

1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to emergency medical services;
3 amending s. 381.0034, F.S.; deleting the requirement
4 for emergency medical technicians, paramedics, and 911
5 public safety telecommunicators to complete an
6 educational course on the modes of transmission,
7 infection control procedures, clinical management, and
8 prevention of human immunodeficiency virus and
9 acquired immune deficiency syndrome; amending s.
10 401.23, F.S.; redefining the term "basic life support"
11 for purposes of the Raymond H. Alexander, M.D.,
12 Emergency Medical Transportation Services Act;
13 amending s. 401.24, F.S.; revising the period for
14 review of the comprehensive state plan for emergency
15 medical services and programs; amending s. 401.27,
16 F.S.; revising the requirements for certification or
17 recertification as an emergency medical technician or
18 paramedic; revising the requirements for certification
19 for an out-of-state trained emergency medical
20 technician or paramedic; amending s. 401.2701, F.S.;
21 revising requirements for an institution that conducts
22 an approved program for the education of emergency
23 medical technicians and paramedics; revising the
24 requirements that students must meet in order to
25 receive a certificate of completion from an approved
26 program; providing an effective date.

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

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

381.0034 Requirement for instruction on HIV and AIDS.—

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

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

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

(7) "Basic life support" means treatment of medical emergencies by a qualified person through the use of techniques ~~such as patient assessment, cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR), splinting, obstetrical assistance, bandaging, administration of oxygen, application of medical antishock trousers,~~ administration of a subcutaneous injection using a premeasured autoinjector of epinephrine to a person suffering an

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57 ~~anaphylactic reaction, and other techniques~~ described in the
58 Emergency Medical Technician Basic Training Course Curriculum or
59 the National EMS Education Standards of the United States
60 Department of Transportation, and as approved by the department.
61 The term "~~basic life support~~" also includes other techniques
62 that ~~which~~ have been approved and are performed under conditions
63 specified by rules of the department.

64 Section 3. Section 401.24, Florida Statutes, is amended to
65 read:

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

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

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

85 (3) The definition of areas of responsibility for
 86 regulating and planning the ongoing and developing delivery
 87 service requirements.

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

90 401.27 Personnel; standards and certification.—

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

93 (a) Have completed an appropriate training course as
 94 follows:

95 1. For an emergency medical technician, an emergency
 96 medical technician training course equivalent to the most recent
 97 national standard curriculum or National EMS Education Standards
 98 ~~emergency medical technician basic training course~~ of the United
 99 States Department of Transportation, and as approved by the
 100 department;

101 2. For a paramedic, a paramedic training program
 102 equivalent to the most recent national standard curriculum or
 103 National EMS Education Standards ~~paramedic course~~ of the United
 104 States Department of Transportation, and as approved by the
 105 department;

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

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

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

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113 (e)1. For an emergency medical technician, hold ~~either~~ a
114 current American Heart Association cardiopulmonary resuscitation
115 course card or an American Red Cross cardiopulmonary
116 resuscitation course card or its equivalent as defined by
117 department rule;

118 2. For a paramedic, hold a certificate of successful
119 course completion in advanced cardiac life support from the
120 American Heart Association or its equivalent as defined by
121 department rule;

122 (f) Submit the certification fee and the nonrefundable
123 examination fee prescribed in s. 401.34, which examination fee
124 will be required for each examination administered to an
125 applicant; and

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

132 (12) An applicant for certification who is an out-of-state
133 trained emergency medical technician or paramedic must provide
134 proof of current emergency medical technician or paramedic
135 certification or registration based upon successful completion
136 of the United States Department of Transportation emergency
137 medical technician or paramedic training curriculum or the
138 National EMS Education Standards, and as approved by the
139 department, and hold a current certificate of successful course
140 completion in cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) or advanced

141 cardiac life support for emergency medical technicians or
 142 paramedics, respectively, to be eligible for the certification
 143 examination. The applicant must successfully complete the
 144 certification examination within 1 year after the date of the
 145 receipt of his or her application by the department. After 1
 146 year, the applicant must submit a new application, meet all
 147 eligibility requirements, and submit all fees to reestablish
 148 eligibility to take the certification examination.

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

151 401.2701 Emergency medical services training programs.—

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

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

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

159 2. Evidence of an affiliation agreement with a hospital
 160 that has an emergency department staffed by at least one
 161 physician and one registered nurse.

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

167 4. Documentation verifying faculty, including:

168 a. A medical director who is a licensed physician meeting

169 the applicable requirements for emergency medical services
170 medical directors as outlined in this chapter and rules of the
171 department. The medical director shall have the duty and
172 responsibility of certifying that graduates have successfully
173 completed all phases of the education program and are proficient
174 in basic or advanced life support techniques, as applicable.

175 b. A program director responsible for the operation,
176 organization, periodic review, administration, development, and
177 approval of the program.

178 5. Documentation verifying that the curriculum:

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

186 b. Includes 2 hours of instruction on the trauma scorecard
187 methodologies for assessment of adult trauma patients and
188 pediatric trauma patients as specified by the department by
189 rule.

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

192 6. Evidence of sufficient medical and educational
193 equipment to meet emergency medical services training program
194 needs.

195 (5) Each approved program must notify the department
196 within 30 days after ~~of~~ any change in the professional or

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197 employment status of faculty. Each approved program must require
198 its students to pass a comprehensive final written and practical
199 examination evaluating the skills described in the current
200 United States Department of Transportation EMT-Basic or EMT-
201 Paramedic, National Standard Curriculum or the National EMS
202 Education Standards, and as approved by the department. Each
203 approved program must issue a certificate of completion to
204 program graduates within 14 days after ~~of~~ completion.

205 Section 6. This act shall take effect July 1, 2012.