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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to emergency medical services; amending s.
3 381.0034, F.S.; deleting the requirement for emergency
4 medical technicians and paramedics to complete an
5 educational course on the modes of transmission, infection
6 control procedures, clinical management, and prevention of
7 human immunodeficiency virus and acquired immune
8 deficiency syndrome; amending s. 401.23, F.S.; redefining
9 the term "basic life support" for purposes of the Raymond
10 H. Alexander, M.D., Emergency Medical Transportation
11 Services Act; amending s. 401.24, F.S.; revising the
12 period for review of the comprehensive state plan for
13 emergency medical services and programs; amending s.
14 401.27, F.S.; revising the requirements for certification
15 or recertification as an emergency medical technician or
16 paramedic; revising the requirements for certification for
17 an out-of-state trained emergency medical technician or
18 paramedic; amending s. 401.2701, F.S.; revising
19 requirements for an institution that conducts an approved
20 program for the education of emergency medical technicians
21 and paramedics; revising the requirements that students
22 must meet in order to receive a certificate of completion
23 from an approved program; providing an effective date.

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

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27 Section 1. Subsection (1) of section 381.0034, Florida
28 Statutes, is amended to read:

29 | 381.0034 Requirement for instruction on HIV and AIDS.—
 30 | (1) As of July 1, 1991, the Department of Health shall
 31 | require each person licensed or certified under ~~chapter 401,~~
 32 | chapter 467, part IV of chapter 468, or chapter 483, as a
 33 | condition of biennial relicensure, to complete an educational
 34 | course approved by the department on the modes of transmission,
 35 | infection control procedures, clinical management, and
 36 | prevention of human immunodeficiency virus and acquired immune
 37 | deficiency syndrome. Such course shall include information on
 38 | current state ~~Florida~~ law on acquired immune deficiency syndrome
 39 | and its impact on testing, confidentiality of test results, and
 40 | treatment of patients. Each such licensee or certificateholder
 41 | shall submit confirmation of having completed the ~~said~~ course,
 42 | on a form provided by the department, when submitting fees or
 43 | application for each biennial renewal.

44 | Section 2. Subsection (7) of section 401.23, Florida
 45 | Statutes, is amended to read:

46 | 401.23 Definitions.—As used in this part, the term:

47 | (7) "Basic life support" means treatment of medical
 48 | emergencies by a qualified person through the use of techniques
 49 | ~~such as patient assessment, cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR),~~
 50 | ~~splinting, obstetrical assistance, bandaging, administration of~~
 51 | ~~oxygen, application of medical antishock trousers,~~
 52 | ~~administration of a subcutaneous injection using a premeasured~~
 53 | ~~autoinjector of epinephrine to a person suffering an~~
 54 | ~~anaphylactic reaction, and other techniques~~ described in the
 55 | Emergency Medical Technician Basic Training Course Curriculum or
 56 | the National EMS Education Standards of the United States

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57 Department of Transportation as approved by the department. The
58 term "~~basic life support~~" also includes other techniques that
59 ~~which~~ have been approved and are performed under conditions
60 specified by rules of the department.

61 Section 3. Section 401.24, Florida Statutes, is amended to
62 read:

63 401.24 Emergency medical services state plan.—The
64 department is responsible, at a minimum, for the improvement and
65 regulation of basic and advanced life support programs. The
66 department shall develop, and biennially revise every 5 years, a
67 comprehensive state plan for basic and advanced life support
68 services, the emergency medical services grants program, trauma
69 centers, the injury control program, and medical disaster
70 preparedness. The state plan shall include, but need not be
71 limited to:

72 (1) Emergency medical systems planning, including the
73 prehospital and hospital phases of patient care, and injury
74 control effort and unification of such services into a total
75 delivery system to include air, water, and land services.

76 (2) Requirements for the operation, coordination, and
77 ongoing development of emergency medical services, which
78 includes: basic life support or advanced life support vehicles,
79 equipment, and supplies; communications; personnel; training;
80 public education; state trauma system; injury control; and other
81 medical care components.

82 (3) The definition of areas of responsibility for
83 regulating and planning the ongoing and developing delivery
84 service requirements.

85 Section 4. Subsections (4) and (12) of section 401.27,
 86 Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

87 401.27 Personnel; standards and certification.—

88 (4) An applicant for certification or recertification as
 89 an emergency medical technician or paramedic must:

90 (a) Have completed an appropriate training course as
 91 follows:

92 1. For an emergency medical technician, an emergency
 93 medical technician training course equivalent to the most recent
 94 National EMS Education Standards ~~emergency medical technician~~
 95 ~~basic training course~~ of the United States Department of
 96 Transportation as approved by the department;

97 2. For a paramedic, a paramedic training program
 98 equivalent to the most recent national standard curriculum or
 99 National EMS Education Standards ~~paramedic course~~ of the United
 100 States Department of Transportation as approved by the
 101 department;

102 (b) Certify under oath that he or she is not addicted to
 103 alcohol or any controlled substance;

104 (c) Certify under oath that he or she is free from any
 105 physical or mental defect or disease that might impair the
 106 applicant's ability to perform his or her duties;

107 (d) Within 2 years ~~1 year~~ after course completion have
 108 passed an examination developed or required by the department;

109 (e)1. For an emergency medical technician, hold ~~either~~ a
 110 current American Heart Association cardiopulmonary resuscitation
 111 course card or an American Red Cross cardiopulmonary
 112 resuscitation course card or its equivalent as defined by

113 department rule;

114 2. For a paramedic, hold a certificate of successful
 115 course completion in advanced cardiac life support from the
 116 American Heart Association or its equivalent as defined by
 117 department rule;

118 (f) Submit the certification fee and the nonrefundable
 119 examination fee prescribed in s. 401.34, which examination fee
 120 will be required for each examination administered to an
 121 applicant; and

122 (g) Submit a completed application to the department,
 123 which application documents compliance with paragraphs (a), (b),
 124 (c), (e), (f), (g), and, if applicable, (d). The application
 125 must be submitted so as to be received by the department at
 126 least 30 calendar days before the next regularly scheduled
 127 examination for which the applicant desires to be scheduled.

128 (12) An applicant for certification who is an out-of-state
 129 trained emergency medical technician or paramedic must provide
 130 proof of current emergency medical technician or paramedic
 131 certification or registration based upon successful completion
 132 of the United States Department of Transportation emergency
 133 medical technician or paramedic training curriculum or the
 134 National EMS Education Standards as approved by the department
 135 and hold a current certificate of successful course completion
 136 in cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) or advanced cardiac life
 137 support for emergency medical technicians or paramedics,
 138 respectively, to be eligible for the certification examination.
 139 The applicant must successfully complete the certification
 140 examination within 1 year after the date of the receipt of his

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141 or her application by the department. After 1 year, the
142 applicant must submit a new application, meet all eligibility
143 requirements, and submit all fees to reestablish eligibility to
144 take the certification examination.

145 Section 5. Paragraph (a) of subsection (1) and subsection
146 (5) of section 401.2701, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

147 401.2701 Emergency medical services training programs.—

148 (1) Any private or public institution in Florida desiring
149 to conduct an approved program for the education of emergency
150 medical technicians and paramedics shall:

151 (a) Submit a completed application on a form provided by
152 the department, which must include:

153 1. Evidence that the institution is in compliance with all
154 applicable requirements of the Department of Education.

155 2. Evidence of an affiliation agreement with a hospital
156 that has an emergency department staffed by at least one
157 physician and one registered nurse.

158 3. Evidence of an affiliation agreement with a current
159 ~~Florida-licensed~~ emergency medical services provider that is
160 licensed in this state. Such agreement shall include, at a
161 minimum, a commitment by the provider to conduct the field
162 experience portion of the education program.

163 4. Documentation verifying faculty, including:

164 a. A medical director who is a licensed physician meeting
165 the applicable requirements for emergency medical services
166 medical directors as outlined in this chapter and rules of the
167 department. The medical director shall have the duty and
168 responsibility of certifying that graduates have successfully

169 completed all phases of the education program and are proficient
 170 in basic or advanced life support techniques, as applicable.

171 b. A program director responsible for the operation,
 172 organization, periodic review, administration, development, and
 173 approval of the program.

174 5. Documentation verifying that the curriculum:

175 a. Meets the ~~course guides and instructor's lesson plans~~
 176 ~~in the~~ most recent Emergency Medical Technician-Basic National
 177 Standard Curricula or the National EMS Education Standards for
 178 emergency medical technician programs and paramedic Emergency
 179 ~~Medical Technician-Paramedic National Standard Curricula for~~
 180 paramedic programs as approved by the department.

181 b. Includes 2 hours of instruction on the trauma scorecard
 182 methodologies for assessment of adult trauma patients and
 183 pediatric trauma patients as specified by the department by
 184 rule.

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

187 6. Evidence of sufficient medical and educational
 188 equipment to meet emergency medical services training program
 189 needs.

190 (5) Each approved program must notify the department
 191 within 30 days after ~~of~~ any change in the professional or
 192 employment status of faculty. Each approved program must require
 193 its students to pass a comprehensive final written and practical
 194 examination evaluating the skills described in the current
 195 United States Department of Transportation EMT-Basic or EMT-
 196 Paramedic, National Standard Curriculum or the National EMS

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197 | Education Standards as approved by the department. Each approved
198 | program must issue a certificate of completion to program
199 | graduates within 14 days after ~~of~~ completion.

200 | Section 6. This act shall take effect July 1, 2011.