

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 an ordinance ~~ordinances~~ that provides ~~provide~~ reasonable
 20 standards for certificates of public convenience and necessity
 21 for basic or advanced life support services and air ambulance
 22 services, including, but not limited to, objective standards
 23 that address the quality and cost of service, such as available
 24 equipment and trained personnel. In developing standards for
 25 certificates of public convenience and necessity, the governing
 26 body of each county must consider state guidelines,

27 | recommendations of the local or regional trauma agency created
28 | under chapter 395, and the recommendations of municipalities and
29 | fire control districts within its jurisdiction. An applicant
30 | whose application for a certificate of public convenience and
31 | necessity to provide basic or advanced life support services or
32 | air ambulance services pursuant to this chapter is denied may
33 | appeal the decision by certiorari to the circuit court with
34 | jurisdiction over the county and the applicant. An appellant
35 | shall be awarded the requested certificate if the record on
36 | appeal demonstrates that the applicant will provide a service
37 | that is superior to the service provided by the current
38 | provider, as measured by the standards set forth in the
39 | ordinance enacted in the applicant's jurisdiction and applicable
40 | state guidelines.

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