

ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 308—ASSEMBLYWOMAN WOODBURY

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JOINT SPONSOR: SENATOR HARDY

Referred to Committee on Health and Human Services

SUMMARY—Revises provisions relating to emergency medical services. (BDR 40-798)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: May have Fiscal Impact.
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 persons who provide emergency medical services at certain special events to be licensed attendants or exempt from such licensure; exempting special events held in certain small cities from the requirement to provide certain emergency medical services; requiring physicians who staff certain large special events to have experience providing emergency medical services; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel's Digest:

Existing law requires the host organization of certain special events to provide particular types of emergency medical services at the special event based on the size of the event and the population of the county in which the special event is held. (NRS 450B.650-450B.700) **Sections 1-1.7** of this bill require the persons who provide such emergency medical services at a special event to be licensed attendants, physicians, registered nurses or physician assistants. **Sections 1.9-3** of this bill exempt from the requirement to provide particular types of emergency medical services a special event held within the boundaries of a city whose population is less than 25,000 (currently Boulder City, Caliente, Carlin, Elko, Ely, Fallon, Fernley, Lovelock, Mesquite, Wells, West Wendover, Winnemucca and Yerington) if there is a fire-fighting agency within the city and the city has adopted a plan for providing emergency medical service at special events.

Existing law requires the host of a special event in a county whose population is 100,000 or more (currently Clark and Washoe Counties) at which 2,500 or more persons but less than 15,000 persons are projected to be in attendance at the same time to provide at least one dedicated life support ambulance if the event has been



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held before and there is a history of a significant number of persons who need emergency medical services. (NRS 450B.695) **Section 1.8** of this bill revises the number of people that constitutes a significant number from 0.07 percent of attendees to 0.7 percent of attendees.

Existing law requires the host of a special event at which 50,000 or more persons are expected to be in attendance at the same time to provide two or more physicians. (NRS 450B.700) **Section 3** of this bill requires those physicians to have experience providing emergency medical services.

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

Section 1. NRS 450B.655 is hereby amended to read as follows:

450B.655 “Dedicated advanced life support ambulance” means an ambulance equipped to provide advanced life support that:

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

2. Is staffed by:

(a) At least one ~~advanced~~ *licensed attendant who is an emergency medical technician and one licensed attendant who is a paramedic*; or

(b) At least two other attendants, each with an equivalent or a higher level of skill than the levels described in paragraph (a) ~~and~~ *each of whom is licensed pursuant to this chapter or exempt from licensure pursuant to subsection 6 of NRS 450B.160.*

Sec. 1.3. NRS 450B.660 is hereby amended to read as follows:

450B.660 “First-aid station” means a fixed location at the site of a special event that is staffed by:

1. At least one *licensed attendant who is an emergency medical technician, advanced emergency medical technician or paramedic*; or ~~at~~

2. A person with a higher level of skill *than the levels described in subsection 1* who is capable of providing emergency medical care within his or her scope of practice ~~and~~ *and is licensed pursuant to this chapter or exempt from licensure pursuant to subsection 6 of NRS 450B.160.*

Sec. 1.5. NRS 450B.670 is hereby amended to read as follows:

450B.670 “Roving emergency medical technician team” means a team at the site of a special event that:

1. Consists of two or more *licensed attendants who are* emergency medical technicians, advanced emergency medical technicians or paramedics; and

2. Has the medical supplies necessary to provide emergency medical care.



Sec. 1.7. NRS 450B.675 is hereby amended to read as follows:
450B.675 "Roving intermediate emergency medical technician team" means a roving emergency medical team that consists of two or more **licensed attendants who are** advanced emergency medical technicians or paramedics.

Sec. 1.8. NRS 450B.680 is hereby amended to read as follows:
450B.680 "Significant number" means, with regard to:

1. Contacts by emergency medical personnel with persons who attended a special event, the number of contacts is ~~10.07~~ **0.7** percent or more of the total number of persons who attended the special event; and

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

Sec. 1.9. NRS 450B.690 is hereby amended to read as follows:
450B.690 1. **Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2:**

(a) In a county whose population is 100,000 or more, if a special event ~~at which~~ **is to be held and** 2,500 or more persons but less than 10,000 persons are projected to be in attendance **at the event** at the same time, the host organization shall provide at least one first-aid station at the site of the special event if:

~~(a)~~ **(1)** The special event is a concert; or

~~(b)~~ **(2)** Three or more of the following factors apply to the special event:

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

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

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

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

~~(5)~~ **(V)** 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 the special event in the past.

~~(6)~~ **(VI)** The density of the number of persons attending the special event increases the difficulty regarding ~~f~~

~~(I) Access~~ **access** to the persons who are attending the special event who require emergency medical care, ~~f~~ or

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



~~12-1~~ (b) In a county whose population is 100,000 or more, if the host organization meets the requirements of ~~paragraph (a) or (b) of subsection 1~~ **subparagraph (1) or (2) of paragraph (a)** and 10,000 or more persons but less than 15,000 persons are projected to be in attendance at the special event at the same time, the host organization shall:

~~1(a)~~ (1) 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

~~1(b)~~ (2) Provide a roving emergency medical technician team at the site of the special event.

~~13-1~~ (c) In a county whose population is 100,000 or more, if the host organization meets the requirements of ~~paragraph (a) or (b) of subsection 1~~ **subparagraph (1) or (2) of paragraph (a)** and 15,000 or more persons but less than 50,000 persons are projected to be in attendance at the special event at the same time, the host organization shall:

~~1(a)~~ (1) 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 paramedic in lieu of an emergency medical technician; and

~~1(b)~~ (2) Provide two or more roving intermediate emergency medical technician teams at the site of the special event.

2. The provisions of subsection 1 do not apply to a special event held within the boundaries of a city whose population is less than 25,000 if there is a fire-fighting agency within the city other than a volunteer fire department and the city has adopted a plan for providing emergency medical services at special events.

Sec. 2. NRS 450B.695 is hereby amended to read as follows:
450B.695 1. ***Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2:***

(a) In a county whose population is 100,000 or more, if a special event ~~at which~~ **is to be held and** 2,500 or more persons but less than 15,000 persons are projected to be in attendance **at the event** at the same time, the host organization shall provide at least one dedicated advanced life support ambulance at the special event if the special event:

~~1(a)~~ (1) Is located more than 5 miles from the closest hospital; or

~~1(b)~~ (2) Has been held before and there is a history of a significant number of:

~~1(1)~~ (I) Contacts by emergency medical personnel with persons who attended the special event to provide emergency medical care to those persons; or

~~1(2)~~ (II) Persons who attended the special event who were transported as patients from the special event to a hospital.



~~(b)~~ In a county whose population is 100,000 or more, if the host organization meets the requirements of ~~paragraph (a) or (b) of subsection 1~~ *subparagraph (1) or (2) of paragraph (a)* and 15,000 or more persons but less than 50,000 persons are projected to be in attendance at the special event at the same time, the host organization shall provide at least two dedicated advanced life support ambulances at the special event.

2. The provisions of subsection 1 do not apply to a special event held within the boundaries of a city whose population is less than 25,000 if there is a fire-fighting agency within the city other than a volunteer fire department and the city has adopted a plan for providing emergency medical services at special events.

Sec. 3. NRS 450B.700 is hereby amended to read as follows:
450B.700 ~~(b)~~

1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2, if a special event ~~at which~~ is to be held and 50,000 or more persons are projected to be in attendance at the event at the same time, the host organization shall provide:

~~(1)~~ *(a)* Two or more first-aid stations at the site of the special event;

~~(2)~~ *(b)* Two or more physicians licensed pursuant to chapter 630 or 633 of NRS ~~who~~ *who have experience providing emergency medical services;*

(c) Two or more roving emergency medical technician teams; and

~~(4)~~ *(d)* Two or more dedicated advanced life support ambulances.

2. The provisions of subsection 1 do not apply to a special event held within the limits of a city whose population is less than 25,000 if there is a fire-fighting agency within the city other than a volunteer fire department and the city has adopted a plan for providing emergency medical services at special events.

Sec. 4. This act becomes effective on July 1, 2015.

