or educational standards* prepared by the  
12 United States Department of Transportation as a national standard  
13 for emergency medical technicians.

14 ~~{4.]~~ 3. The board may adopt regulations which prescribe other  
15 requirements ~~{for} of~~ training ~~{in the basic care of a patient in urgent~~  
16 ~~need of medical care or observation.}~~ *for certification as an*  
17 *emergency medical technician.*

18 ~~{5.]~~ 4. An owner of an ambulance shall not offer ~~{basic}~~  
19 *emergency medical* care ~~{off} to~~ a patient in urgent need of medical  
20 care or observation unless the attendant has successfully completed  
21 a program of training ~~{in such care}~~ *for certification as an*  
22 *emergency medical technician* or is exempt, pursuant to subsection  
23 6 of NRS 450B.160, from the requirement to obtain that training.

24 ~~{6.]~~ 5. The board may by regulation prescribe additional  
25 requirements for receiving and maintaining certification ~~{in basic~~  
26 ~~emergency care.}~~ *as an emergency medical technician.* The  
27 curriculum *or educational standards* for training must be:

28 (a) At the level of advanced first aid; or

29 (b) At least equivalent to any curriculum *or educational*  
30 *standards* prepared by the Department of Transportation as a  
31 national standard for emergency medical technicians.

32 **Sec. 22.** NRS 450B.191 is hereby amended to read as follows:

33 450B.191 1. A program of training ~~{in intermediate~~  
34 ~~emergency care of a patient in urgent need of medical care or~~  
35 ~~observation.}~~ *for certification as an advanced emergency medical*  
36 *technician* must be conducted by a licensed physician and approved  
37 by the health authority.

38 2. A program of training for *certification as* an ~~{intermediate}~~  
39 *advanced* emergency medical technician must include an approved  
40 curriculum in intravenous therapy and the management of a passage  
41 for air to the lungs. Only a certified emergency medical technician  
42 with experience as established by the board is eligible for this  
43 training.

44 3. In order to maintain certification, each ~~{intermediate}~~  
45 *advanced* emergency medical technician must annually:



(a) Comply with the requirements established by the board for continuing medical education; and

(b) Demonstrate his or her skills as required by regulation of the board.

4. The board may by regulation prescribe the curriculum and other requirements for training and maintaining certification ~~in intermediate~~ *as an advanced* emergency ~~care~~ *medical technician*. The curriculum must be at least equivalent to any curriculum *or educational standards* prepared by the United States Department of Transportation as a national standard for ~~intermediate~~ *advanced* emergency medical technicians.

5. A person shall not represent himself or herself to be an ~~intermediate~~ *advanced* emergency medical technician unless the person has on file with the health authority a currently valid certificate demonstrating successful completion of the program of training required by this section.

6. Except as authorized by subsection 6 of NRS 450B.160, an attendant or firefighter shall not perform, and the owner, operator, director or chief officer of an ambulance or a fire-fighting agency must not offer, ~~intermediate~~ emergency care *as an advanced emergency medical technician* without fulfilling the requirements established by the board.

**Sec. 23.** NRS 450B.1915 is hereby amended to read as follows:

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

1. Approved by regulation of the board; or

2. Authorized pursuant to NRS 450B.1975, if the ~~intermediate~~ *advanced* emergency medical technician has obtained an endorsement pursuant to that section.

**Sec. 24.** NRS 450B.195 is hereby amended to read as follows:

450B.195 1. Only a certified emergency medical technician ~~who is a licensed attendant or a firefighter~~ with experience as established by the board is eligible for training as ~~an advanced emergency medical technician~~ *a paramedic*.

2. A program of training ~~in advanced emergency care for advanced emergency medical technicians~~ *for certification as a paramedic* must be conducted by a licensed physician and approved by the health authority.

3. In order to maintain certification, each ~~advanced emergency medical technician~~ *paramedic* must annually:

(a) Comply with the requirements established by the board for continuing medical education; and

(b) Demonstrate his or her skills as required by regulation of the board.



4. The board may by regulation prescribe the curriculum and other requirements for training and maintaining certification ~~in advanced emergency care.~~ **as a paramedic.** The curriculum must be at least equivalent to any curriculum **or educational standards** prepared by the United States Department of Transportation as a national standard for ~~advanced emergency medical technicians.~~ **paramedics.**

5. A person shall not represent himself or herself to be ~~an advanced emergency medical technician~~ **a paramedic** unless the person has on file with the health authority a currently valid certificate evidencing the person's successful completion of the program of training required by this section.

6. Except as authorized by subsection 6 of NRS 450B.160, an attendant or firefighter shall not perform, and the owner, operator, director or chief officer of an ambulance or a fire-fighting agency must not offer, ~~advanced~~ emergency care **as a paramedic** without fulfilling the requirements established by the board.

**Sec. 25.** NRS 450B.197 is hereby amended to read as follows:

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

1. Approved by regulation of the board; or

2. Authorized pursuant to NRS 450B.1975, if the attendant or firefighter who is ~~an advanced emergency medical technician~~ **a paramedic** has obtained an endorsement pursuant to that section.

**Sec. 26.** NRS 450B.1975 is hereby amended to read as follows:

450B.1975 1. An ~~intermediate~~ **advanced** emergency medical technician or ~~an advanced emergency medical technician~~ **a paramedic** 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 emergency in the community,

➔ under the direct supervision of the local health officer, or a designee of the local health officer, of the jurisdiction in which the immunization is administered or the medication is dispensed or in which the 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



1 ~~{intermediate}~~ **advanced** emergency medical technicians and  
2 ~~{advanced emergency medical technicians}~~ **paramedics** pursuant to  
3 this section. The regulations must:

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

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

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

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

12 3. The State Board of Health shall, for counties whose  
13 population is less than 400,000, adopt regulations for the  
14 endorsement of ~~{intermediate}~~ **advanced** emergency medical  
15 technicians and ~~{advanced emergency medical technicians}~~  
16 **paramedics** pursuant to this section. The regulations must:

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

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

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

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

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

28 4. As used in this section:

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

35 (b) "Local health officer" means a city health officer appointed  
36 pursuant to NRS 439.430, county health officer appointed pursuant  
37 to NRS 439.290 or district health officer appointed pursuant to NRS  
38 439.368 or 439.400.

39 **Sec. 27.** NRS 450B.1985 is hereby amended to read as  
40 follows:

41 450B.1985 1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2,  
42 no permit may be issued pursuant to this chapter authorizing a fire-  
43 fighting agency to provide ~~{intermediate or advanced}~~ **the level of**  
44 medical care **provided by an advanced emergency medical**



1 *technician or paramedic* to sick or injured persons while  
2 transporting those persons to a medical facility.

3 2. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 9 of NRS  
4 450B.200, the district board of health in a county whose population  
5 is 400,000 or more may issue a permit pursuant to NRS 450B.200 or  
6 450B.210 authorizing a fire-fighting agency to provide  
7 ~~intermediate or advanced~~ *the level of* medical care *provided by an*  
8 *advanced emergency medical technician or paramedic* to sick or  
9 injured persons at the scene of an emergency and while transporting  
10 those persons to a medical facility.

11 **Sec. 28.** NRS 450B.240 is hereby amended to read as follows:

12 450B.240 1. A person or governmental entity shall not  
13 engage in the operation of any ambulance or air ambulance service  
14 in this state without a currently valid permit for that service issued  
15 by the health authority.

16 2. A fire-fighting agency shall not provide ~~intermediate or~~  
17 ~~advanced~~ *the level of* medical care *provided by an advanced*  
18 *emergency medical technician or paramedic* to sick or injured  
19 persons at the scene of an emergency or while transporting those  
20 persons to a medical facility without a currently valid permit for that  
21 care issued by the health authority.

22 **Sec. 29.** NRS 450B.250 is hereby amended to read as follows:

23 450B.250 Except as otherwise provided in this chapter, a  
24 person shall not serve as an attendant on any ambulance or air  
25 ambulance and a firefighter shall not provide ~~intermediate or~~  
26 ~~advanced~~ *the level of* medical care *provided by an advanced*  
27 *emergency medical technician or paramedic* to sick or injured  
28 persons at the scene of an emergency or while transporting those  
29 persons to a medical facility unless the person holds a currently  
30 valid license issued by the health authority under the provisions of  
31 this chapter.

32 **Sec. 30.** NRS 450B.255 is hereby amended to read as follows:

33 450B.255 A person shall not represent himself or herself to be  
34 an emergency medical technician , *advanced emergency medical*  
35 *technician or paramedic* unless the person has been issued a  
36 currently valid certificate ~~as an emergency medical technician~~ by  
37 the health authority.

38 **Sec. 31.** NRS 450B.260 is hereby amended to read as follows:

39 450B.260 1. Except as otherwise provided in this section, the  
40 public or private owner of an ambulance or air ambulance or a fire-  
41 fighting agency which owns a vehicle used in providing medical  
42 care to sick or injured persons at the scene of an emergency or while  
43 transporting those persons to a medical facility shall not permit its  
44 operation and use by any person not licensed under this chapter.





2. An ambulance carrying a sick or injured patient must be occupied by 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, except as otherwise provided in subsection 5 or 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.

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

5. A person who operates or uses a vehicle owned by a fire-fighting agency is not required to be licensed under this chapter, except that such a vehicle may not be used to provide ~~intermediate or advanced~~ the level of medical care provided by an advanced emergency medical technician or paramedic to sick or injured persons:

(a) At the scene of an emergency unless at least one person in the vehicle is licensed to provide the care; or

(b) While transporting those persons to a medical facility unless at least two persons in the vehicle are licensed to provide the care.

Sec. 32. NRS 450B.265 is hereby amended to read as follows:

450B.265 1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2, a fire-fighting agency or an owner, operator, director or chief officer of an ambulance shall not represent, advertise or imply that it:

(a) Is authorized to provide ~~advanced~~ the level of emergency care ~~provided by a paramedic~~; or

(b) Uses the services of ~~an advanced emergency medical technician~~, a paramedic,

↪ unless the service has a currently valid permit to provide ~~advanced~~ the level of emergency care provided by a paramedic issued by the health authority.

2. Any service in a county whose population is less than 400,000, that holds a valid permit for the operation of an ambulance but is not authorized by the health authority to provide ~~advanced~~ the level of emergency care provided by a paramedic may represent, for billing purposes, that its ambulance provided ~~advanced~~ emergency care by a paramedic if:

(a) A registered nurse employed by a hospital rendered ~~advanced~~ the level of emergency care provided by a paramedic to a patient being transferred from the hospital by the ambulance; and

(b) The equipment deemed necessary by the health authority for the provision of ~~advanced~~ the level of emergency care provided by



1 **a paramedic** was on board the ambulance at the time the registered  
2 nurse rendered ~~advanced~~ **the** emergency care.

3 3. A hospital that employs a registered nurse who renders the  
4 care described in subsection 2 is entitled to reasonable  
5 reimbursement for the services rendered by the nurse.

6 **Sec. 33.** NRS 450B.460 is hereby amended to read as follows:

7 450B.460 "Person who administers emergency medical  
8 services" means a paid or volunteer firefighter, law enforcement  
9 officer, emergency medical technician, **advanced emergency**  
10 **medical technician, paramedic,** ambulance attendant or other  
11 person trained to provide emergency medical services.

12 **Sec. 34.** NRS 453.375 is hereby amended to read as follows:

13 453.375 A controlled substance may be possessed and  
14 administered by the following persons:

15 1. A practitioner.

16 2. A registered nurse licensed to practice professional nursing  
17 or licensed practical nurse, at the direction of a physician, physician  
18 assistant, dentist, podiatric physician or advanced practitioner of  
19 nursing, or pursuant to a chart order, for administration to a patient  
20 at another location.

21 3. ~~[An advanced emergency medical technician:]~~ **A paramedic:**

22 (a) As authorized by regulation of:

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

25 (2) A county or district board of health in a county whose  
26 population is 100,000 or more; and

27 (b) In accordance with any applicable regulations of:

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

30 (2) A county board of health in a county whose population is  
31 100,000 or more; or

32 (3) A district board of health created pursuant to NRS  
33 439.362 or 439.370 in any county.

34 4. A respiratory therapist, at the direction of a physician or  
35 physician assistant.

36 5. A medical student, student in training to become a physician  
37 assistant or student nurse in the course of his or her studies at an  
38 approved college of medicine or school of professional or practical  
39 nursing, at the direction of a physician or physician assistant and:

40 (a) In the presence of a physician, physician assistant or a  
41 registered nurse; or

42 (b) Under the supervision of a physician, physician assistant or a  
43 registered nurse if the student is authorized by the college or school  
44 to administer the substance outside the presence of a physician,  
45 physician assistant or nurse.



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

5     6. An ultimate user or any person whom the ultimate user  
6 designates pursuant to a written agreement.

7     7. Any person designated by the head of a correctional  
8 institution.

9     8. A veterinary technician at the direction of his or her  
10 supervising veterinarian.

11    9. In accordance with applicable regulations of the State Board  
12 of Health, an employee of a residential facility for groups, as  
13 defined in NRS 449.017, pursuant to a written agreement entered  
14 into by the ultimate user.

15    10. In accordance with applicable regulations of the State  
16 Board of Pharmacy, an animal control officer, a wildlife biologist or  
17 an employee designated by a federal, state or local governmental  
18 agency whose duties include the control of domestic, wild and  
19 predatory animals.

20    11. A person who is enrolled in a training program to become  
21 ~~{an advanced emergency medical technician,}~~ **a paramedic,**  
22 respiratory therapist or veterinary technician if the person possesses  
23 and administers the controlled substance in the same manner and  
24 under the same conditions that apply, respectively, to ~~{an advanced~~  
25 ~~emergency medical technician,}~~ **a paramedic,** respiratory therapist  
26 or veterinary technician who may possess and administer the  
27 controlled substance, and under the direct supervision of a person  
28 licensed or registered to perform the respective medical art or a  
29 supervisor of such a person.

30    **Sec. 35.** NRS 454.213 is hereby amended to read as follows:

31    454.213 A drug or medicine referred to in NRS 454.181 to  
32 454.371, inclusive, may be possessed and administered by:

33    1. A practitioner.

34    2. A physician assistant licensed pursuant to chapter 630 or  
35 633 of NRS, at the direction of his or her supervising physician or a  
36 licensed dental hygienist acting in the office of and under the  
37 supervision of a dentist.

38    3. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 4, a registered  
39 nurse licensed to practice professional nursing or licensed practical  
40 nurse, at the direction of a prescribing physician, physician assistant  
41 licensed pursuant to chapter 630 or 633 of NRS, dentist, podiatric  
42 physician or advanced practitioner of nursing, or pursuant to a chart  
43 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. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 6, an ~~intermediate~~ **advanced** emergency medical technician or ~~an advanced emergency medical technician,~~ **a paramedic** 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~~ **advanced** emergency medical technician or ~~an advanced emergency medical technician,~~ **a paramedic** who holds an endorsement issued pursuant to NRS 450B.1975, under the direct supervision of a local health officer or a designee of the local health officer 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.

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.

9. A medical student or student nurse in the course of his or her 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.

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

(b) Prescribed by a licensed physician for:

(1) Iontophoresis; or

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

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

17. A veterinary technician at the direction of his or her supervising veterinarian.

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

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

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

(c) Administers immunizations in compliance with the "Standards of Immunization Practices" recommended and approved by the ~~{United States Public Health Service}~~ Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices ~~{}~~ *of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.*

19. A person who is enrolled in a training program to become a physician assistant licensed pursuant to chapter 630 or 633 of NRS, dental hygienist, ~~{intermediate}~~ *advanced* emergency medical technician, ~~{advanced emergency medical technician,}~~ *paramedic,* respiratory therapist, dialysis technician, nuclear medicine technologist, radiologic technologist, physical therapist or veterinary technician if the person possesses and administers the drug or medicine in the same manner and under the same conditions that apply, respectively, to a physician assistant licensed pursuant to chapter 630 or 633 of NRS, dental hygienist, ~~{intermediate}~~ *advanced* emergency medical technician, ~~{advanced emergency~~



~~medical-technician,~~ **paramedic**, respiratory therapist, dialysis technician, nuclear medicine technologist, radiologic technologist, physical therapist or veterinary technician who may possess and administer the drug or medicine, and under the direct supervision of a person licensed or registered to perform the respective medical art or a supervisor of such a person.

**Sec. 36.** NRS 41.139 is hereby amended to read as follows:

41.139 1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2, a peace officer, firefighter or emergency medical attendant may bring and maintain an action for damages for personal injury caused by the willful act of another person, or by another person's lack of ordinary care or skill in the management of the person's property, if the conduct causing the injury:

(a) Occurred after the person who caused the injury knew or should have known of the presence of the peace officer, firefighter or emergency medical attendant;

(b) Was intended to injure the peace officer, firefighter or emergency medical attendant;

(c) Violated a statute, ordinance or regulation:

(1) Intended to protect the peace officer, firefighter or emergency medical attendant; or

(2) Prohibiting resistance to or requiring compliance with an order of a peace officer or firefighter; or

(d) Was arson.

2. This section does not impose liability on the employer of the peace officer, firefighter or emergency medical attendant.

3. As used in this section:

(a) "Emergency medical attendant" means a person licensed as an attendant or certified as an emergency medical technician, ~~intermediate~~ **advanced** emergency medical technician or ~~advanced-emergency-medical-technician~~ **paramedic** pursuant to chapter 450B of NRS.

(b) "Peace officer" has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS 169.125.

**Sec. 37.** NRS 41.504 is hereby amended to read as follows:

41.504 1. Any physician, physician assistant or registered nurse who in good faith gives instruction or provides supervision to an emergency medical attendant, physician assistant or registered nurse, at the scene of an emergency or while transporting an ill or injured person from the scene of an emergency, is not liable for any civil damages as a result of any act or omission, not amounting to gross negligence, in giving that instruction or providing that supervision.

2. An emergency medical attendant, physician assistant, registered nurse or licensed practical nurse who obeys an instruction



1 given by a physician, physician assistant, registered nurse or  
2 licensed practical nurse and thereby renders emergency care, at the  
3 scene of an emergency or while transporting an ill or injured person  
4 from the scene of an emergency, is not liable for any civil damages  
5 as a result of any act or omission, not amounting to gross  
6 negligence, in rendering that emergency care.

7 3. As used in this section, "emergency medical attendant"  
8 means a person licensed as an attendant or certified as an emergency  
9 medical technician, ~~intermediate~~ **advanced** emergency medical  
10 technician or ~~advanced emergency medical technician~~ **paramedic**  
11 pursuant to chapter 450B of NRS.

12 **Sec. 38.** NRS 200.471 is hereby amended to read as follows:

13 200.471 1. As used in this section:

14 (a) "Assault" means:

15 (1) Unlawfully attempting to use physical force against  
16 another person; or

17 (2) Intentionally placing another person in reasonable  
18 apprehension of immediate bodily harm.

19 (b) "Officer" means:

20 (1) A person who possesses some or all of the powers of a  
21 peace officer;

22 (2) A person employed in a full-time salaried occupation of  
23 fire fighting for the benefit or safety of the public;

24 (3) A member of a volunteer fire department;

25 (4) A jailer, guard or other correctional officer of a city or  
26 county jail;

27 (5) A justice of the Supreme Court, district judge, justice of  
28 the peace, municipal judge, magistrate, court commissioner, master  
29 or referee, including a person acting pro tempore in a capacity listed  
30 in this subparagraph; or

31 (6) An employee of the State or a political subdivision of the  
32 State whose official duties require the employee to make home  
33 visits.

34 (c) "Provider of health care" means a physician, a perfusionist or  
35 a physician assistant licensed pursuant to chapter 630 of NRS, a  
36 practitioner of respiratory care, a homeopathic physician, an  
37 advanced practitioner of homeopathy, a homeopathic assistant, an  
38 osteopathic physician, a physician assistant licensed pursuant to  
39 chapter 633 of NRS, a podiatric physician, a podiatry hygienist, a  
40 physical therapist, a medical laboratory technician, an optometrist, a  
41 chiropractor, a chiropractor's assistant, a doctor of Oriental  
42 medicine, a nurse, a student nurse, a certified nursing assistant, a  
43 nursing assistant trainee, a dentist, a dental hygienist, a pharmacist,  
44 an intern pharmacist, an attendant on an ambulance or air  
45 ambulance, a psychologist, a social worker, a marriage and family



1 therapist, a marriage and family therapist intern, a clinical  
2 professional counselor, a clinical professional counselor intern , *a*  
3 *paramedic, an advanced emergency medical technician* and an  
4 emergency medical technician.

5 (d) "School employee" means a licensed or unlicensed person  
6 employed by a board of trustees of a school district pursuant to  
7 NRS 391.100.

8 (e) "Sporting event" has the meaning ascribed to it in  
9 NRS 41.630.

10 (f) "Sports official" has the meaning ascribed to it in  
11 NRS 41.630.

12 (g) "Taxicab" has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS 706.8816.

13 (h) "Taxicab driver" means a person who operates a taxicab.

14 (i) "Transit operator" means a person who operates a bus or  
15 other vehicle as part of a public mass transportation system.

16 2. A person convicted of an assault shall be punished:

17 (a) If paragraph (c) or (d) does not apply to the circumstances of  
18 the crime and the assault is not made with the use of a deadly  
19 weapon or the present ability to use a deadly weapon, for a  
20 misdemeanor.

21 (b) If the assault is made with the use of a deadly weapon or the  
22 present ability to use a deadly weapon, for a category B felony by  
23 imprisonment in the state prison for a minimum term of not less  
24 than 1 year and a maximum term of not more than 6 years, or by a  
25 fine of not more than \$5,000, or by both fine and imprisonment.

26 (c) If paragraph (d) does not apply to the circumstances of the  
27 crime and if the assault is committed upon an officer, a provider of  
28 health care, a school employee, a taxicab driver or a transit operator  
29 who is performing his or her duty or upon a sports official based on  
30 the performance of his or her duties at a sporting event and the  
31 person charged knew or should have known that the victim was an  
32 officer, a provider of health care, a school employee, a taxicab  
33 driver, a transit operator or a sports official, for a gross  
34 misdemeanor, unless the assault is made with the use of a deadly  
35 weapon or the present ability to use a deadly weapon, then for a  
36 category B felony by imprisonment in the state prison for a  
37 minimum term of not less than 1 year and a maximum term of not  
38 more than 6 years, or by a fine of not more than \$5,000, or by both  
39 fine and imprisonment.

40 (d) If the assault is committed upon an officer, a provider of  
41 health care, a school employee, a taxicab driver or a transit operator  
42 who is performing his or her duty or upon a sports official based on  
43 the performance of his or her duties at a sporting event by a  
44 probationer, a prisoner who is in lawful custody or confinement or a  
45 parolee, and the probationer, prisoner or parolee charged knew or





1 should have known that the victim was an officer, a provider of  
2 health care, a school employee, a taxicab driver, a transit operator or  
3 a sports official, for a category D felony as provided in NRS  
4 193.130, unless the assault is made with the use of a deadly weapon  
5 or the present ability to use a deadly weapon, then for a category B  
6 felony by imprisonment in the state prison for a minimum term of  
7 not less than 1 year and a maximum term of not more than 6 years,  
8 or by a fine of not more than \$5,000, or by both fine and  
9 imprisonment.

10 **Sec. 39.** NRS 200.5093 is hereby amended to read as follows:

11 200.5093 1. Any person who is described in subsection 4 and  
12 who, in a professional or occupational capacity, knows or has  
13 reasonable cause to believe that an older person has been abused,  
14 neglected, exploited or isolated shall:

15 (a) Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2, report the  
16 abuse, neglect, exploitation or isolation of the older person to:

17 (1) The local office of the Aging and Disability Services  
18 Division of the Department of Health and Human Services;

19 (2) A police department or sheriff's office;

20 (3) The county's office for protective services, if one exists  
21 in the county where the suspected action occurred; or

22 (4) A toll-free telephone service designated by the Aging and  
23 Disability Services Division of the Department of Health and  
24 Human Services; and

25 (b) Make such a report as soon as reasonably practicable but not  
26 later than 24 hours after the person knows or has reasonable cause to  
27 believe that the older person has been abused, neglected, exploited  
28 or isolated.

29 2. If a person who is required to make a report pursuant to  
30 subsection 1 knows or has reasonable cause to believe that the  
31 abuse, neglect, exploitation or isolation of the older person involves  
32 an act or omission of the Aging and Disability Services Division,  
33 another division of the Department of Health and Human Services  
34 or a law enforcement agency, the person shall make the report to an  
35 agency other than the one alleged to have committed the act or  
36 omission.

37 3. Each agency, after reducing a report to writing, shall forward  
38 a copy of the report to the Aging and Disability Services Division of  
39 the Department of Health and Human Services and the Unit for the  
40 Investigation and Prosecution of Crimes.

41 4. A report must be made pursuant to subsection 1 by the  
42 following persons:

43 (a) Every physician, dentist, dental hygienist, chiropractor,  
44 optometrist, podiatric physician, medical examiner, resident, intern,  
45 professional or practical nurse, physician assistant licensed pursuant



1 to chapter 630 or 633 of NRS, perfusionist, psychiatrist,  
2 psychologist, marriage and family therapist, clinical professional  
3 counselor, clinical alcohol and drug abuse counselor, alcohol and  
4 drug abuse counselor, athletic trainer, driver of an ambulance,  
5 ~~advanced emergency medical technician~~ **paramedic** or other  
6 person providing medical services licensed or certified to practice in  
7 this State, who examines, attends or treats an older person who  
8 appears to have been abused, neglected, exploited or isolated.

9 (b) Any personnel of a hospital or similar institution engaged in  
10 the admission, examination, care or treatment of persons or an  
11 administrator, manager or other person in charge of a hospital or  
12 similar institution upon notification of the suspected abuse, neglect,  
13 exploitation or isolation of an older person by a member of the staff  
14 of the hospital.

15 (c) A coroner.

16 (d) Every person who maintains or is employed by an agency to  
17 provide personal care services in the home.

18 (e) Every person who maintains or is employed by an agency to  
19 provide nursing in the home.

20 (f) Every person who operates, who is employed by or who  
21 contracts to provide services for an intermediary service  
22 organization as defined in NRS 427A.0291.

23 (g) Any employee of the Department of Health and Human  
24 Services.

25 (h) Any employee of a law enforcement agency or a county's  
26 office for protective services or an adult or juvenile probation  
27 officer.

28 (i) Any person who maintains or is employed by a facility or  
29 establishment that provides care for older persons.

30 (j) Any person who maintains, is employed by or serves as a  
31 volunteer for an agency or service which advises persons regarding  
32 the abuse, neglect, exploitation or isolation of an older person and  
33 refers them to persons and agencies where their requests and needs  
34 can be met.

35 (k) Every social worker.

36 (l) Any person who owns or is employed by a funeral home or  
37 mortuary.

38 5. A report may be made by any other person.

39 6. If a person who is required to make a report pursuant to  
40 subsection 1 knows or has reasonable cause to believe that an older  
41 person has died as a result of abuse, neglect or isolation, the person  
42 shall, as soon as reasonably practicable, report this belief to the  
43 appropriate medical examiner or coroner, who shall investigate the  
44 cause of death of the older person and submit to the appropriate  
45 local law enforcement agencies, the appropriate prosecuting



1 attorney, the Aging and Disability Services Division of the  
2 Department of Health and Human Services and the Unit for the  
3 Investigation and Prosecution of Crimes his or her written findings.  
4 The written findings must include the information required pursuant  
5 to the provisions of NRS 200.5094, when possible.

6 7. A division, office or department which receives a report  
7 pursuant to this section shall cause the investigation of the report to  
8 commence within 3 working days. A copy of the final report of the  
9 investigation conducted by a division, office or department, other  
10 than the Aging and Disability Services Division of the Department  
11 of Health and Human Services, must be forwarded within 30 days  
12 after the completion of the report to the:

13 (a) Aging and Disability Services Division;

14 (b) Repository for Information Concerning Crimes Against  
15 Older Persons created by NRS 179A.450; and

16 (c) Unit for the Investigation and Prosecution of Crimes.

17 8. If the investigation of a report results in the belief that an  
18 older person is abused, neglected, exploited or isolated, the Aging  
19 and Disability Services Division of the Department of Health and  
20 Human Services or the county's office for protective services may  
21 provide protective services to the older person if the older person is  
22 able and willing to accept them.

23 9. A person who knowingly and willfully violates any of the  
24 provisions of this section is guilty of a misdemeanor.

25 10. As used in this section, "Unit for the Investigation and  
26 Prosecution of Crimes" means the Unit for the Investigation and  
27 Prosecution of Crimes Against Older Persons in the Office of the  
28 Attorney General created pursuant to NRS 228.265.

29 **Sec. 40.** NRS 200.50935 is hereby amended to read as  
30 follows:

31 200.50935 1. Any person who is described in subsection 3  
32 and who, in a professional or occupational capacity, knows or has  
33 reasonable cause to believe that a vulnerable person has been  
34 abused, neglected, exploited or isolated shall:

35 (a) Report the abuse, neglect, exploitation or isolation of the  
36 vulnerable person to a law enforcement agency; and

37 (b) Make such a report as soon as reasonably practicable but not  
38 later than 24 hours after the person knows or has reasonable cause to  
39 believe that the vulnerable person has been abused, neglected,  
40 exploited or isolated.

41 2. If a person who is required to make a report pursuant to  
42 subsection 1 knows or has reasonable cause to believe that the  
43 abuse, neglect, exploitation or isolation of the vulnerable person  
44 involves an act or omission of a law enforcement agency, the person



1 shall make the report to a law enforcement agency other than the  
2 one alleged to have committed the act or omission.

3 3. A report must be made pursuant to subsection 1 by the  
4 following persons:

5 (a) Every physician, dentist, dental hygienist, chiropractor,  
6 optometrist, podiatric physician, medical examiner, resident, intern,  
7 professional or practical nurse, perfusionist, physician assistant  
8 licensed pursuant to chapter 630 or 633 of NRS, psychiatrist,  
9 psychologist, marriage and family therapist, clinical professional  
10 counselor, clinical alcohol and drug abuse counselor, alcohol and  
11 drug abuse counselor, athletic trainer, driver of an ambulance,  
12 ~~advanced emergency medical technician~~ **paramedic** or other  
13 person providing medical services licensed or certified to practice in  
14 this State, who examines, attends or treats a vulnerable person who  
15 appears to have been abused, neglected, exploited or isolated.

16 (b) Any personnel of a hospital or similar institution engaged in  
17 the admission, examination, care or treatment of persons or an  
18 administrator, manager or other person in charge of a hospital or  
19 similar institution upon notification of the suspected abuse, neglect,  
20 exploitation or isolation of a vulnerable person by a member of the  
21 staff of the hospital.

22 (c) A coroner.

23 (d) Every person who maintains or is employed by an agency to  
24 provide nursing in the home.

25 (e) Any employee of the Department of Health and Human  
26 Services.

27 (f) Any employee of a law enforcement agency or an adult or  
28 juvenile probation officer.

29 (g) Any person who maintains or is employed by a facility or  
30 establishment that provides care for vulnerable persons.

31 (h) Any person who maintains, is employed by or serves as a  
32 volunteer for an agency or service which advises persons regarding  
33 the abuse, neglect, exploitation or isolation of a vulnerable person  
34 and refers them to persons and agencies where their requests and  
35 needs can be met.

36 (i) Every social worker.

37 (j) Any person who owns or is employed by a funeral home or  
38 mortuary.

39 4. A report may be made by any other person.

40 5. If a person who is required to make a report pursuant to  
41 subsection 1 knows or has reasonable cause to believe that a  
42 vulnerable person has died as a result of abuse, neglect or isolation,  
43 the person shall, as soon as reasonably practicable, report this belief  
44 to the appropriate medical examiner or coroner, who shall  
45 investigate the cause of death of the vulnerable person and submit to



1 the appropriate local law enforcement agencies and the appropriate  
2 prosecuting attorney his or her written findings. The written findings  
3 must include the information required pursuant to the provisions of  
4 NRS 200.5094, when possible.

5 6. A law enforcement agency which receives a report pursuant  
6 to this section shall immediately initiate an investigation of the  
7 report.

8 7. A person who knowingly and willfully violates any of the  
9 provisions of this section is guilty of a misdemeanor.

10 **Sec. 41.** NRS 244.1605 is hereby amended to read as follows:  
11 244.1605 The boards of county commissioners may:

12 1. Establish, equip and maintain limited medical facilities in  
13 the outlying areas of their respective counties to provide outpatient  
14 care and emergency treatment to the residents of and those falling  
15 sick or being injured or maimed in those areas.

16 2. Provide a full-time or part-time staff for the facilities which  
17 may include a physician, a physician assistant licensed pursuant to  
18 chapter 630 or 633 of NRS, a registered nurse or a licensed practical  
19 nurse, a certified emergency medical technician , *advanced*  
20 *emergency medical technician or paramedic* and such other  
21 personnel as the board deems necessary or appropriate to ensure  
22 adequate staffing commensurate with the needs of the area in which  
23 the facility is located.

24 3. Fix the charges for the medical and nursing care and  
25 medicine furnished by the facility to those who are able to pay for  
26 them, and to provide that care and medicine free of charge to those  
27 persons who qualify as medical indigents under the county's criteria  
28 of eligibility for medical care.

29 4. Purchase, equip and maintain, either in connection with a  
30 limited medical facility as authorized in this section or independent  
31 therefrom, ambulances and ambulance services for the benefit of the  
32 residents of and those falling sick or being injured or maimed in the  
33 outlying areas.

34 **Sec. 42.** NRS 432B.220 is hereby amended to read as follows:

35 432B.220 1. Any person who is described in subsection 4  
36 and who, in his or her professional or occupational capacity, knows  
37 or has reasonable cause to believe that a child has been abused or  
38 neglected shall:

39 (a) Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2, report the  
40 abuse or neglect of the child to an agency which provides child  
41 welfare services or to a law enforcement agency; and

42 (b) Make such a report as soon as reasonably practicable but not  
43 later than 24 hours after the person knows or has reasonable cause to  
44 believe that the child has been abused or neglected.



2. If a person who is required to make a report pursuant to subsection 1 knows or has reasonable cause to believe that the abuse or neglect of the child involves an act or omission of:

(a) A person directly responsible or serving as a volunteer for or an employee of a public or private home, institution or facility where the child is receiving child care outside of the home for a portion of the day, the person shall make the report to a law enforcement agency.

(b) An agency which provides child welfare services or a law enforcement agency, the person shall make the report to an agency other than the one alleged to have committed the act or omission, and the investigation of the abuse or neglect of the child must be made by an agency other than the one alleged to have committed the act or omission.

3. Any person who is described in paragraph (a) of subsection 4 who delivers or provides medical services to a newborn infant and who, in his or her professional or occupational capacity, knows or has reasonable cause to believe that the newborn infant has been affected by prenatal illegal substance abuse or has withdrawal symptoms resulting from prenatal drug exposure shall, as soon as reasonably practicable but not later than 24 hours after the person knows or has reasonable cause to believe that the newborn infant is so affected or has such symptoms, notify an agency which provides child welfare services of the condition of the infant and refer each person who is responsible for the welfare of the infant to an agency which provides child welfare services for appropriate counseling, training or other services. A notification and referral to an agency which provides child welfare services pursuant to this subsection shall not be construed to require prosecution for any illegal action.

4. A report must be made pursuant to subsection 1 by the following persons:

(a) A physician, dentist, dental hygienist, chiropractor, optometrist, podiatric physician, medical examiner, resident, intern, professional or practical nurse, physician assistant licensed pursuant to chapter 630 or 633 of NRS, perfusionist, psychiatrist, psychologist, marriage and family therapist, clinical professional counselor, clinical alcohol and drug abuse counselor, alcohol and drug abuse counselor, clinical social worker, athletic trainer, ~~advanced emergency medical technician~~ **paramedic** or other person providing medical services licensed or certified in this State.

(b) Any personnel of a hospital or similar institution engaged in the admission, examination, care or treatment of persons or an administrator, manager or other person in charge of a hospital or similar institution upon notification of suspected abuse or neglect of a child by a member of the staff of the hospital.



1 (c) A coroner.

2 (d) A member of the clergy, practitioner of Christian Science or  
3 religious healer, unless the person has acquired the knowledge of the  
4 abuse or neglect from the offender during a confession.

5 (e) A social worker and an administrator, teacher, librarian or  
6 counselor of a school.

7 (f) Any person who maintains or is employed by a facility or  
8 establishment that provides care for children, children's camp or  
9 other public or private facility, institution or agency furnishing care  
10 to a child.

11 (g) Any person licensed to conduct a foster home.

12 (h) Any officer or employee of a law enforcement agency or an  
13 adult or juvenile probation officer.

14 (i) An attorney, unless the attorney has acquired the knowledge  
15 of the abuse or neglect from a client who is or may be accused of the  
16 abuse or neglect.

17 (j) Any person who maintains, is employed by or serves as a  
18 volunteer for an agency or service which advises persons regarding  
19 abuse or neglect of a child and refers them to persons and agencies  
20 where their requests and needs can be met.

21 (k) Any person who is employed by or serves as a volunteer for  
22 an approved youth shelter. As used in this paragraph, "approved  
23 youth shelter" has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS 244.422.

24 (l) Any adult person who is employed by an entity that provides  
25 organized activities for children.

26 5. A report may be made by any other person.

27 6. If a person who is required to make a report pursuant to  
28 subsection 1 knows or has reasonable cause to believe that a child  
29 has died as a result of abuse or neglect, the person shall, as soon as  
30 reasonably practicable, report this belief to an agency which  
31 provides child welfare services or a law enforcement agency. If such  
32 a report is made to a law enforcement agency, the law enforcement  
33 agency shall notify an agency which provides child welfare services  
34 and the appropriate medical examiner or coroner of the report. If  
35 such a report is made to an agency which provides child welfare  
36 services, the agency which provides child welfare services shall  
37 notify the appropriate medical examiner or coroner of the report.  
38 The medical examiner or coroner who is notified of a report  
39 pursuant to this subsection shall investigate the report and submit  
40 his or her written findings to the appropriate agency which provides  
41 child welfare services, the appropriate district attorney and a law  
42 enforcement agency. The written findings must include, if  
43 obtainable, the information required pursuant to the provisions of  
44 subsection 2 of NRS 432B.230.



**Sec. 43.** NRS 482.3843 is hereby amended to read as follows:

482.3843 1. The chief of a volunteer fire department may apply to the Department of Motor Vehicles for the issuance of a placard for a member of the volunteer fire department , ~~for~~ a volunteer emergency medical technician , *advanced emergency medical technician or paramedic* associated with the department.

The application must:

(a) Be submitted on a form approved by the Department of Motor Vehicles; and

(b) Include:

(1) The name of the volunteer fire department;

(2) The county in which the volunteer fire department is located; and

(3) The number of placards requested.

2. Upon receipt of an application pursuant to the provisions of subsection 1, the Department of Motor Vehicles shall prepare and issue the number of placards requested in the application. The placards must be yellow in color and must have appropriate mounting holes. The volunteer fire department is responsible for determining the design, lettering and numbering of the placards.

3. The chief of the volunteer fire department shall establish rules:

(a) Regarding the issuance and use of the placards; and

(b) Establishing a method of establishing and maintaining records of placards that have been issued.

4. When a member to whom a placard has been issued ceases to be a member of the volunteer fire department, or when a volunteer emergency medical technician , *advanced emergency medical technician or paramedic* to whom a placard has been issued ceases to be associated with the department, the person shall surrender the placard to the chief of the volunteer fire department from which the person received the placard.

5. A placard issued pursuant to the provisions of this section may not be used in lieu of a license plate otherwise required by this chapter.

6. The Department of Motor Vehicles shall not charge a fee for the issuance of the placards pursuant to this section.

**Sec. 44.** NRS 484B.320 is hereby amended to read as follows:

484B.320 1. Except as otherwise provided in this section:

(a) A person shall not operate a vehicle on the highways of this State if the vehicle is equipped with any device or mechanism, including, without limitation, a mobile transmitter, that is capable of interfering with or altering the signal of a traffic-control signal.





(b) A person shall not operate any device or mechanism, including, without limitation, a mobile transmitter, that is capable of interfering with or altering the signal of a traffic-control signal.

2. Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, a person shall not in this State sell or offer for sale any device or mechanism, including, without limitation, a mobile transmitter, that is capable of interfering with or altering the signal of a traffic-control signal. The provisions of this subsection do not prohibit a person from selling or offering for sale:

(a) To a provider of mass transit, a signal prioritization device; or

(b) To a response agency, a signal preemption device or a signal prioritization device, or both.

3. A police officer:

(a) Shall, without a warrant, seize any device or mechanism, including, without limitation, a mobile transmitter, that is capable of interfering with or altering the signal of a traffic-control signal; or

(b) May, without a warrant, seize and take possession of a vehicle equipped with any device or mechanism that is capable of interfering with or altering the signal of a traffic-control signal, including, without limitation, a mobile transmitter, if the device or mechanism cannot be removed from the motor vehicle by the police officer, and may cause the vehicle to be towed and impounded until:

(1) The device or mechanism is removed from the vehicle; and

(2) The owner claims the vehicle by paying the cost of the towing and impoundment.

4. Neither the police officer nor the governmental entity which employs the officer is civilly liable for any damage to a vehicle seized pursuant to the provisions of paragraph (b) of subsection 3 that occurs after the vehicle is seized but before the towing process begins.

5. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 9, the presence of any device or mechanism, including, without limitation, a mobile transmitter, that is capable of interfering with or altering the signal of a traffic-control signal in or on a vehicle on the highways of this State constitutes prima facie evidence of a violation of this section. The State need not prove that the device or mechanism in question was in an operative condition or being operated.

6. A person who violates the provisions of subsection 1 or 2 is guilty of a misdemeanor.

7. A person who violates any provision of subsection 1 or 2 may be subject to the additional penalty set forth in NRS 484B.130.

8. A provider of mass transit shall not operate or cause to be operated a signal prioritization device in such a manner as to impede



1 or interfere with the use by response agencies of signal preemption  
2 devices.

3 9. The provisions of this section do not:

4 (a) Except as otherwise provided in subsection 8, prohibit a  
5 provider of mass transit from acquiring, possessing or operating a  
6 signal prioritization device.

7 (b) Prohibit a response agency from acquiring, possessing or  
8 operating a signal preemption device or a signal prioritization  
9 device, or both.

10 10. As used in this section:

11 (a) "Mobile transmitter" means a device or mechanism that is:

12 (1) Portable, installed within a vehicle or capable of being  
13 installed within a vehicle; and

14 (2) Designed to affect or alter, through the emission or  
15 transmission of sound, infrared light, strobe light or any other  
16 audible, visual or electronic method, the normal operation of a  
17 traffic-control signal.

18 ➤ The term includes, without limitation, a signal preemption device  
19 and a signal prioritization device.

20 (b) "Provider of mass transit" means a governmental entity or a  
21 contractor of a governmental entity which operates, in whole or in  
22 part:

23 (1) A public transit system, as that term is defined in NRS  
24 377A.016; or

25 (2) A system of public transportation referred to in  
26 NRS 277A.270.

27 (c) "Response agency" means an agency of this State or of a  
28 political subdivision of this State that provides services related to  
29 law enforcement, firefighting, emergency medical care or public  
30 safety. The term includes a nonprofit organization or private  
31 company that, as authorized pursuant to chapter 450B of NRS:

32 (1) Provides ambulance service; or

33 (2) Provides ~~intermediate or advanced~~ **the level of** medical  
34 care **provided by an advanced emergency technician or paramedic**  
35 to sick or injured persons at the scene of an emergency or while  
36 transporting those persons to a medical facility.

37 (d) "Signal preemption device" means a mobile transmitter that,  
38 when activated and when a vehicle equipped with such a device  
39 approaches an intersection controlled by a traffic-control signal,  
40 causes:

41 (1) The signal, in the direction of travel of the vehicle, to  
42 remain green if the signal is already displaying a green light;

43 (2) The signal, in the direction of travel of the vehicle, to  
44 change from red to green if the signal is displaying a red light;



(3) The signal, in other directions of travel, to remain red or change to red, as applicable, to prevent other vehicles from entering the intersection; and

(4) The applicable functions described in subparagraphs (1), (2) and (3) to continue until such time as the vehicle equipped with the device is clear of the intersection.

(e) “Signal prioritization device” means a mobile transmitter that, when activated and when a vehicle equipped with such a device approaches an intersection controlled by a traffic-control signal, causes:

(1) The signal, in the direction of travel of the vehicle, to display a green light a few seconds sooner than the green light would otherwise be displayed;

(2) The signal, in the direction of travel of the vehicle, to display a green light for a few seconds longer than the green light would otherwise be displayed; or

(3) The functions described in both subparagraphs (1) and (2).

(f) “Traffic-control signal” means a traffic-control signal, as defined in NRS 484A.290, which is capable of receiving and responding to an emission or transmission from a mobile transmitter.

**Sec. 45.** NRS 484B.767 is hereby amended to read as follows:

484B.767 1. Except as otherwise provided in this section, a peace officer, a firefighter, an emergency medical technician, *an advanced emergency medical technician or a paramedic* certified pursuant to chapter 450B of NRS or an employee of a pedestrian mall, who operates a bicycle or an electric bicycle while on duty, is not required to comply with any provision of NRS or any ordinance of a local government relating to the operation of a bicycle or an electric bicycle while on duty if he or she:

(a) Is responding to an emergency call or the peace officer is in pursuit of a suspected violator of the law; or

(b) Determines that noncompliance with any such provision is necessary to carry out his or her duties.

2. The provisions of this section do not:

(a) Relieve a peace officer, firefighter, emergency medical technician, *advanced emergency medical technician, paramedic* or employee of a pedestrian mall from the duty to operate a bicycle or an electric bicycle with due regard for the safety of others.

(b) Protect such a person from the consequences of the person’s disregard for the safety of others.

3. As used in this section, “pedestrian mall” has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS 268.811.



**Sec. 46.** NRS 484C.250 is hereby amended to read as follows:

484C.250 1. The results of any blood test administered under the provisions of NRS 484C.160 or 484C.180 are not admissible in any hearing or criminal action arising out of acts alleged to have been committed by a person who was driving or in actual physical control of a vehicle while under the influence of intoxicating liquor or a controlled substance or who was engaging in any other conduct prohibited by NRS 484C.110, 484C.120, 484C.130 or 484C.430 unless:

(a) The blood tested was withdrawn by a person, other than an arresting officer, who:

(1) Is a physician, physician assistant licensed pursuant to chapter 630 or 633 of NRS, registered nurse, licensed practical nurse, emergency medical technician , *advanced emergency medical technician, paramedic* or a phlebotomist, technician, technologist or assistant employed in a medical laboratory; or

(2) Has special knowledge, skill, experience, training and education in withdrawing blood in a medically acceptable manner, including, without limitation, a person qualified as an expert on that subject in a court of competent jurisdiction or a person who has completed a course of instruction described in subsection 2 of NRS 652.127; and

(b) The test was performed on whole blood, except if the sample was clotted when it was received by the laboratory, the test may be performed on blood serum or plasma.

2. The limitation contained in paragraph (a) of subsection 1 does not apply to the taking of a chemical test of the urine, breath or other bodily substance.

3. No person listed in paragraph (a) of subsection 1 incurs any civil or criminal liability as a result of the administering of a blood test when requested by a police officer or the person to be tested to administer the test.

**Sec. 47.** NRS 488.500 is hereby amended to read as follows:

488.500 1. The results of any blood test administered under the provisions of NRS 488.460 or 488.490 are not admissible in any criminal action arising out of acts alleged to have been committed by a person who was operating or in actual physical control of a vessel under power or sail while under the influence of intoxicating liquor or a controlled substance or who was engaging in any other conduct prohibited by NRS 488.410, 488.420 or 488.425 unless:

(a) The blood tested was withdrawn by a person, other than an arresting officer, who:

(1) Is a physician, registered nurse, licensed practical nurse, emergency medical technician , *advanced emergency medical*



1 **technician, paramedic** or a phlebotomist, technician, technologist or  
2 assistant employed in a medical laboratory; or

3 (2) Has special knowledge, skill, experience, training and  
4 education in withdrawing blood in a medically acceptable manner,  
5 including, without limitation, a person qualified as an expert on that  
6 subject in a court of competent jurisdiction or a person who has  
7 completed a course of instruction described in subsection 2 of NRS  
8 652.127; and

9 (b) The test was performed on whole blood, except if the sample  
10 was clotted when it was received by the laboratory, the test may be  
11 performed on blood serum or plasma.

12 2. The limitation contained in paragraph (a) of subsection 1  
13 does not apply to the taking of a chemical test of the urine, breath or  
14 other bodily substance.

15 3. No person listed in paragraph (a) of subsection 1 incurs any  
16 civil or criminal liability as a result of the administering of a blood  
17 test when requested by a peace officer or the person to be tested to  
18 administer the test.

19 **Sec. 48.** NRS 616A.035 is hereby amended to read as follows:

20 616A.035 1. "Accident benefits" means medical, surgical,  
21 hospital or other treatments, nursing, medicine, medical and surgical  
22 supplies, crutches and apparatuses, including prosthetic devices.

23 2. The term includes:

24 (a) Medical benefits as defined by NRS 617.130;

25 (b) Preventive treatment administered as a precaution to an  
26 employee who is exposed to a contagious disease while providing  
27 medical services, including emergency medical care, in the course  
28 and scope of his or her employment;

29 (c) Preventive treatment administered as a precaution to a police  
30 officer, a salaried or volunteer firefighter or an arson investigator  
31 who:

32 (1) Was exposed to a contagious disease:

33 (I) Upon battery by an offender; or

34 (II) While performing the duties of a police officer,  
35 firefighter or arson investigator,

36 ➤ if the exposure is documented by the creation and maintenance of  
37 a report concerning the exposure pursuant to subsection 1 of NRS  
38 616C.052; or

39 (2) Tests positive for exposure to tuberculosis or another  
40 contagious disease under the circumstances described in subsection  
41 2 or 3 of NRS 616C.052; and

42 (d) Preventive treatment for hepatitis administered as a  
43 precaution to a police officer, full-time salaried firefighter, arson  
44 investigator or emergency medical attendant employed in this State.

45 3. The term does not include:



(a) Exercise equipment, a hot tub or a spa for an employee's home;

(b) Membership in an athletic or health club;

(c) Except as otherwise provided in NRS 616C.245, a motor vehicle; or

(d) The costs of operating a motor vehicle provided pursuant to NRS 616C.245, fees related to the operation or licensing of the motor vehicle or insurance for the motor vehicle.

4. As used in this section:

(a) "Battery" includes, without limitation, the intentional propelling or placing, or the causing to be propelled or placed, of any human excrement or bodily fluid upon the person of an employee.

(b) "Emergency medical attendant" means a person licensed as an attendant or certified as an emergency medical technician, ~~intermediate~~ **advanced** emergency medical technician or ~~advanced emergency medical technician~~ **paramedic** pursuant to chapter 450B of NRS, whose primary duties of employment are the provision of emergency medical services.

(c) "Hepatitis" includes hepatitis A, hepatitis B, hepatitis C and any additional diseases or conditions that are associated with or result from hepatitis A, hepatitis B or hepatitis C.

(d) "Preventive treatment" includes, without limitation:

(1) Tests to determine if an employee has contracted hepatitis or any other contagious disease to which the employee was exposed; and

(2) If an employee tests positive for exposure to tuberculosis under the circumstances described in NRS 616C.052, such medication and chest X rays as are recommended by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention of the United States Department of Health and Human Services.

**Sec. 49.** NRS 617.485 is hereby amended to read as follows:

617.485 1. Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter and except as otherwise provided in this section, if an employee has hepatitis, the disease is conclusively presumed to have arisen out of and in the course of his or her employment if the employee has been continuously employed for 5 years or more as a police officer, full-time salaried firefighter or emergency medical attendant in this State before the date of any temporary or permanent disability or death resulting from the hepatitis.

2. Compensation awarded to a police officer, firefighter or emergency medical attendant, or to the dependents of such a person, for hepatitis pursuant to this section must include:

(a) Full reimbursement for related expenses incurred for medical treatments, surgery and hospitalization; and



(b) The compensation provided in chapters 616A to 616D, inclusive, of NRS for the disability or death.

3. A police officer, salaried firefighter or emergency medical attendant shall:

(a) Submit to a blood test to screen for hepatitis C upon employment, upon the commencement of coverage and thereafter on an annual basis during his or her employment.

(b) Submit to a blood test to screen for hepatitis A and hepatitis B upon employment, upon the commencement of coverage and thereafter on an annual basis during his or her employment, except that a police officer, salaried firefighter or emergency medical attendant is not required to submit to a blood test to screen for hepatitis A and hepatitis B on an annual basis during his or her employment if he or she has been vaccinated for hepatitis A and hepatitis B upon employment or at other medically appropriate times during his or her employment. Each employer shall provide a police officer, salaried firefighter or emergency medical attendant with the opportunity to be vaccinated for hepatitis A and hepatitis B upon employment and at other medically appropriate times during his or her employment.

4. All blood tests required pursuant to this section and all vaccinations provided pursuant to this section must be paid for by the employer.

5. The provisions of this section:

(a) Except as otherwise provided in paragraph (b), do not apply to a police officer, firefighter or emergency medical attendant who is diagnosed with hepatitis upon employment.

(b) Apply to a police officer, firefighter or emergency medical attendant who is diagnosed with hepatitis upon employment if, during the employment or within 1 year after the last day of the employment, he or she is diagnosed with a different strain of hepatitis.

(c) Apply to a police officer, firefighter or emergency medical attendant who is diagnosed with hepatitis after the termination of the employment if the diagnosis is made within 1 year after the last day of the employment.

6. A police officer, firefighter or emergency medical attendant who is determined to be:

(a) Partially disabled from an occupational disease pursuant to the provisions of this section; and

(b) Incapable of performing, with or without remuneration, work as a police officer, firefighter or emergency medical attendant, may elect to receive the benefits provided pursuant to NRS 616C.440 for a permanent total disability.

7. As used in this section:



(a) "Emergency medical attendant" means a person licensed as an attendant or certified as an emergency medical technician, ~~intermediate~~ **advanced** emergency medical technician or ~~advanced emergency medical technician~~ **paramedic** pursuant to chapter 450B of NRS, whose primary duties of employment are the provision of emergency medical services.

(b) "Hepatitis" includes hepatitis A, hepatitis B, hepatitis C and any additional diseases or conditions that are associated with or result from hepatitis A, hepatitis B or hepatitis C.

(c) "Police officer" means a sheriff, deputy sheriff, officer of a metropolitan police department or city police officer.

**Sec. 50.** NRS 632.472 is hereby amended to read as follows:

632.472 1. The following persons shall report in writing to the Executive Director of the Board any conduct of a licensee or holder of a certificate which constitutes a violation of the provisions of this chapter:

(a) Any physician, dentist, dental hygienist, chiropractor, optometrist, podiatric physician, medical examiner, resident, intern, professional or practical nurse, nursing assistant, perfusionist, physician assistant licensed pursuant to chapter 630 or 633 of NRS, psychiatrist, psychologist, marriage and family therapist, clinical professional counselor, alcohol or drug abuse counselor, driver of an ambulance, ~~advanced emergency medical technician~~ **paramedic** or other person providing medical services licensed or certified to practice in this State.

(b) Any personnel of a medical facility or facility for the dependent engaged in the admission, examination, care or treatment of persons or an administrator, manager or other person in charge of a medical facility or facility for the dependent upon notification by a member of the staff of the facility.

(c) A coroner.

(d) Any person who maintains or is employed by an agency to provide personal care services in the home.

(e) Any person who operates, who is employed by or who contracts to provide services for an intermediary service organization as defined in NRS 427A.0291.

(f) Any person who maintains or is employed by an agency to provide nursing in the home.

(g) Any employee of the Department of Health and Human Services.

(h) Any employee of a law enforcement agency or a county's office for protective services or an adult or juvenile probation officer.

(i) Any person who maintains or is employed by a facility or establishment that provides care for older persons.





(j) Any person who maintains, is employed by or serves as a volunteer for an agency or service which advises persons regarding the abuse, neglect or exploitation of an older person and refers them to persons and agencies where their requests and needs can be met.

(k) Any social worker.

2. Every physician who, as a member of the staff of a medical facility or facility for the dependent, has reason to believe that a nursing assistant has engaged in conduct which constitutes grounds for the denial, suspension or revocation of a certificate shall notify the superintendent, manager or other person in charge of the facility. The superintendent, manager or other person in charge shall make a report as required in subsection 1.

3. A report may be filed by any other person.

4. Any person who in good faith reports any violation of the provisions of this chapter to the Executive Director of the Board pursuant to this section is immune from civil liability for reporting the violation.

5. As used in this section, "agency to provide personal care services in the home" has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS 449.0021.

**Sec. 51.** NRS 639.268 is hereby amended to read as follows:

639.268 1. A practitioner may purchase supplies of controlled substances, poisons, dangerous drugs and devices from a pharmacy by:

(a) Making an oral order to the pharmacy or transmitting an oral order through his or her agent, except an order for a controlled substance in schedule II; or

(b) If the order is for a controlled substance, presenting to the pharmacy a written order signed by the practitioner which contains his or her registration number issued by the Drug Enforcement Administration.

2. A hospital pharmacy or a pharmacy designated for this purpose by a county health officer in a county whose population is 100,000 or more, or by a district health officer in any county within its jurisdiction or, in the absence of either, by the State Health Officer or his or her designated medical director of emergency medical services, may sell to a person or agency described in subsection 3 supplies of controlled substances to stock the ambulances or other authorized vehicles of such a person or agency or replenish the stock if:

(a) The person or agency is registered with the Drug Enforcement Administration pursuant to 21 C.F.R. Part 1301;

(b) The person in charge of the controlled substances is:

(1) ~~An advanced emergency medical technician~~ A paramedic appropriately certified by the health authority;



(2) A registered nurse licensed by the State Board of Nursing; or

(3) A person who holds equivalent certification or licensure issued by another state; and

(c) Except as otherwise provided in this paragraph, the purchase order is countersigned by a physician or initiated by an oral order and may be made by the person or agency or transmitted by an agent of such a person or agency. An order for a controlled substance listed in schedule II must be made pursuant to NRS 453.251.

3. A pharmacy, institutional pharmacy or other person licensed by the Board to furnish controlled substances and dangerous drugs may sell to:

(a) The holder of a permit issued pursuant to the provisions of NRS 450B.200 or 450B.210;

(b) The holder of a permit issued by another state which is substantially similar to a permit issued pursuant to the provisions of NRS 450B.200 or 450B.210; and

(c) An agency of the Federal Government that provides emergency care or transportation and is registered with the Drug Enforcement Administration pursuant to 21 C.F.R. Part 1301.

4. A pharmacy, institutional pharmacy or other person licensed by the Board to furnish dangerous drugs who sells supplies pursuant to this section shall maintain a record of each sale which must contain:

(a) The date of sale;

(b) The name, address and signature of the purchaser or the person receiving the delivery;

(c) The name of the dispensing pharmacist;

(d) The name and address of the authorizing practitioner; and

(e) The name, strength and quantity of each drug sold.

5. A pharmacy, institutional pharmacy or other person licensed by the Board to furnish dangerous drugs who supplies the initial stock for an ambulance or other emergency vehicle shall comply with any applicable regulations adopted by the State Board of Health, or a district board of health, pursuant to NRS 450B.120.

6. The Board shall adopt regulations regarding the records a pharmacist shall keep of any purchase made pursuant to this section.

**Sec. 52.** NRS 652.210 is hereby amended to read as follows:

652.210 1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2 and NRS 126.121, no person other than a licensed physician, a licensed optometrist, a licensed practical nurse, a registered nurse, a perfusionist, a physician assistant licensed pursuant to chapter 630 or 633 of NRS, a certified ~~intermediate~~ **advanced** emergency medical technician, a certified ~~advanced-emergency-medical technician,~~ **paramedic**, a practitioner of respiratory care licensed



1 pursuant to chapter 630 of NRS or a licensed dentist may  
2 manipulate a person for the collection of specimens.

3 2. The technical personnel of a laboratory may collect blood,  
4 remove stomach contents, perform certain diagnostic skin tests or  
5 field blood tests or collect material for smears and cultures.

6 **Sec. 53.** NRS 450B.070 is hereby repealed.

7 **Sec. 54.** 1. This act becomes effective upon passage and  
8 approval for the purpose of adopting regulations and performing any  
9 preliminary administrative tasks that are necessary to carry out the  
10 provisions of this act and on October 1, 2011, for all other purposes.

11 2. Sections 17, 18, 19 and 20 of this act expire by limitation on  
12 the date on which the provisions of 42 U.S.C. § 666 requiring each  
13 state to establish procedures under which the state has authority to  
14 withhold or suspend, or to restrict the use of professional,  
15 occupational and recreational licenses of persons who:

16 (a) Have failed to comply with a subpoena or warrant relating to  
17 a proceeding to determine the paternity of a child or to establish or  
18 enforce an obligation for the support of a child; or

19 (b) Are in arrears in the payment for the support of one or more  
20 children,

21 ➔ are repealed by the Congress of the United States.

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### TEXT OF REPEALED SECTION

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**450B.070 “Emergency medical technician certificate” defined.** “Emergency medical technician certificate” means the certificate issued by the health authority acknowledging successful completion of an approved course for an emergency medical technician at the level identified on the certificate.

