



2015 SENATE BILL 143

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1 **AN ACT** *to amend* 256.01 (9), 256.15 (4) (a) 2. and 256.15 (4) (c); and *to create*
2 256.15 (4) (d) of the statutes; **relating to:** ambulance staffing by emergency
3 medical technicians and first responders.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, an ambulance transporting a sick, disabled, or injured individual must contain any two emergency medical technicians (EMTs), licensed registered nurses, licensed physician assistants, physicians, a combination of those individuals, or one EMT and one individual with an EMT training permit. The Department of Health Services (DHS) promulgated rules regarding staffing of ambulances at various ambulance services levels. This bill allows an ambulance transporting a sick, disabled, or injured individual to be staffed with one EMT and one first responder. The bill requires DHS to allow an ambulance service provider providing services at the EMT — basic level to staff an ambulance with at least one EMT — basic and an additional EMT — basic, an individual with an EMT — basic training permit, or a first responder. An ambulance service provider providing services at the EMT — basic level shall require an EMT — basic to be in the patient compartment of the ambulance during transport. The bill requires DHS to allow an ambulance service provider providing services at the EMT — intermediate or EMT — intermediate technician level to staff an ambulance with one EMT at the level of the ambulance service and one individual who holds a credential at the first responder level or higher. An ambulance service provider providing services at the EMT — intermediate or EMT — intermediate technician level shall require the

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individual who holds the same level credential as the ambulance service to remain with the patient at all times during care and transport of the patient, if the patient requires that level of care.

For further information see the *local* fiscal estimate, which will be printed as an appendix to this bill.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

1 **SECTION 1.** 256.01 (9) of the statutes is amended to read:

2 256.01 (9) "First responder" means a person who is certified by the department
3 as a first responder under s. 256.15 (8) (a) and who, as a condition of employment or
4 as a member of an organization that provides emergency medical care before
5 hospitalization, provides emergency medical care to a sick, disabled or injured
6 individual ~~before the arrival of an ambulance, but who does not provide~~
7 ~~transportation for a patient.~~

8 **SECTION 2.** 256.15 (4) (a) 2. of the statutes is amended to read:

9 256.15 (4) (a) 2. One emergency medical technician plus one individual with
10 a training permit issued under sub. (5) (b) or plus one first responder.

11 **SECTION 3.** 256.15 (4) (c) of the statutes is amended to read:

12 256.15 (4) (c) Notwithstanding par. (a) and subject to par. (d), the department
13 may promulgate rules that establish standards for staffing of ambulances in which
14 the primary services provided are those which an emergency medical technician —
15 intermediate is authorized to provide or those which an emergency medical
16 technician — paramedic is authorized to provide.

17 **SECTION 4.** 256.15 (4) (d) of the statutes is created to read:

18 256.15 (4) (d) 1. The department shall allow an ambulance service provider
19 providing services at the emergency medical technician — basic level to staff an

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1 ambulance with at least one emergency medical technician — basic and one
2 individual who is an emergency medical technician — basic, an individual with an
3 emergency medical technician — basic training permit, or a first responder. An
4 ambulance service provider providing services at the emergency medical technician
5 — basic level shall require an emergency medical technician — basic to be in the
6 patient compartment of the ambulance during transport.

7 2. The department shall allow an ambulance service provider providing
8 services at the emergency medical technician — intermediate or emergency medical
9 technician — intermediate technician level to staff an ambulance with one
10 emergency medical technician at the level of the ambulance service and one
11 individual who holds a credential at the first responder level or higher. An
12 ambulance service provider providing services at the emergency medical technician
13 — intermediate or emergency medical technician — intermediate technician level
14 shall require the individual who holds the same level credential as the ambulance
15 service to remain with the patient at all times during care and transport of the
16 patient, if the patient requires that level of care.

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