

ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 286—ASSEMBLYWOMAN FLORES

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Referred to Committee on Health and Human Services

SUMMARY—Requires the provision of emergency medical personnel and emergency medical services at the site of certain special events. (BDR 40-526)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: Increases or Newly Provides for Term of Imprisonment in County or City Jail or Detention Facility.
Effect on the State: No.

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

AN ACT relating to emergency medical services; requiring a host organization of a special event to provide emergency medical personnel and emergency medical services at the site of the special event under certain circumstances; providing a penalty; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel's Digest:

Existing law governs the provision of emergency medical services to persons in this State. (Chapter 450B of NRS) **Sections 11-13** of this bill require the host organization of a special event that is projected to be attended or observed by 2,500 or more persons to provide a first-aid station at the site of the special event and a dedicated advanced life support ambulance if certain factors apply to the special event. The definition of "special event" set forth in **section 10** of this bill excludes a scheduled activity or event which is held at a location that: (1) is designed to host certain scheduled activities and events; and (2) has permanently established methods of providing first-aid or emergency medical services at the location. **Section 6** of this bill defines a "host organization" as the person who obtained the permit for the special event or, if a permit was not obtained for the special event, the person who sponsored the special event. **Sections 11-13** further require the host organization of a special event to provide medical personnel at the site of the special event. The number of first-aid stations, dedicated advanced life support ambulances and medical personnel and the level of skill of the medical personnel required varies based on the number of persons who are projected to attend or observe the special event and certain other factors.

Existing law provides that a violation of the provisions which govern emergency medical services is a misdemeanor. Existing law further authorizes the



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20 Health Division of the Department of Health and Human Services to impose an
21 administrative penalty against any person who violates those provisions. (NRS
22 450B.900) Those penalties are applicable to a violation of the provisions of
23 sections 11-13.

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

1 **Section 1.** Chapter 450B of NRS is hereby amended by adding
2 thereto the provisions set forth as sections 2 to 13, inclusive, of this
3 act.

4 **Sec. 2.** *“Automated external defibrillator” or “defibrillator”*
5 *means a medical device that:*

6 1. *Has been approved by the United States Food and Drug*
7 *Administration;*

8 2. *Is capable of recognizing the presence or absence of*
9 *ventricular fibrillation and rapid ventricular tachycardia in a*
10 *patient;*

11 3. *Is capable of determining, without intervention by the*
12 *operator of the device, whether defibrillation should be performed*
13 *on a patient;*

14 4. *Upon determining that defibrillation should be performed*
15 *on a patient, automatically charges and requests delivery of an*
16 *electrical impulse to the patient’s heart; and*

17 5. *Upon appropriate action by the operator of the device,*
18 *delivers an appropriate electrical impulse to the patient’s heart.*

19 **Sec. 3.** *As used in sections 3 to 13, inclusive, of this act,*
20 *unless the context otherwise requires, the words and terms defined*
21 *in sections 4 to 10, inclusive, of this act have the meanings*
22 *ascribed to them in those sections.*

23 **Sec. 4.** *“Dedicated advanced life support ambulance” means*
24 *an ambulance equipped to provide advanced life support that:*

25 1. *Is capable of transporting a patient from a special event to*
26 *a hospital but, upon delivering the patient, immediately returns to*
27 *the site of the special event; and*

28 2. *Is staffed by:*

29 (a) *At least one advanced emergency medical technician and*
30 *intermediate emergency medical technician; or*

31 (b) *At least two other attendants, each with an equivalent or a*
32 *higher level of skill than the levels described in paragraph (a).*

33 **Sec. 5.** *“First-aid station” means a fixed location at the site*
34 *of a special event that is staffed by at least one emergency medical*
35 *technician or a person with a higher level of skill who is capable*
36 *of providing emergency medical care within his or her scope of*
37 *practice.*



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1 **Sec. 6. "Host organization" means:**

2 1. *If a permit was obtained for a special event, the person*
3 *who obtained the permit; or*

4 2. *If a permit was not obtained for a special event, the person*
5 *who sponsored the special event.*

6 **Sec. 7. "Roving emergency medical technician team" means**
7 *a team at the site of a special event that:*

8 1. *Consists of two or more emergency medical technicians,*
9 *intermediate emergency medical technicians or advanced*
10 *emergency medical technicians; and*

11 2. *Has the medical supplies necessary to provide emergency*
12 *medical care.*

13 **Sec. 8. "Roving intermediate emergency medical technician**
14 *team" means a roving emergency medical team that consists of*
15 *two or more intermediate emergency medical technicians or*
16 *advanced emergency medical technicians.*

17 **Sec. 9. "Significant number" means, with regard to:**

18 1. *Contacts by emergency medical personnel with persons*
19 *who attended or observed a special event, the number of contacts*
20 *is 0.07 percent or more of the total number of persons who*
21 *attended or observed the special event; and*

22 2. *Patients transported to a hospital, the number of patients*
23 *transported from the special event to the hospital by ambulance or*
24 *private vehicle is 15 percent or more of the total number of*
25 *contacts at the special event by emergency medical personnel with*
26 *persons who attended or observed the special event.*

27 **Sec. 10. "Special event" means a scheduled activity or event,**
28 *including, without limitation, a concert or sporting event, that is*
29 *projected to be attended or observed by 2,500 or more persons. The*
30 *term does not include a scheduled activity or event held at a*
31 *location which is designed to host concerts, sporting events,*
32 *conventions, trade shows and any other similar events and which*
33 *has permanently established methods for providing first-aid or*
34 *emergency medical services at the location.*

35 **Sec. 11. 1. If a special event is projected to be attended or**
36 *observed by 2,500 or more persons but less than 10,000 persons,*
37 *the host organization shall provide at least one first-aid station at*
38 *the site of the special event if:*

39 (a) *The special event is a concert; or*

40 (b) *Three or more of the following factors apply to the special*
41 *event:*

42 (1) *The special event involves a high-risk activity,*
43 *including, without limitation, sports or racing.*



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(2) The special event poses environmental hazards to persons attending or observing the special event or is held during a period of extreme heat or cold.

(3) The average age of the persons attending or observing the special event is less than 25 years of age or more than 50 years of age.

(4) A large number of the persons attending or observing the special event have acute or chronic illnesses.

(5) Alcohol is sold at the special event or, if the special event has been held before, there is a history of alcohol or drug use by the persons who attended or observed the special event in the past.

(6) The density of the number of persons attending or observing the special event increases the difficulty regarding:

(I) Access to the persons who are attending or observing the special event who require emergency medical care; or

(II) The transfer of those persons who require emergency medical care to an ambulance.

2. If the host organization meets the requirements of paragraph (a) or (b) of subsection 1 and the special event is projected to be attended or observed by 10,000 or more persons but less than 15,000 persons, the host organization shall:

(a) Provide at least one first-aid station at the site of the special event and equip the first-aid station with an automated external defibrillator; and

(b) Provide a roving emergency medical technician team at the site of the special event.

3. If the host organization meets the requirements of paragraph (a) or (b) of subsection 1 and the special event is projected to be attended or observed by 15,000 or more persons but less than 50,000 persons, the host organization shall:

(a) Provide at least one first-aid station at the site of the special event and staff the first-aid station with at least one registered nurse, licensed practical nurse or advanced emergency medical technician in lieu of an emergency medical technician; and

(b) Provide two or more roving intermediate emergency medical technician teams at the site of the special event.

Sec. 12. 1. If a special event is projected to be attended or observed by 2,500 or more persons but less than 15,000 persons, the host organization shall provide at least one dedicated advanced life support ambulance at the special event if the special event:

(a) Is located more than 5 miles from the closest hospital; or

(b) Has been held before and there is a history of a significant number of:



1 (1) *Contacts by emergency medical personnel with persons*
2 *who attended or observed the special event to provide emergency*
3 *medical care to those persons; or*

4 (2) *Persons who attended or observed the special event who*
5 *were transported as patients from the special event to a hospital.*

6 2. *If the host organization meets the requirements of*
7 *paragraph (a) or (b) of subsection 1 and the special event is*
8 *projected to be attended or observed by 15,000 or more persons but*
9 *less than 50,000 persons, the host organization shall provide at*
10 *least two dedicated advanced life support ambulances at the*
11 *special event.*

12 **Sec. 13.** *If a special event is projected to be attended or*
13 *observed by 50,000 or more persons, the host organization shall*
14 *provide:*

15 1. *Two or more first-aid stations at the site of the special*
16 *event;*

17 2. *Two or more physicians licensed pursuant to chapter 630*
18 *or 633 of NRS;*

19 3. *Two or more roving emergency medical technician teams;*
20 *and*

21 4. *Two or more dedicated advanced life support ambulances.*

22 **Sec. 14.** NRS 450B.020 is hereby amended to read as follows:

23 450B.020 As used in this chapter, unless the context otherwise
24 requires, the words and terms defined in NRS 450B.025 to
25 450B.110, inclusive, *and section 2 of this act* have the meanings
26 ascribed to them in those sections.

27 **Sec. 15.** NRS 450B.595 is hereby repealed.

TEXT OF REPEALED SECTION

450B.595 “Automated external defibrillator” and “defibrillator” defined. As used in NRS 450B.595 to 450B.620, inclusive, unless the context otherwise requires, “automated external defibrillator” or “defibrillator” means a medical device that:

1. Has been approved by the United States Food and Drug Administration;

2. Is capable of recognizing the presence or absence of ventricular fibrillation and rapid ventricular tachycardia in a patient;

3. Is capable of determining, without intervention by the operator of the device, whether defibrillation should be performed on a patient;



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4. Upon determining that defibrillation should be performed on a patient, automatically charges and requests delivery of an electrical impulse to the patient's heart; and
5. Upon appropriate action by the operator of the device, delivers an appropriate electrical impulse to the patient's heart.

