

1                                   A bill to be entitled  
 2           An act relating to medical telecommunications and  
 3           transportation; amending s. 381.0034, F.S.; deleting the  
 4           requirement that any person who applies to be certified or  
 5           is certified as an emergency medical technician,  
 6           paramedic, 911 emergency dispatcher, emergency medical  
 7           technician, or paramedic must complete an educational  
 8           course approved by the Department of Health regarding the  
 9           human immunodeficiency virus and acquired immune  
 10          deficiency syndrome; amending s. 401.2701, F.S.; deleting  
 11          a requirement that an institution seeking approval of a  
 12          program for the education of emergency medical technicians  
 13          and paramedics show documentation of the inclusion of  
 14          instruction in HIV/AIDS training in its curriculum;  
 15          providing an effective date.

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 17   Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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 19           Section 1.   Section 381.0034, Florida Statutes, is amended  
 20   to read:

21           381.0034   Requirement for instruction on HIV and AIDS.—

22           (1)   As of July 1, 1991, the Department of Health shall  
 23   require each person licensed or certified under ~~chapter 401,~~  
 24   chapter 467, part IV of chapter 468, or chapter 483, as a  
 25   condition of biennial relicensure, to complete an educational  
 26   course approved by the department on the modes of transmission,  
 27   infection control procedures, clinical management, and  
 28   prevention of human immunodeficiency virus and acquired immune

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29 deficiency syndrome. Such course shall include information on  
30 current state ~~Florida~~ law on acquired immune deficiency syndrome  
31 and its impact on testing, confidentiality of test results, and  
32 treatment of patients. Each such licensee or certificateholder  
33 shall submit confirmation of having completed the ~~said~~ course,  
34 on a form provided by the department, when submitting fees or  
35 application for each biennial renewal.

36 (2) Failure to complete the requirements of this section  
37 shall be grounds for disciplinary action contained in the  
38 chapters specified in subsection (1). In addition to discipline  
39 by the department, the licensee or certificateholder shall be  
40 required to complete the ~~said~~ course specified in subsection  
41 (1).

42 (3) The department shall require, as a condition of  
43 granting a license under the chapters specified in subsection  
44 (1), that an applicant making initial application for licensure  
45 complete an educational course acceptable to the department on  
46 human immunodeficiency virus and acquired immune deficiency  
47 syndrome. An applicant who has not taken a course at the time of  
48 licensure shall, upon an affidavit showing good cause, be  
49 allowed 6 months to complete this requirement.

50 (4) The department may ~~shall have the authority to~~ adopt  
51 rules to administer ~~carry out the provisions of~~ this section.

52 (5) Any professional holding two or more licenses or  
53 certificates subject to the provisions of this section shall be  
54 permitted to show proof of having taken one department-approved  
55 course on human immunodeficiency virus and acquired immune  
56 deficiency syndrome, for purposes of relicensure or

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57 | recertification for the additional licenses.

58 | Section 2. Subsection (1) of section 401.2701, Florida  
59 | Statutes, is amended to read:

60 | 401.2701 Emergency medical services training programs.—

61 | (1) Any private or public institution in this state  
62 | ~~Florida~~ desiring to conduct an approved program for the  
63 | education of emergency medical technicians and paramedics shall:

64 | (a) Submit a completed application on a form provided by  
65 | the department, which must include:

66 | 1. Evidence that the institution is in compliance with all  
67 | applicable requirements of the Department of Education.

68 | 2. Evidence of an affiliation agreement with a hospital  
69 | that has an emergency department staffed by at least one  
70 | physician and one registered nurse.

71 | 3. Evidence of an affiliation agreement with a current  
72 | Florida-licensed emergency medical services provider. Such  
73 | agreement shall include, at a minimum, a commitment by the  
74 | provider to conduct the field experience portion of the  
75 | education program.

76 | 4. Documentation verifying faculty, including:

77 | a. A medical director who is a licensed physician meeting  
78 | the applicable requirements for emergency medical services  
79 | medical directors as outlined in this chapter and rules of the  
80 | department. The medical director shall have the duty and  
81 | responsibility of certifying that graduates have successfully  
82 | completed all phases of the education program and are proficient  
83 | in basic or advanced life support techniques, as applicable.

84 | b. A program director responsible for the operation,

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85 organization, periodic review, administration, development, and  
86 approval of the program.

87 5. Documentation verifying that the curriculum:

88 a. Meets the course guides and instructor's lesson plans  
89 in the most recent Emergency Medical Technician-Basic National  
90 Standard Curricula for emergency medical technician programs and  
91 Emergency Medical Technician-Paramedic National Standard  
92 Curricula for paramedic programs.

93 b. Includes 2 hours of instruction on the trauma scorecard  
94 methodologies for assessment of adult trauma patients and  
95 pediatric trauma patients as specified by the department by  
96 rule.

97 ~~e. Includes 4 hours of instruction on HIV/AIDS training~~  
98 ~~consistent with the requirements of chapter 381.~~

99 6. Evidence of sufficient medical and educational  
100 equipment to meet emergency medical services training program  
101 needs.

102 (b) Receive a scheduled site visit from the department to  
103 the applicant's institution. Such site visit shall be conducted  
104 within 30 days after notification to the institution that the  
105 application was accepted. During the site visit, the department  
106 must determine the applicant's compliance with the following  
107 criteria:

108 1. Emergency medical technician programs must be a minimum  
109 of 110 hours, with at least 20 hours of supervised clinical  
110 supervision, including 10 hours in a hospital emergency  
111 department.

112 2. Paramedic programs must be available only to Florida-

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113 certified emergency medical technicians or an emergency medical  
114 technician applicant who will obtain Florida certification prior  
115 to completion of phase one of the paramedic program. Paramedic  
116 programs must be a minimum of 700 hours of didactic and skills  
117 practice components, with the skills laboratory student-to-  
118 instructor ratio not exceeding six to one. Paramedic programs  
119 must provide a field internship experience aboard an advanced  
120 life support permitted ambulance. However, a portion of the  
121 field internship experience may be satisfied aboard an advanced  
122 life support permitted vehicle other than an ambulance as  
123 determined by rule of the department.

124 Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2010.