

SENATE BILL 247

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**ENROLLED BILL**

-- *Economic and Environmental Affairs/Environmental Matters* --

Introduced by **Senator Middleton**

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Sealed with the Great Seal and presented to the Governor, for his approval this  
\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_ o'clock, \_\_\_\_ M.

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President.

CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Emergency Medical Services - Public Safety Personnel - Immunizations**

3 FOR the purpose of authorizing emergency medical technician-paramedics to  
4 administer certain immunizations and tuberculosis skin testing in certain  
5 environments to public safety personnel within their jurisdiction under certain  
6 circumstances; defining a certain term; and generally relating to emergency  
7 medical services.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
9 Article - Education  
10 Section 13-516  
11 Annotated Code of Maryland  
12 (1999 Replacement Volume)

13 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF  
14 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

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**Article - Education**

2 13-516.

3 (a) (1) In this section the following words have the meanings indicated.

4 (2) "Cardiac rescue technician" (CRT) means an individual who has:

5 (i) Completed a cardiac rescue technician course approved by the  
6 EMS Board;7 (ii) Demonstrated competence in medical protocols within this  
8 State as determined by the EMS Board; and9 (iii) Been examined by the EMS Board and licensed as a CRT by the  
10 EMS Board.11 (3) "Certificate" means a certificate issued by the EMS Board to provide  
12 emergency medical services in the State, except where the context requires otherwise.13 (4) "Emergency medical dispatcher" (EMD) means an individual who  
14 has:15 (i) Completed an emergency medical dispatcher course approved  
16 by the EMS Board or its equivalent as determined by the EMS Board;17 (ii) Demonstrated competence in medical protocols as determined  
18 by the EMS Board; and19 (iii) Been examined by the EMS Board or has been recognized as an  
20 emergency medical dispatcher by an emergency medical dispatcher program  
21 approved by the EMS Board and licensed as an emergency medical dispatcher by the  
22 EMS Board.

23 (5) "Emergency medical services" means:

24 (i) Medical services provided prehospital to prevent imminent  
25 death or aggravation of illness or injury whether or not transport to a hospital or  
26 appropriate facility occurs;27 (ii) Transport from the scene of a medical emergency to a hospital  
28 or appropriate facility whether or not medical services are provided;29 (iii) Medical interfacility transport services to an appropriate  
30 facility; or31 (iv) Medical interfacility critical care transport to an appropriate  
32 facility.33 (6) "Emergency medical services provider" means an individual licensed  
34 or certified by the EMS Board as:

- 1 (i) A cardiac rescue technician;
- 2 (ii) An emergency medical dispatcher;
- 3 (iii) An emergency medical technician-ambulance;
- 4 (iv) An emergency medical technician-basic;
- 5 (v) An emergency medical technician-paramedic; or
- 6 (vi) A first responder.

7 (7) "Emergency medical technician-ambulance" (EMT-A) means an  
8 individual who has:

- 9 (i) Completed an emergency medical technician-ambulance course  
10 approved by the EMS Board;
- 11 (ii) Demonstrated competence in medical protocols as determined  
12 by the EMS Board; and
- 13 (iii) Been examined by the EMS Board and certified as an EMT-A  
14 by the EMS Board.

15 (8) "Emergency medical technician-basic" (EMT-B) means an individual  
16 who has:

- 17 (i) Completed an emergency medical technician-basic course  
18 approved by the EMS Board;
- 19 (ii) Demonstrated competence in medical protocols as determined  
20 by the EMS Board; and
- 21 (iii) Been examined by the EMS Board and certified as an EMT-B  
22 by the EMS Board.

23 (9) "Emergency medical technician-paramedic" (EMT-P) means an  
24 individual who has:

- 25 (i) Completed an emergency medical technician-paramedic course  
26 approved by the EMS Board;
- 27 (ii) Been tested and registered by the National Registry of  
28 Emergency Medical Technicians, Inc. as an emergency medical  
29 technician-paramedic;
- 30 (iii) Demonstrated competence in medical protocols within this  
31 State as determined by the EMS Board; and
- 32 (iv) Been licensed as an EMT-P by the EMS Board.

- 1 (10) "First responder" means an individual who has:
- 2 (i) Completed a first responder course approved by the EMS  
3 Board; and
- 4 (ii) Been examined by the EMS Board and certified as a first  
5 responder by the EMS Board.
- 6 (11) "License" means a license issued by the EMS Board to provide  
7 emergency medical services in the State, unless the context requires otherwise.
- 8 (12) (i) "Medical direction" means the written or oral instruction by a  
9 licensed physician to perform specified medical procedures or administer specified  
10 medications or intravenous solutions.
- 11 (ii) "Medical direction" includes the activities of a licensed  
12 physician in the State serving as a medical director for an agency providing  
13 emergency medical services including quality assurance, planning, and education.
- 14 (13) "National registry" means the nonproprietary, nongovernmental  
15 agency that provides standardized national testing and registration for emergency  
16 medical technicians based on national training standards.
- 17 (14) "Provider review panel" means the 13-member panel appointed by  
18 the EMS Board in accordance with the provisions of subsection (e) of this section.
- 19 (15) "PUBLIC SAFETY PERSONNEL" MEANS:
- 20 (I) ANY CAREER OR VOLUNTEER MEMBER OF A FIRE, RESCUE OR  
21 EMS DEPARTMENT, COMPANY, SQUAD OR AUXILIARY;
- 22 (II) ANY LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER; OR
- 23 ~~(H)~~ (III) THE STATE FIRE MARSHAL OR A SWORN MEMBER OF THE  
24 STATE FIRE MARSHAL'S OFFICE.
- 25 (b) (1) Except as otherwise provided in this section, an individual may not  
26 provide emergency medical services in the State unless issued a license or certificate  
27 by the EMS Board under this section.
- 28 (2) This section does not apply to:
- 29 (i) An individual who:
- 30 1. Has completed an emergency medical services course or its  
31 equivalent as determined by the EMS Board;
- 32 2. Is authorized to provide emergency medical services by  
33 any state adjoining this State;

1                                 3.         Is called on by a public safety agency providing emergency  
2 medical services to render emergency medical services in this State or to transport  
3 emergency patients from the adjoining state to a health care facility in this State;

4                                 4.         Is providing emergency medical services within the scope  
5 of the license or certificate issued to the individual by the other state; and

6                                 5.         Is not affiliated with an emergency medical service in this  
7 State or is not engaged in providing emergency medical services in this State on a  
8 regular basis;

9                                 (ii)        An individual who is enrolled in an emergency medical services  
10 provider training program that meets the standards set by the EMS Board in the  
11 course of that training;

12                                (iii)       An individual who is not engaged in providing emergency  
13 medical services on a regular basis who provides emergency medical services at the  
14 scene of a medical emergency in rare instances;

15                                (iv)        An individual who is a member of a volunteer fire or rescue  
16 company and solely engaged in driving the emergency vehicle;

17                                (v)        An individual who assists an emergency medical services  
18 provider but does not directly provide emergency medical services; or

19                                (vi)        An individual who has American Red Cross first aid training or  
20 its equivalent and who provides services within the scope of that training, does not  
21 respond to emergency calls, and does not transport patients.

22                                (3)        This subsection does not limit the right of an individual to practice a  
23 health occupation that the individual is authorized to practice under the Health  
24 Occupations Article.

25                                (4)        A person who violates any provision of this subsection is guilty of a  
26 misdemeanor and on conviction is subject to a fine not exceeding \$1,000 or  
27 imprisonment not exceeding 1 year or both.

28         (c)         (1)        To apply for a license or certificate, an individual shall:

29                                (i)        Submit an application on the form that the EMS Board  
30 requires; and

31                                (ii)        Pay to the EMS Board any application fee set by the EMS Board  
32 under subsection (1) of this section.

33                                (2)        The EMS Board may not charge a licensing, certifying, testing, or  
34 retesting fee to any individual who is a member or employee of any governmental or  
35 volunteer fire, rescue, or emergency medical services company at the date of  
36 application.

1           (3)     The EMS Board shall provide for the term and renewal of licenses or  
2 certificates issued under this section.

3     (d)     (1)     The EMS Board may adopt rules, regulations, protocols, orders, and  
4 standards to carry out the provisions of this section.

5           (2)     Any regulations of the EMS Board relating to the practice of medicine  
6 shall be adopted jointly with the Board of Physician Quality Assurance.

7           (3)     Any regulations of the EMS Board relating to the practice of nursing  
8 shall be adopted in collaboration with the Board of Nursing.

9     (e)     (1)     (i)     There is a provider review panel to the EMS Board.

10           (ii)    The provider review panel shall be appointed by the EMS  
11 Board.

12           (2)     The provider review panel consists of 13 members, 11 voting  
13 members appointed by the EMS Board and two nonvoting members.

14           (3)     Eight of the appointed members shall be licensed or certified  
15 emergency medical service providers who are actively providing emergency medical  
16 services at the time of their appointment. Three shall be members of a governmental  
17 fire, rescue, or emergency medical services company, three shall be members of a  
18 volunteer fire, rescue, or emergency medical services company, one shall be an  
19 employee of a commercial ambulance service, and one shall be an emergency medical  
20 dispatcher. In appointing the provider representatives of the provider review panel,  
21 the Board shall give consideration to providing for reasonable representation from  
22 throughout the State.

23           (4)     One of the appointed members shall be a physician appointed by the  
24 Board of Physician Quality Assurance.

25           (5)     One of the appointed members shall be a medical director with  
26 emergency medical services experience.

27           (6)     One of the appointed members shall be a representative of the  
28 Medical and Chirurgical Faculty of the State of Maryland who has emergency medical  
29 services experience.

30           (7)     The Executive Director of the Institute and the State EMS Medical  
31 Director shall serve as nonvoting ex officio members.

32           (8)     The panel shall elect a chairman from among its members.

33           (9)     The EMS Board shall adopt regulations for the selection,  
34 appointment, and terms of the members of the panel, including providing for the  
35 staggering of terms.

1 (10) (i) The provider review panel shall review patient care and other  
 2 allegations of misconduct against emergency medical services providers and provide  
 3 recommendations to the EMS Board for further action as necessary.

4 (ii) The provider review panel shall perform any other duty or  
 5 function that the EMS Board requires.

6 (f) Subject to the rules, regulations, protocols, orders, and standards of the  
 7 EMS Board and subject to medical direction, while providing emergency medical  
 8 services:

9 (1) A cardiac rescue technician, an emergency medical technician-A, an  
 10 emergency medical technician-B, or an emergency medical technician-P may:

11 (i) Perform specified medical procedures as authorized by the EMS  
 12 Board;

13 (ii) Administer specified medications or intravenous solutions; and

14 (iii) Provide emergency medical transport;

15 (2) (i) An emergency medical dispatcher may:

16 1. Perform medical interrogation in order to determine the  
 17 type and level of response required at the scene of a medical emergency;

18 2. Provide prearrival instructions including instructions in  
 19 cardiopulmonary resuscitation; and

20 (ii) Participation in emergency medical dispatch programs by  
 21 jurisdictions is totally voluntary; and

22 (3) A first responder:

23 (i) May perform specified medical procedures as defined by the  
 24 EMS Board; and

25 (ii) May not be the primary emergency medical services provider  
 26 during emergency medical transport.

27 (G) SUBJECT TO THE RULES, REGULATIONS, PROTOCOLS, ORDERS, AND  
 28 STANDARDS OF THE EMS BOARD, AN EMT-P MAY ADMINISTER INFLUENZA AND  
 29 HEPATITIS B IMMUNIZATIONS AND TUBERCULOSIS SKIN TESTING, IN A  
 30 NONEMERGENCY ENVIRONMENT, TO PUBLIC SAFETY PERSONNEL WITHIN THE  
 31 JURISDICTION OF THE EMT-P, IF THE SERVICES ARE:

32 (1) AUTHORIZED BY A WRITTEN AGREEMENT THAT:

33 (I) IS BETWEEN THE PROVIDER'S JURISDICTIONAL EMS  
 34 OPERATIONAL PROGRAM MEDICAL DIRECTOR AND THE COUNTY OR CITY HEALTH  
 35 DEPARTMENT IN WHOSE JURISDICTION THE SERVICES ARE PERFORMED; ~~AND~~

1 ~~(H)~~ INCLUDES, WHICH SHALL INCLUDE PROVISIONS FOR  
 2 DOCUMENTATION, REFERRAL AND FOLLOW-UP, AND STORAGE AND INVENTORY OF  
 3 MEDICATION MEDICINE;

4 (2) UNDER THE DIRECTION OF THE JURISDICTIONAL EMS OPERATIONAL  
 5 PROGRAM MEDICAL DIRECTOR; AND

6 (3) APPROVED BY THE MARYLAND INSTITUTE FOR EMERGENCY  
 7 MEDICAL SERVICES SYSTEMS INSTITUTE.

8 [(g)] (H) (1) Subject to the hearing provisions of subsection (h) of this section  
 9 and as a result of any conduct of an emergency medical services provider or an  
 10 applicant for a license or certificate under this section that is prohibited under the  
 11 provisions of this section or any regulations adopted under this section, the EMS  
 12 Board may:

13 (i) Reprimand or place an emergency medical services provider on  
 14 probation;

15 (ii) Suspend or revoke the license or certificate of an emergency  
 16 medical services provider;

17 (iii) Deny a license or certificate to an applicant; or

18 (iv) Refuse to renew an applicant's license or certificate.

19 (2) On the application of an individual whose license or certificate has  
 20 been suspended or revoked, the EMS Board may reinstate a suspended or revoked  
 21 license or certificate.

22 (3) (i) Unless the EMS Board agrees to accept the surrender of a  
 23 license or certificate, a holder of a license or certificate may not surrender the license  
 24 or certificate.

25 (ii) A license or certificate may not lapse by operation of law while  
 26 the holder of the license or certificate is under investigation or while charges are  
 27 pending against the holder of the license or certificate.

28 (4) The EMS Board may set conditions on its agreement with the holder  
 29 of the license or certificate under investigation or against whom charges are pending  
 30 to accept surrender of the license or certificate.

31 [(h)] (I) (1) The EMS Board may take action under subsection (g) of this  
 32 section only after:

33 (i) A review and recommendation by the provider review panel;

34 and

1                   (ii)     After the individual against whom the action is contemplated  
2 has had an opportunity for a hearing in accordance with the provisions of Title 10,  
3 Subtitle 2 of the State Government Article.

4                   (2)     The EMS Board may not proceed with disciplinary cases concerning  
5 patient care except upon the affirmative recommendation of the provider review  
6 panel.

7                   (3)     The individual may be represented at the hearing by counsel.

8                   (4)     Any person aggrieved by a decision of the EMS Board may take any  
9 further appeal allowed under Title 10, Subtitle 2 of the State Government Article.

10    [(i)]    (J)     (1)     The EMS Board shall refer to the Board of Nursing any  
11 complaint about an emergency medical services provider who, in addition to being  
12 licensed or certified by the EMS Board, is licensed as a registered nurse or licensed  
13 practical nurse by the Board of Nursing.

14                   (2)     The Board of Nursing may investigate and discipline a registered  
15 nurse or licensed practical nurse for a violation of this section and a violation of Title  
16 8 of the Health Occupations Article.

17                   (3)     The Board of Nursing shall conduct any hearing required by this  
18 section in accordance with § 8-317 of the Health Occupations Article.

19                   (4)     The EMS Board shall comply with any recommendation or order  
20 issued by the Board of Nursing regarding the issuance of a license or certificate by the  
21 EMS Board to an individual who is licensed as a registered nurse or licensed practical  
22 nurse.

23    [(j)]    (K)     (1)     The EMS Board may, over the signature of the chairman of the  
24 EMS Board, Executive Director of the Institute, chairman of the provider review  
25 panel, or State EMS Medical Director, issue subpoenas and administer oaths in  
26 connection with any investigation under this section and any hearings or proceedings  
27 before it.

28                   (2)     If, without lawful excuse, a person disobeys a subpoena of the EMS  
29 Board or an order by the EMS Board to take an oath or to testify or answer a  
30 question, a court of competent jurisdiction may punish the person for contempt.

31                   (3)     If, after due notice, the individual against whom an action is  
32 contemplated fails or refuses to appear, the EMS Board may hear and determine the  
33 matter.

34                   (4)     If the entry is necessary to carry out a duty under this section, any  
35 duly authorized agent or investigator of the EMS Board may enter at any reasonable  
36 hour a place of business of a licensed or certified emergency medical services provider  
37 or public premises.

1 (5) The EMS Board may issue a cease and desist order or obtain  
2 injunctive relief if a person provides emergency medical services without a license or  
3 certificate.

4 [(k)] (L) (1) A person who violates any provision of this subsection is guilty  
5 of a misdemeanor and on conviction is subject to a fine not exceeding \$1,000 or  
6 imprisonment not exceeding 1 year or both.

7 (2) Unless licensed or certified to provide emergency medical services  
8 under this section, a person may not represent to the public that the person is  
9 authorized to provide emergency medical services in this State.

10 (3) Unless licensed or certified to provide emergency medical services  
11 under this section, a person may not use the terms "cardiac rescue technician",  
12 "CRT", "emergency medical dispatcher", "EMD", "emergency medical technician",  
13 "EMT-A", "EMT-B", "EMT-P", "paramedic", or "first responder" or any other words,  
14 letters, or symbols with the intent to represent that the person is authorized to  
15 provide emergency medical services.

16 [(l)] (M) (1) There is an EMS Board Provider Fund.

17 (2) Except as provided in paragraph (3) of this subsection, the EMS  
18 Board may set reasonable fees for the initial issuance of licenses or certificates and its  
19 other services.

20 (3) (i) The EMS Board may not charge an initial licensing fee, an  
21 initial certifying fee, a fee for the renewal of a license, a fee for the renewal of a  
22 certificate, a testing fee, or a retesting fee to an individual who is a member or  
23 employee of any governmental or volunteer fire or rescue company at the time of that  
24 individual's application.

25 (ii) The EMS Board shall pay all fees collected under the provisions  
26 of this section to the Comptroller of the State.

27 (iii) The Comptroller of the State shall distribute the fees to the  
28 EMS Board Provider Fund.

29 (4) The EMS Board Provider Fund shall be used exclusively to fund the  
30 actual documented direct and indirect costs of fulfilling the statutory and regulatory  
31 duties of the EMS Board as provided by the provisions of this section.

32 (5) (i) The EMS Board Provider Fund is a continuing, nonlapsing fund  
33 and is not subject to § 7-302 of the State Finance and Procurement Article.

34 (ii) Any unspent portion of the EMS Board Provider Fund may not  
35 be transferred or revert to the General Fund of the State but shall remain in the EMS  
36 Board Provider Fund to be used for the purposes specified in this section.

1        [(m)]    (N)    (1)        The EMS Board may delegate any portion of its authority under  
2 this section to the Executive Director of the Institute unless specifically precluded by  
3 statute.

4                    (2)        Notice of any delegation of authority made under this section shall be  
5 published in the Maryland Register.

6                    (3)        The EMS Board may not delegate its authority to promulgate and  
7 revise regulations, hear contested cases, or designate the provider review panel to the  
8 Executive Director or the Institute.

9                    (4)        The EMS Board may delegate to the Office of Administrative  
10 Hearings the authority to hear contested cases and issue recommendations.

11        SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
12 October 1, 2000.