

HB 517

2016

1                                   A bill to be entitled  
 2           An act relating to licensure of life support services;  
 3           amending s. 401.25, F.S.; requiring county governing  
 4           bodies to adopt or amend ordinances that provide  
 5           standards for certificates of public convenience and  
 6           necessity for life support and air ambulance services;  
 7           providing for the filing of an appeal by an applicant  
 8           for a certificate of public convenience and necessity  
 9           under certain circumstances; providing an effective  
 10          date.

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

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 14           Section 1. Subsection (6) of section 401.25, Florida  
 15 Statutes, is amended to read:

16           401.25 Licensure as a basic life support or an advanced  
 17 life support service.—

18           (6) The governing body of each county shall ~~may~~ adopt or  
 19 amend ordinances to ~~that~~ provide reasonable standards for  
 20 certificates of public convenience and necessity for basic or  
 21 advanced life support services and air ambulance services,  
 22 including, but not limited to, available equipment, available  
 23 trained personnel, and response time to life support calls. In  
 24 developing standards for certificates of public convenience and  
 25 necessity, the governing body of each county must consider state  
 26 guidelines, recommendations of the local or regional trauma

27 | agency created under chapter 395, and the recommendations of  
28 | municipalities and fire control districts within its  
29 | jurisdiction. An applicant whose application for a certificate  
30 | of public convenience and necessity to provide basic or advanced  
31 | life support services pursuant to this chapter is denied may  
32 | appeal the decision by certiorari to the circuit court with  
33 | jurisdiction over the county and the applicant. An appellant  
34 | shall be awarded the requested certificate if the record on  
35 | appeal demonstrates that the applicant will provide a level of  
36 | service that is superior than the level of service provided by  
37 | the current provider, as measured by available equipment,  
38 | available trained personnel, and response time to life support  
39 | calls at an equal or lesser cost for the proposed service within  
40 | the applicant's jurisdiction and applicable state guidelines.

41 | Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2016.