

**HOUSE BILL No. 2509**

By Committee on Vision 2020

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1 AN ACT concerning emergency medical services; amending K.S.A. 2013  
2 Supp. 65-6102, 65-6111, ~~65-6112~~, ~~65-6119~~; 65-6120, 65-6121, 65-  
3 6129c, 65-6133, 65-6135 and 65-6144 and repealing the existing  
4 sections.  
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6 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:*

7 Section 1. K.S.A. 2013 Supp. 65-6102 is hereby amended to read as  
8 follows: 65-6102. (a) There is hereby established the emergency medical  
9 services board. The office of the emergency medical services board shall  
10 be located in the city of Topeka, Kansas.

11 (b) The emergency medical services board shall be composed of 15  
12 members to be appointed as follows:

13 (1) Eleven members shall be appointed by the governor. Of such  
14 members:

15 (A) Three shall be physicians who are actively involved in emergency  
16 medical services;

17 (B) two shall be county commissioners of counties making a levy for  
18 ambulance service, at least one of whom shall be from a county having a  
19 population of less than 15,000;

20 (C) one shall be an instructor-coordinator;

21 (D) one shall be a hospital administrator actively involved in  
22 emergency medical services;

23 (E) one shall be a member of a firefighting unit which provides  
24 emergency medical service; and

25 (F) three shall be attendants who are actively involved in emergency  
26 medical service. At least two classifications of attendants shall be  
27 represented. At least one of such members shall be from a volunteer  
28 emergency medical service; and

29 (2) four members shall be appointed as follows:

30 (A) One shall be a member of the Kansas senate to be appointed by  
31 the president of the senate;

32 (B) one shall be a member of the Kansas senate to be appointed by  
33 the minority leader of the senate;

34 (C) one shall be a member of the Kansas house of representatives to

1 be appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives; and

2 (D) one shall be a member of the Kansas house of representatives to  
3 be appointed by the minority leader of the house of representatives.

4 All members of the board shall be residents of the state of Kansas.  
5 Appointments to the board shall be made with due consideration that  
6 representation of the various geographical areas of the state is ensured. The  
7 governor may remove any member of the board upon recommendation of  
8 the board. Any person appointed to a position on the board shall forfeit  
9 such position upon vacating the office or position which qualified such  
10 person to be appointed as a member of the board.

11 ~~(c) Of the two additional physician members appointed by the~~  
12 ~~governor on and after July 1, 2011, one shall be appointed for a term of~~  
13 ~~three years and one shall be appointed for a term of four years. Thereafter,~~  
14 Members shall be appointed for terms of four years and until their  
15 successors are appointed and qualified. In the case of a vacancy in the  
16 membership of the board, the vacancy shall be filled for the unexpired  
17 term.

18 (d) The board shall meet at least six times annually and at least once  
19 each quarter and at the call of the chairperson or at the request of the  
20 ~~administrator~~ *executive director* of the emergency medical services board  
21 or of any ~~six~~ *seven* members of the board. At the first meeting of the board  
22 after January 1 each year, the members shall elect a chairperson and a  
23 vice-chairperson who shall serve for a term of one year. The vice-  
24 chairperson shall exercise all of the powers of the chairperson in the  
25 absence of the chairperson. If a vacancy occurs in the office of the  
26 chairperson or vice-chairperson, the board shall fill such vacancy by  
27 election of one of its members to serve the unexpired term of such office.  
28 Members of the board attending meetings of the board or attending a  
29 subcommittee meeting thereof authorized by the board shall be paid  
30 compensation, subsistence allowances, mileage and other expenses as  
31 provided in K.S.A. 75-3223, and amendments thereto.

32 (e) Except as otherwise provided by law, all vouchers for  
33 expenditures and all payrolls of the emergency medical services board  
34 shall be approved by the emergency medical services board or a person  
35 designated by the board.

36 Sec. 2. K.S.A. 2013 Supp. 65-6111 is hereby amended to read as  
37 follows: 65-6111. (a) The emergency medical services board shall:

38 (1) Adopt any rules and regulations necessary to carry out the  
39 provisions of this act;

40 (2) review and approve the allocation and expenditure of moneys  
41 appropriated for emergency medical services;

42 (3) conduct hearings for all regulatory matters concerning ambulance  
43 services, attendants, instructor-coordinators, training officers and ~~providers~~

1 ~~of training sponsoring organizations~~ **providers of training;**

2 (4) submit a budget to the legislature for the operation of the board;

3 (5) develop a state plan for the delivery of emergency medical  
4 services;

5 (6) enter into contracts as may be necessary to carry out the duties  
6 and functions of the board under this act;

7 (7) review and approve all requests for state and federal funding  
8 involving emergency medical services projects in the state or delegate such  
9 duties to the ~~administrator~~ *executive director*;

10 (8) approve all training programs for attendants, instructor-  
11 coordinators and training officers and prescribe certification application  
12 fees by rules and regulations;

13 (9) approve methods of examination for certification of attendants,  
14 training officers and instructor-coordinators and prescribe examination  
15 fees by rules and regulations;

16 (10) appoint a medical advisory council of not less than six members,  
17 including ~~two~~ *one* board members, ~~one of whom~~ *member who* shall be a  
18 physician and not less than ~~four~~ *five* other physicians who are active and  
19 knowledgeable in the field of emergency medical services who are not  
20 members of the board to advise and assist the board in medical standards  
21 and practices as determined by the board. The medical advisory council  
22 shall elect a chairperson from among its membership and shall meet upon  
23 the call of the chairperson; and

24 (11) ~~approve providers of training sponsoring organizations~~  
25 **providers of training** by prescribing standards and requirements by rules  
26 and regulations and withdraw or modify such approval in accordance with  
27 the Kansas administrative procedures act and the rules and regulations of  
28 the board.

29 (b) The emergency medical services board may grant a temporary  
30 variance from an identified rule or regulation when a literal application or  
31 enforcement of the rule or regulation would result in serious hardship and  
32 the relief granted would not result in any unreasonable risk to the public  
33 interest, safety or welfare.

34 ~~Sec. 3. K.S.A. 2013 Supp. 65-6112 is hereby amended to read as~~  
35 ~~follows: 65-6112. As used in this act:~~

36 (a) ~~"Administrator" means the executive director of the emergency~~  
37 ~~medical services board.~~

38 (b) ~~"Advanced emergency medical technician" means a person who~~  
39 ~~holds an advanced emergency medical technician certificate issued~~  
40 ~~pursuant to this act.~~

41 (c) ~~"Advanced practice registered nurse" means an advanced practice~~  
42 ~~registered nurse as defined in K.S.A. 65-1113, and amendments thereto.~~

43 (d) ~~"Ambulance" means any privately or publicly owned motor~~

1 vehicle, airplane or helicopter designed, constructed, prepared, staffed and  
2 equipped for use in transporting and providing emergency care for  
3 individuals who are ill or injured.

4 (e) ~~"Ambulance service" means any organization operated for the~~  
5 ~~purpose of transporting sick or injured persons to or from a place where~~  
6 ~~medical care is furnished, whether or not such persons may be in need of~~  
7 ~~emergency or medical care in transit.~~

8 (f) ~~"Attendant" means a first responder, an emergency medical~~  
9 ~~responder, emergency medical technician, emergency medical technician-~~  
10 ~~intermediate, emergency medical technician-defibrillator, emergency~~  
11 ~~medical technician-intermediate/defibrillator, advanced emergency~~  
12 ~~medical technician, mobile intensive care technician or paramedic certified~~  
13 ~~pursuant to this act.~~

14 (g) ~~"Board" means the emergency medical services board established~~  
15 ~~pursuant to K.S.A. 65-6102, and amendments thereto.~~

16 (h) ~~"Emergency medical service" means the effective and coordinated~~  
17 ~~delivery of such care as may be required by an emergency which includes~~  
18 ~~the care and transportation of individuals by ambulance services and the~~  
19 ~~performance of authorized emergency care by a physician, advanced~~  
20 ~~practice registered nurse, professional nurse, a licensed physician assistant~~  
21 ~~or attendant.~~

22 (i) ~~"Emergency medical technician" means a person who holds an~~  
23 ~~emergency medical technician certificate issued pursuant to this act.~~

24 (j) ~~"Emergency medical technician-defibrillator" means a person who~~  
25 ~~holds an emergency medical technician-defibrillator certificate issued~~  
26 ~~pursuant to this act.~~

27 (k) ~~"Emergency medical technician-intermediate" means a person~~  
28 ~~who holds an emergency medical technician-intermediate certificate issued~~  
29 ~~pursuant to this act.~~

30 (l) ~~"Emergency medical technician-intermediate/defibrillator" means~~  
31 ~~a person who holds both an emergency medical technician-intermediate~~  
32 ~~and emergency medical technician-defibrillator certificate issued pursuant~~  
33 ~~to this act.~~

34 (m) ~~"Emergency medical responder" means a person who holds an~~  
35 ~~emergency medical responder certificate issued pursuant to this act.~~

36 (n) ~~"First responder" means a person who holds a first responder~~  
37 ~~certificate issued pursuant to this act.~~

38 (o) ~~"Hospital" means a hospital as defined by K.S.A. 65-425, and~~  
39 ~~amendments thereto.~~

40 (p) ~~"Instructor-coordinator" means a person who is certified under~~  
41 ~~this act to teach, coordinate, or both, initial certification and continuing~~  
42 ~~education classes.~~

43 (q) ~~"Medical director" means a physician.~~

1       ~~(1) Appointed by the operator of an ambulance service who holds a~~  
2 ~~permit to operate the ambulance service in this state who provides medical~~  
3 ~~direction, leadership, oversight and quality assurance to ensure that~~  
4 ~~effective emergency medical care is provided to out-of-hospital patients by~~  
5 ~~attendants functioning under the service permit. The medical director~~  
6 ~~implements protocols for treatment and supports the attendants through~~  
7 ~~training and competency validation; or~~

8       ~~(2) identified by a sponsoring organization of an emergency medical~~  
9 ~~services education program who reviews and approves the educational~~  
10 ~~content of the program curriculum to certify its ongoing appropriateness~~  
11 ~~and medical accuracy, reviews the quality of medical instruction,~~  
12 ~~supervision and evaluation of the students.~~

13       ~~(f) "Medical protocols" mean written guidelines which authorize~~  
14 ~~attendants to perform certain medical procedures prior to contacting a~~  
15 ~~physician, physician assistant authorized by a physician, advanced practice~~  
16 ~~registered nurse authorized by a physician or professional nurse authorized~~  
17 ~~by a physician. The medical protocols shall be approved by a county~~  
18 ~~medical society or the medical staff of a hospital to which the ambulance~~  
19 ~~service primarily transports patients, or if neither of the above are able or~~  
20 ~~available to approve the medical protocols, then the medical protocols~~  
21 ~~shall be submitted to the medical advisory council for approval.~~

22       ~~(s) "Mobile intensive care technician" means a person who holds a~~  
23 ~~mobile intensive care technician certificate issued pursuant to this act.~~

24       ~~(t) "Municipality" means any city, county, township, fire district or~~  
25 ~~ambulance service district.~~

26       ~~(u)(t) "Nonemergency transportation" means the care and transport of~~  
27 ~~a sick or injured person under a foreseen combination of circumstances~~  
28 ~~calling for continuing care of such person. As used in this subsection,~~  
29 ~~transportation includes performance of the authorized level of services of~~  
30 ~~the attendant whether within or outside the vehicle as part of such~~  
31 ~~transportation services.~~

32       ~~(v)(u) "Operator" means a person or municipality who has a permit to~~  
33 ~~operate an ambulance service in the state of Kansas.~~

34       ~~(w)(v) "Paramedic" means a person who holds a paramedic certificate~~  
35 ~~issued pursuant to this act.~~

36       ~~(x)(w) "Person" means an individual, a partnership, an association, a~~  
37 ~~joint-stock company or a corporation.~~

38       ~~(y)(x) "Physician" means a person licensed by the state board of~~  
39 ~~healing arts to practice medicine and surgery.~~

40       ~~(z)(y) "Physician assistant" means a person who is licensed under the~~  
41 ~~physician assistant licensure act and who is acting under the direction of a~~  
42 ~~responsible physician assistant as defined in K.S.A. 65-28a02, and~~  
43 ~~amendments thereto.~~

1       ~~(aa)(z) "Professional nurse" means a licensed professional nurse as~~  
2 ~~defined by K.S.A. 65-1113, and amendments thereto.~~

3       ~~(bb) "Provider of training" means a corporation, partnership,~~  
4 ~~accredited postsecondary education institution, ambulance service, fire~~  
5 ~~department, hospital or municipality that conducts training programs that~~  
6 ~~include, but are not limited to, initial courses of instruction and continuing~~  
7 ~~education for attendants, instructor-coordinators or training officers~~

8       ~~(aa) "Sponsoring organization" means any professional association,~~  
9 ~~accredited postsecondary educational institution, ambulance service~~  
10 ~~which holds a permit to operate in this state, fire department, other~~  
11 ~~officially organized public safety agency, hospital, corporation,~~  
12 ~~governmental entity or emergency medical services regional council, as~~  
13 ~~approved by the executive director, to offer initial courses of instruction or~~  
14 ~~continuing education programs.~~

15       ~~(cc) "Responsible physician" means responsible physician as such~~  
16 ~~term is defined under K.S.A. 65-28a02, and amendments thereto.~~

17       ~~(dd) (bb) "Training officer" means a person who is certified pursuant~~  
18 ~~to this act to teach, or coordinate, or both, initial courses of instruction for~~  
19 ~~first responders or emergency medical responders and continuing~~  
20 ~~education as prescribed by the board.~~

21       ~~Sec. 4. K.S.A. 2013 Supp. 65-6119 is hereby amended to read as~~  
22 ~~follows: 65-6119. (a) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, mobile~~  
23 ~~intensive care technicians may:~~

24       ~~(1) Perform all the authorized activities identified in K.S.A. 65-6120,~~  
25 ~~65-6121, 65-6123, 65-6144, and amendments thereto;~~

26       ~~(2) when voice contact or a telemetered electrocardiogram is~~  
27 ~~monitored by a physician, physician assistant where authorized by a~~  
28 ~~physician, an advanced practice registered nurse where authorized by a~~  
29 ~~physician or licensed professional nurse where authorized by a physician~~  
30 ~~and direct communication is maintained, and upon order of such person~~  
31 ~~may administer such medications or procedures as may be deemed~~  
32 ~~necessary by a person identified in subsection (a)(2);~~

33       ~~(3) perform, during an emergency, those activities specified in~~  
34 ~~subsection (a)(2) before contacting a person identified in subsection (a)(2)~~  
35 ~~when specifically authorized to perform such activities by medical~~  
36 ~~protocols; and~~

37       ~~(4) perform, during nonemergency transportation, those activities~~  
38 ~~specified in this section when specifically authorized to perform such~~  
39 ~~activities by medical protocols.~~

40       ~~(b) An individual who holds a valid certificate as a mobile intensive~~  
41 ~~care technician once meeting the continuing education requirements~~  
42 ~~prescribed by the rules and regulations of the board, upon application for~~  
43 ~~renewal, shall be deemed to hold a certificate as a paramedic under this~~

1 act, and such individual shall not be required to file an original application  
2 as a paramedic for certification under this act.

3 (e) ~~"Renewal" as used in subsection (b), refers to the first opportunity~~  
4 ~~that a mobile intensive care technician has to apply for renewal of a~~  
5 ~~certificate following the effective date of this act.~~

6 (d) ~~Upon transition notwithstanding any other provision of law, a~~  
7 ~~paramedic may:~~

8 (1)(a) ~~Perform all the authorized activities identified in K.S.A. 65-~~  
9 ~~6120, 65-6121, 65-6144, and amendments thereto;~~

10 (2)(b) ~~when voice contact or a telemetered electrocardiogram is~~  
11 ~~monitored by a physician, physician assistant where authorized by a~~  
12 ~~physician or an advanced practice registered nurse where authorized by a~~  
13 ~~physician or licensed professional nurse where authorized by a physician~~  
14 ~~and direct communication is maintained, and upon order of such person,~~  
15 ~~may administer such medications or procedures as may be deemed~~  
16 ~~necessary by a person identified in this subsection (d)(2); and~~

17 (3)(c) ~~perform, during an emergency, those activities specified in~~  
18 ~~subsection (d)(2) (b) before contacting a person identified in subsection (d)~~  
19 ~~(2) (b) when specifically authorized to perform such activities by medical~~  
20 ~~protocols; and~~

21 (4) ~~perform, during nonemergency transportation, those activities~~  
22 ~~specified in this section when specifically authorized to perform such~~  
23 ~~activities by medical protocols.~~

24 Sec. 5. 3. K.S.A. 2013 Supp. 65-6120 is hereby amended to read as  
25 follows: 65-6120. (a) Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the  
26 contrary, an emergency medical technician-intermediate may:

27 (1) Perform any of the activities identified by K.S.A. 65-6121(a), and  
28 amendments thereto;

29 (2) when approved by medical protocols or where voice contact by  
30 radio or telephone is monitored by a physician, physician assistant where  
31 authorized by a physician, advanced practice registered nurse where  
32 authorized by a physician or licensed professional nurse where authorized  
33 by a physician, and direct communication is maintained, upon order of  
34 such person, may perform veni-puncture for the purpose of blood sampling  
35 collection and initiation and maintenance of intravenous infusion of saline  
36 solutions, dextrose and water solutions or ringers lactate IV solutions,  
37 endotracheal intubation and administration of nebulized albuterol;

38 (3) perform, during an emergency, those activities specified in  
39 subsection (a)(2) before contacting the persons identified in subsection (a)  
40 (2) when specifically authorized to perform such activities by medical  
41 protocols; or

42 (4) perform, during nonemergency transportation, those activities  
43 specified in this section when specifically authorized to perform such

1 activities by medical protocols.

2 (b) An individual who holds a valid certificate as an emergency  
3 medical technician-intermediate once successfully completing the board  
4 prescribed transition course, and validation of cognitive and psychomotor  
5 competency as determined by rules and regulations of the board, may  
6 apply to transition to become an advanced emergency medical technician.  
7 Alternatively, upon application for renewal, such individual shall be  
8 deemed to hold a certificate as an advanced emergency medical technician  
9 under this act, provided such individual has completed all continuing  
10 education hour requirements inclusive of the successful completion of a  
11 transition course and such individual shall not be required to file an  
12 original application for certification as an advanced emergency medical  
13 technician under this act.

14 (c) "Renewal" as used in subsection (b), refers to the first or second  
15 opportunity after December 31, 2011, that an emergency medical  
16 technician-intermediate has to apply for renewal of a certificate.

17 (d) Emergency medical technician-intermediates who fail to meet the  
18 transition requirements as specified may complete either the board  
19 prescribed emergency medical technician transition course or emergency  
20 medical responder transition course, provide validation of cognitive and  
21 psychomotor competency and all continuing education hour requirements  
22 inclusive of the successful completion of a transition course as determined  
23 by rules and regulations of the board. Upon completion, such emergency  
24 medical technician-intermediate may apply to transition to become an  
25 emergency medical technician or an emergency medical responder,  
26 depending on the transition course that was successfully completed.  
27 Alternatively, upon application for renewal of an emergency medical  
28 technician-intermediate certificate, the applicant shall be renewed as an  
29 emergency medical technician or an emergency medical responder,  
30 depending on the transition course that was successfully completed. Such  
31 individual shall not be required to file an original application for  
32 certification as an emergency medical technician or emergency medical  
33 responder.

34 (e) Failure to successfully complete either an advanced emergency  
35 medical technician transition course, an emergency medical technician  
36 transition course or emergency medical responder transition course will  
37 result in loss of certification.

38 (f) Upon transition, notwithstanding any other provision of law to the  
39 contrary, an advanced emergency medical technician may:

40 (1) Perform any of the activities identified by K.S.A. 65-6121 (f), and  
41 amendments thereto; and

42 (2) perform any of the following interventions, by use of the devices,  
43 medications and equipment, or any combination thereof, as specifically



1 identified in rules and regulations, after successfully completing an  
2 approved course of instruction, local specialized device training and  
3 competency validation and when authorized by medical protocols, or upon  
4 order when direct communication is maintained by radio, telephone or  
5 video conference with a physician, physician assistant where authorized by  
6 a physician, an advanced practice registered nurse where authorized by a  
7 physician, or licensed professional nurse where authorized by a physician  
8 upon order of such a person: (A) ~~Continuous positive airway pressure~~  
9 ~~devices;~~ (B) Advanced airway management; (C) ~~(B)~~ referral of patient of  
10 alternate medical care site based on assessment; (D) ~~(D)~~ transportation of a  
11 patient with a capped arterial line; (E) ~~(E)~~ veni-puncture for obtaining  
12 blood sample; (F) ~~(F)~~ initiation and maintenance of intravenous infusion or  
13 saline lock; (G) ~~(G)~~ initiation of intraosseous infusion; (H) ~~(H)~~ nebulized  
14 therapy; (I) ~~(I)~~ manual defibrillation and cardioversion; (J) ~~(J)~~ cardiac  
15 monitoring; (K) ~~(K)~~ electrocardiogram interpretation; (L) *monitoring of a*  
16 *nasogastric tube*; (M) administration of ~~generic or trade name~~ medications  
17 ~~by one or more of the following methods:~~ (i) Aerosolization; (ii)  
18 ~~nebulization;~~ (iii) intravenous; (iv) intranasal; (v) rectal; (vi) subcutaneous;  
19 ~~(vii) intraosseous;~~ (viii) intramuscular; or (ix) *sublingual as specified by*  
20 *rules and regulations of the board.*

21 (g) An individual who holds a valid certificate as both an emergency  
22 medical technician-intermediate and as an emergency medical technician-  
23 defibrillator once successfully completing the board prescribed transition  
24 course, and validation of cognitive and psychomotor competency as  
25 determined by rules and regulations of the board, may apply to transition  
26 to an advanced emergency medical technician. Alternatively, upon  
27 application for renewal, such individual shall be deemed to hold a  
28 certificate as an advanced emergency medical technician under this act,  
29 provided such individual has completed all continuing education hour  
30 requirements inclusive of successful completion of a transition course, and  
31 such individual shall not be required to file an original application for  
32 certification as an advanced emergency medical technician under this act.

33 (h) "Renewal" as used in subsection (g), refers to the first or second  
34 opportunity after December 31, 2011, that an emergency medical  
35 technician-intermediate and emergency medical technician-defibrillator  
36 has to apply for renewal of a certificate.

37 (i) An individual who holds both an emergency medical technician-  
38 intermediate certificate and an emergency medical technician-defibrillator  
39 certificate, who fails to meet the transition requirements as specified may  
40 complete either the board prescribed emergency medical technician  
41 transition course or emergency medical responder transition course, and  
42 provide validation of cognitive and psychomotor competency and all  
43 continuing education hour requirements inclusive of successful completion

1 of a transition course as determined by rules and regulations of the board.  
 2 Upon completion, such individual may apply to transition to become an  
 3 emergency medical technician or emergency medical responder, depending  
 4 on the transition course that was successfully completed. Alternatively,  
 5 upon application for renewal of an emergency medical technician-  
 6 intermediate certificate and an emergency medical technician-defibrillator  
 7 certificate, the applicant shall be renewed as an emergency medical  
 8 technician or an emergency medical responder, depending on the transition  
 9 course that was successfully completed. Such individual shall not be  
 10 required to file an original application for certification as an emergency  
 11 medical technician or emergency medical responder.

12 (j) Failure to successfully complete either the advanced emergency  
 13 medical technician transition requirements, an emergency medical  
 14 technician transition course or the emergency medical responder transition  
 15 course will result in loss of certification.

16 ~~Sec. 6.~~ **4.** K.S.A. 2013 Supp. 65-6121 is hereby amended to read as  
 17 follows: 65-6121. (a) Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the  
 18 contrary, an emergency medical technician may perform any of the  
 19 following activities:

- 20 (1) Patient assessment and vital signs;  
 21 (2) airway maintenance including the use of:  
 22 (A) Oropharyngeal and nasopharyngeal airways; **and**  
 23 (B) ~~esophageal obturator airways with or without gastric suction~~  
 24 ~~device;~~  
 25 ~~(C) multi-lumen airway; and~~  
 26 ~~(D) oxygen demand valves.~~  
 27 (3) Oxygen therapy;  
 28 (4) oropharyngeal suctioning;  
 29 (5) cardiopulmonary resuscitation procedures;  
 30 (6) control accessible bleeding;  
 31 ~~(7) apply pneumatic anti-shock garment;~~  
 32 ~~(8)~~(7) manage outpatient medical emergencies;  
 33 ~~(9)~~(8) extricate patients and utilize lifting and moving techniques;  
 34 ~~(10)~~(9) manage musculoskeletal and soft tissue injuries including  
 35 dressing and bandaging wounds or the splinting of fractures, dislocations,  
 36 sprains or strains;  
 37 ~~(11)~~(10) use of backboards to immobilize the spine;  
 38 ~~(12)~~(11) administer activated charcoal and glucose;  
 39 ~~(13)~~(12) monitor intravenous line delivering intravenous fluids during  
 40 interfacility transport with the following restrictions:  
 41 (A) The physician approves the transfer by an emergency medical  
 42 technician;  
 43 (B) no medications or nutrients have been added to the intravenous

1 fluids; and

2 (C) the emergency medical technician may monitor, maintain and  
3 shut off the flow of intravenous fluid;

4 ~~(+4)~~**(13)** use automated external defibrillators;

5 ~~(+5)~~**(14)** administer epinephrine auto-injectors provided that:

6 (A) The emergency medical technician successfully completes a  
7 course of instruction approved by the board in the administration of  
8 epinephrine;

9 (B) the emergency medical technician serves with an ambulance  
10 service or a first response organization that provides emergency medical  
11 services; and

12 (C) the emergency medical technician is acting pursuant to medical  
13 protocols;

14 ~~(+6)~~**(15)** perform, during nonemergency transportation, those  
15 activities specified in this section when specifically authorized to perform  
16 such activities by medical protocols; or

17 ~~(+7)~~**(16)** when authorized by medical protocol, assist the patient in  
18 the administration of the following medications which have been  
19 prescribed for that patient: Auto-injection epinephrine, sublingual  
20 nitroglycerin and inhalers for asthma and emphysema.

21 (b) An individual who holds a valid certificate as an emergency  
22 medical technician at the current basic level once successfully completing  
23 the board prescribed transition course, and validation of cognitive and  
24 psychomotor competency as determined by rules and regulations of the  
25 board, may apply to transition to become an emergency medical  
26 technician. Alternatively, upon application for renewal, such individual  
27 shall be deemed to hold a certificate as an emergency medical technician  
28 under this act, provided such individual has completed all continuing  
29 education hour requirements inclusive of successful completion of a  
30 transition course, and such individual shall not be required to file an  
31 original application for certification as an emergency medical technician.

32 (c) "Renewal" as used in subsection (b), refers to the first opportunity  
33 after December 31, 2011, that an emergency medical technician has to  
34 apply for renewal of a certificate following the effective date of this act.

35 (d) Emergency medical technicians who fail to meet the transition  
36 requirements as specified may successfully complete the board prescribed  
37 emergency medical responder transition course, provide validation of  
38 cognitive and psychomotor competency and all continuing education hour  
39 requirements inclusive of the successful completion of a transition course  
40 as determined by rules and regulations of the board. Alternatively, upon  
41 application for renewal of an emergency medical technician certificate, the  
42 applicant shall be deemed to hold a certificate as an emergency medical  
43 responder under this act, and such individual shall not be required to file

1 an original application for certification as an emergency medical  
2 responder.

3 (e) Failure to successfully complete either an emergency medical  
4 technician transition course or emergency medical responder transition  
5 course will result in loss of certification.

6 (f) Upon transition, notwithstanding any other provision of law to the  
7 contrary, an emergency medical technician may perform any activities  
8 identified in K.S.A. 65-6144, and amendments thereto, and any of the  
9 following interventions, by use of the devices, medications and equipment,  
10 or any combination thereof, after successfully completing an approved  
11 course of instruction, local specialized device training and competency  
12 validation and when authorized by medical protocols, or upon order when  
13 direct communication is maintained by radio, telephone or video  
14 conference is monitored by a physician, physician assistant when  
15 authorized by a physician, an advanced practice registered nurse when  
16 authorized by a physician or a ~~licensed~~ professional nurse when authorized  
17 by a physician, upon order of such person:

- 18 (1) Airway maintenance including use of:
  - 19 (A) Single lumen airways as approved by the board;
  - 20 (B) multilumen airways;
  - 21 (C) ventilator devices;
  - 22 (D) *non-invasive positive pressure ventilation*;
  - 23 (E) forceps removal of airway obstruction;
  - 24 ~~(E)~~(F) CO2 monitoring;
  - 25 ~~(F)~~(G) airway suctioning;
  - 26 ~~(2)~~ apply pneumatic anti-shock garment;
  - 27 ~~(3)~~(2) assist with childbirth;
  - 28 ~~(4)~~ monitoring urinary catheter;
  - 29 ~~(5)~~(4)(3) capillary blood sampling;
  - 30 ~~(6)~~ cardiac monitoring;
  - 31 ~~(7)~~(5)(4) administration of patient assisted medications as approved  
32 by the board;
  - 33 ~~(8)~~(6)(5) administration of medications as approved by the board by  
34 appropriate routes; ~~and~~
  - 35 ~~(9)~~(7)(6) monitor, maintain or discontinue flow of IV line if a  
36 physician approves transfer by an emergency medical technician; *and*  
37 ~~(8)~~(7) *application of a traction splint*.

38 Sec. ~~7~~ **5**. K.S.A. 2013 Supp. 65-6129c is hereby amended to read as  
39 follows: 65-6129c. (a) Application for a training officer's certificate shall  
40 be made to the emergency medical services board upon forms provided by  
41 the ~~administrator~~ *executive director*. The board may grant a training  
42 officer's certificate to an applicant who: (1) Is an ~~emergency medical~~  
43 ~~technician, emergency medical technician-intermediate, emergency~~

1 ~~medical technician-defibrillator, mobile intensive care technician,~~  
2 ~~advanced emergency medical technician, paramedic attendant certified~~  
3 ~~pursuant to K.S.A. 65-6119, 65-6120 and 65-6121, and amendments~~  
4 ~~thereto, physician, physician assistant, advanced practice registered nurse~~  
5 ~~or professional nurse; (2) successfully completes an initial course of~~  
6 ~~training approved by the board; (3) passes an examination prescribed by~~  
7 ~~the board; (4) is appointed by a provider of training sponsoring~~  
8 ~~organization~~ **provider of training** approved by the board; and (5) has paid  
9 a fee established by the board.

10 (b) A training officer's certificate shall expire on the expiration date  
11 of the attendant's certificate if the training officer is an attendant or on the  
12 expiration date of the physician's, physician assistant's, advanced practice  
13 registered nurse's or professional nurse's license if the training officer is a  
14 physician, physician assistant, advanced practice registered nurse or  
15 professional nurse. A training officer's certificate may be renewed for the  
16 same period as the attendant's certificate or the physician's, physician  
17 assistant's, advanced practice registered nurse's or professional nurse's  
18 license upon payment of a fee as prescribed by rules and regulations and  
19 upon presentation of satisfactory proof that the training officer has  
20 successfully completed continuing education prescribed by the board and  
21 is certified as ~~an emergency medical technician, emergency medical~~  
22 ~~technician-intermediate, emergency medical technician-defibrillator,~~  
23 ~~mobile-intensive care technician, advanced emergency medical technician,~~  
24 ~~paramedic an attendant certified pursuant to K.S.A. 65-6119, 65-6120 and~~  
25 ~~65-6121, and amendments thereto, physician, physician assistant,~~  
26 ~~advanced practice registered nurse or professional nurse. The board may~~  
27 ~~prorate to the nearest whole month the fee fixed under this subsection as~~  
28 ~~necessary to implement the provisions of this subsection.~~

29 (c) A training officer's certificate may be denied, revoked, limited,  
30 modified or suspended by the board or the board may refuse to renew such  
31 certificate if such individual:

32 (1) Fails to maintain certification or licensure as ~~an emergency~~  
33 ~~medical technician, emergency medical technician-intermediate,~~  
34 ~~emergency medical technician-defibrillator, mobile intensive care~~  
35 ~~technician, advanced emergency medical technician, paramedic an~~  
36 ~~attendant certified pursuant to K.S.A. 65-6119, 65-6120 and 65-6121, and~~  
37 ~~amendments thereto, physician, physician assistant, advanced practice~~  
38 ~~registered nurse or professional nurse;~~

39 (2) fails to maintain support of appointment by a ~~provider of training~~  
40 ~~sponsoring organization~~ **provider of training**;

41 (3) fails to successfully complete continuing education;

42 (4) has made intentional misrepresentations in obtaining a certificate  
43 or renewing a certificate;

1 (5) has demonstrated incompetence or engaged in unprofessional  
2 conduct as defined by rules and regulations adopted by the board;

3 (6) has violated or aided and abetted in the violation of any provision  
4 of this act or the rules and regulations promulgated by the board; or

5 (7) has been convicted of any state or federal crime that is related  
6 substantially to the qualifications, functions and duties of a training officer  
7 or any crime punishable as a felony under any state or federal statute and  
8 the board determines that such individual has not been sufficiently  
9 rehabilitated to warrant public trust. A conviction means a plea of guilty, a  
10 plea of nolo contendere or a verdict of guilty. The board may take  
11 disciplinary action pursuant to this section when the time for appeal has  
12 elapsed, or after the judgment of conviction is affirmed on appeal or when  
13 an order granting probation is made suspending the imposition of sentence.

14 (d) The board may revoke, limit, modify or suspend a *training officer*  
15 certificate or the board may refuse to renew such certificate in accordance  
16 with the provisions of the Kansas administrative procedure act.

17 (e) If a person who previously was certified as a training officer  
18 applies for a training officer's certificate within two years of the date of its  
19 expiration, the board may grant a certificate without the person completing  
20 an initial course of training or taking an examination if the person  
21 complies with the other provisions of subsection (a) and completes  
22 continuing education requirements.

23 Sec. ~~8~~ 6. K.S.A. 2013 Supp. 65-6133 is hereby amended to read as  
24 follows: 65-6133. (a) An attendant's, ~~instructor-coordinator's or training~~  
25 ~~officer's~~ certificate may be denied, revoked, limited, modified or  
26 suspended by the board or the board may refuse to renew such certificate  
27 upon proof that such individual:

28 (1) Has made intentional misrepresentations in obtaining a certificate  
29 or renewing a certificate;

30 (2) has performed or attempted to perform activities not authorized by  
31 statute at the level of certification held by the individual;

32 (3) has demonstrated incompetence as defined by rules and  
33 regulations adopted by the board or has provided inadequate patient care  
34 as determined by the board;

35 (4) has violated or aided and abetted in the violation of any provision  
36 of this act or the rules and regulations adopted by the board;

37 (5) has been convicted of a felony and, after investigation by the  
38 board, it is determined that such person has not been sufficiently  
39 rehabilitated to warrant the public trust;

40 (6) has demonstrated an inability to perform authorized activities with  
41 reasonable skill and safety by reason of illness, alcoholism, excessive use  
42 of drugs, controlled substances or any physical or mental condition;

43 (7) has engaged in unprofessional conduct, as defined by rules and

1 regulations adopted by the board; or

2 (8) has had a certificate, license or permit to practice emergency  
 3 medical services as an attendant denied, revoked, limited or suspended or  
 4 has been publicly or privately censured, by a licensing or other regulatory  
 5 authority of another state, agency of the United States government,  
 6 territory of the United States or other country or has had other disciplinary  
 7 action taken against the applicant or holder of a permit, license or  
 8 certificate by a licensing or other regulatory authority of another state,  
 9 agency of the United States government, territory of the United States or  
 10 other country. A certified copy of the record or order of public or private  
 11 censure, denial, suspension, limitation, revocation or other disciplinary  
 12 action of the licensing or other regulatory authority of another state,  
 13 agency of the United States government, territory of the United States or  
 14 other country shall constitute prima facie evidence of such a fact for  
 15 purposes of this paragraph.

16 (b) The board may limit, modify, revoke or suspend an attendant's ~~or~~  
 17 ~~instructor-coordinator's~~ certificate or the board may refuse to renew such  
 18 certificate in accordance with the provisions of the Kansas administrative  
 19 procedure act.

20 Sec. ~~9~~ 7. K.S.A. 2013 Supp. 65-6135 is hereby amended to read as  
 21 follows: 65-6135. (a) All ambulance services providing emergency care as  
 22 defined by the rules and regulations adopted by the board shall offer  
 23 service 24 hours per day every day of the year.

24 (b) Whenever an operator is required to have a permit, at least one  
 25 person on each vehicle providing emergency medical service shall be an  
 26 attendant certified as ~~an emergency medical technician, emergency~~  
 27 ~~medical technician-intermediate, emergency medical technician-~~  
 28 ~~defibrillator, a mobile intensive care technician, emergency medical~~  
 29 ~~technician-intermediate/defibrillator, advanced emergency medical~~  
 30 ~~technician, a paramedic pursuant to K.S.A. 65-6119, 65-6120 or 65-6121,~~  
 31 ~~and amendments thereto,~~ a physician, ~~a licensed~~ physician assistant, ~~a~~  
 32 ~~licensed~~ an advanced practice registered nurse or a professional nurse.

33 Sec. ~~10~~ 8. K.S.A. 2013 Supp. 65-6144 is hereby amended to read as  
 34 follows: 65-6144. (a) A first responder may perform any of the following  
 35 activities:

- 36 (1) Initial scene management including, but not limited to, gaining  
 37 access to the individual in need of emergency care, extricating, lifting and  
 38 moving the individual;
- 39 (2) cardiopulmonary resuscitation and airway management;
- 40 (3) control of bleeding;
- 41 (4) extremity splinting excluding traction splinting;
- 42 (5) stabilization of the condition of the individual in need of  
 43 emergency care;

1 (6) oxygen therapy;  
2 (7) use of oropharyngeal airways;  
3 (8) use of bag valve masks;  
4 (9) use automated external defibrillators; and  
5 (10) other techniques of preliminary care a first responder is trained  
6 to provide as approved by the board.

7 (b) An individual who holds a valid certificate as a first responder,  
8 once completing the board prescribed transition course, and validation of  
9 cognitive and psychomotor competency as determined by rules and  
10 regulations of the board, may apply to transition to become an emergency  
11 medical responder. Alternatively, upon application for renewal of such  
12 certificate, such individual shall be deemed to hold a certificate as an  
13 emergency medical responder under this act, provided such individual has  
14 completed all continuing education hour requirements inclusive of a  
15 transition course and such individual shall not be required to file an  
16 original application for certification as an emergency medical responder.

17 (c) "Renewal" as used in subsection (b), refers to the first opportunity  
18 after December 31, 2011, that an attendant has to apply for renewal of a  
19 certificate.

20 (d) First responder attendants who fail to meet the transition  
21 requirements as specified will forfeit their certification.

22 (e) Upon transition, notwithstanding any other provision of law to the  
23 contrary, an emergency medical responder may perform any of the  
24 following interventions, by use of the devices, medications and equipment,  
25 or any combination thereof, after successfully completing an approved  
26 course of instruction, local specialized device training and competency  
27 validation and when authorized by medical protocols, or upon order when  
28 direct communication is maintained by radio, telephone or video  
29 conference is monitored by a physician, physician assistant when  
30 authorized by a physician, an advanced practice registered nurse when  
31 authorized by a physician or a ~~licensed~~ professional nurse when authorized  
32 by a physician, upon order of such person: (1) Emergency vehicle  
33 operations; (2) initial scene management; (3) patient assessment and  
34 stabilization; (4) cardiopulmonary resuscitation and airway management;  
35 (5) *utilize equipment for the purposes of acquiring an EKG rhythm strip*;  
36 (6) control of bleeding; ~~(6)~~(7) extremity splinting; ~~(7)~~(8) spinal  
37 immobilization; ~~(8)~~(9) oxygen therapy; ~~(9)~~(10) use of bag-valve-mask;  
38 ~~(10)~~(11) use of automated external defibrillator; ~~(11)~~(12) nebulizer  
39 therapy; ~~(12)~~(13) intramuscular injections with auto-injector; ~~(13)~~(14)  
40 administration of oral glucose; ~~(14)~~(15) administration of aspirin; ~~(15)~~(16)  
41 recognize and comply with advanced directives; ~~(16)~~(17) insertion and  
42 maintenance of oral and nasal pharyngeal airways; ~~(17)~~(18) use of blood  
43 glucose monitoring; ~~and (18)~~(19) *assist with childbirth*; (20) *non-invasive*



1 *monitoring of hemoglobin derivatives; and (21) other techniques and*  
2 *devices of preliminary care an emergency medical responder is trained to*  
3 *provide as approved by the board.*

4 ***New Sec. 9. (a) (1) Except as provided in paragraph (2), whenever a***  
5 ***municipality provides for the payment of premiums for any health***  
6 ***benefit plan for its emergency personnel, it shall pay premiums for the***  
7 ***continuation of coverage under COBRA for the surviving spouse and***  
8 ***eligible dependent children under the age of 26 years of any emergency***  
9 ***personnel who dies in the line of duty. Premiums for continuation of***  
10 ***coverage under COBRA shall be paid for 18 months.***

11 *(2) A municipality may not be required to pay the premiums*  
12 *described in paragraph (1) for a surviving spouse:*

13 *(A) On or after the end of the 18<sup>th</sup> calendar month after the date of*  
14 *death of the deceased emergency personnel;*

15 *(B) upon the remarriage of the deceased emergency personnel's*  
16 *surviving spouse; or*

17 *(C) upon the deceased emergency personnel's surviving spouse*  
18 *reaching the age of 65.*

19 *(b) For the purposes of this section:*

20 *(1) "Emergency personnel" means an attendant as such term is*  
21 *defined in K.S.A. 65-6112, and amendments thereto.*

22 *(2) "Health benefit plan" shall have the meaning ascribed to it in*  
23 *K.S.A. 40-4602, and amendments thereto.*

24 *(3) "Municipality" means a city or county.*

25 ~~Sec. 11-9; 10.~~ K.S.A. 2013 Supp. 65-6102, 65-6111, ~~65-6112~~, ~~65-~~  
26 ~~6119~~, 65-6120, 65-6121, 65-6129c, 65-6133, 65-6135 and 65-6144 are  
27 hereby repealed.

28 ~~Sec. 12-10; 11.~~ This act shall take effect and be in force from and  
29 after its publication in the statute book.