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**2023 Wisconsin Act 181**  
[2023 Senate Bill 526]

**Adding Rural EMS Providers to  
the Emergency Medical Services  
Board**

### 2023 WISCONSIN ACT 181

2023 Wisconsin Act 181 adds two new voting members to the Emergency Medical Services Board, which is attached to the Department of Health Services.

The act requires that the two new board members must satisfy all of the following:

- Be an emergency medical responder, emergency medical technician, advanced emergency medical technician, or emergency medical technician – intermediate.
- Have a local credentialing agreement solely with a volunteer department that serves a rural area or multiple volunteer departments that serve a rural area.

For purposes of the second criteria, the act defines “rural area” as an area for which the population of the largest single municipality in the volunteer department’s service area is less than 10,000.

**Effective date:** March 24, 2024

For a full history of the bill, visit the Legislature’s [bill history page](#).

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