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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Health Finance and Policy
- 03/14/2024 Adoption of Report: Amended and re-referred to the Committee on State and Local Government Finance and Policy
- 04/02/2024 Adoption of Report: Amended and re-referred to the Committee on Health Finance and Policy
- 04/24/2024 Adoption of Report: Amended and re-referred to the Committee on Ways and Means  
Pursuant to Joint Rule 2.03, re-referred to the Committee on Rules and Legislative Administration
- 04/26/2024 Adoption of Report: Re-referred to the Committee on Ways and Means  
Joint Rule 2.03 has been waived for any subsequent committee action on this bill
- 05/02/2024 Adoption of Report: Placed on the General Register  
Read for the Second Time
- 05/07/2024 Calendar for the Day, Amended  
Read Third Time as Amended  
Passed by the House as Amended and transmitted to the Senate to include Floor Amendments

1.1 A bill for an act

1.2 relating to health; establishing an Office of Emergency Medical Services to replace

1.3 the Emergency Medical Services Regulatory Board; specifying duties for the

1.4 office; transferring duties; establishing advisory councils; establishing alternative

1.5 EMS response model pilot program; making conforming changes; modifying

1.6 provisions relating to ambulance service personnel and emergency medical

1.7 responders; requiring a report; appropriating money; amending Minnesota Statutes

1.8 2022, sections 62J.49, subdivision 1; 144E.001, subdivision 3a, by adding

1.9 subdivisions; 144E.101, by adding a subdivision; 144E.16, subdivision 5; 144E.19,

1.10 subdivision 3; 144E.27, subdivisions 3, 5, 6; 144E.28, subdivisions 3, 5, 6, 8;

1.11 144E.285, subdivisions 1, 2, 4, 6, by adding subdivisions; 144E.287; 144E.305,

1.12 subdivision 3; 214.025; 214.04, subdivision 2a; 214.29; 214.31; 214.355; Minnesota

1.13 Statutes 2023 Supplement, sections 15A.0815, subdivision 2; 43A.08, subdivision

1.14 1a; 144E.101, subdivisions 6, 7, as amended; 152.126, subdivision 6; proposing

1.15 coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 144E; repealing Minnesota

1.16 Statutes 2022, sections 144E.001, subdivision 5; 144E.01; 144E.123, subdivision

1.17 5; 144E.27, subdivisions 1, 1a; 144E.50, subdivision 3.

1.18 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.19 **ARTICLE 1**

1.20 **OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES**

1.21 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 144E.001, is amended by adding a subdivision

1.22 to read:

1.23 Subd. 16. Director. "Director" means the director of the Office of Emergency Medical

1.24 Services.

1.25 EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective January 1, 2025.

2.1 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 144E.001, is amended by adding a subdivision  
2.2 to read:

2.3 Subd. 17. **Office.** "Office" means the Office of Emergency Medical Services.

2.4 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective January 1, 2025.

2.5 Sec. 3. **[144E.011] OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES.**

2.6 Subdivision 1. **Establishment.** The Office of Emergency Medical Services is established  
2.7 with the powers and duties established in law. In administering this chapter, the office must  
2.8 promote the public health and welfare, protect the safety of the public, and effectively  
2.9 regulate and support the operation of the emergency medical services system in this state.

2.10 Subd. 2. **Director.** The governor must appoint a director for the office with the advice  
2.11 and consent of the senate. The director must be in the unclassified service and must serve  
2.12 at the pleasure of the governor. The salary of the director shall be determined according to  
2.13 section 15A.0815. The director shall direct the activities of the office.

2.14 Subd. 3. **Powers and duties.** The director has the following powers and duties:

2.15 (1) to administer and enforce this chapter and adopt rules as needed to implement this  
2.16 chapter. Rules for which notice is published in the State Register before July 1, 2026, may  
2.17 be adopted using the expedited rulemaking process in section 14.389;

2.18 (2) to license ambulance services in the state and regulate their operation;

2.19 (3) to establish and modify primary service areas;

2.20 (4) to designate an ambulance service as authorized to provide service in a primary  
2.21 service area and to remove an ambulance service's authorization to provide service in a  
2.22 primary service area;

2.23 (5) to register medical response units in the state and regulate their operation;

2.24 (6) to certify emergency medical technicians, advanced emergency medical technicians,  
2.25 community emergency medical technicians, paramedics, and community paramedics and  
2.26 to register emergency medical responders;

2.27 (7) to approve education programs for ambulance service personnel and emergency  
2.28 medical responders and to administer qualifications for instructors of education programs;

2.29 (8) to administer grant programs related to emergency medical services;

2.30 (9) to report to the legislature, by February 15 each year, on the work of the office and  
2.31 the advisory councils in the previous calendar year and with recommendations for any

3.1 needed policy changes related to emergency medical services, including but not limited to  
3.2 improving access to emergency medical services, improving service delivery by ambulance  
3.3 services and medical response units, and improving the effectiveness of the state's emergency  
3.4 medical services system. The director must develop the reports and recommendations in  
3.5 consultation with the office's deputy directors and advisory councils;

3.6 (10) to investigate complaints against and hold hearings regarding ambulance services,  
3.7 ambulance service personnel, and emergency medical responders and to impose disciplinary  
3.8 action or otherwise resolve complaints; and

3.9 (11) to perform other duties related to the provision of emergency medical services in  
3.10 the state.

3.11 Subd. 4. **Employees.** The director may employ personnel in the classified service and  
3.12 unclassified personnel as necessary to carry out the duties of this chapter.

3.13 Subd. 5. **Work plan.** The director must prepare a work plan to guide the work of the  
3.14 office. The work plan must be updated biennially.

3.15 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective January 1, 2025.

3.16 **Sec. 4. [144E.015] MEDICAL SERVICES DIVISION.**

3.17 A Medical Services Division is created in the Office of Emergency Medical Services.  
3.18 The Medical Services Division shall be under the supervision of a deputy director of medical  
3.19 services appointed by the director. The deputy director of medical services must be a  
3.20 physician licensed under chapter 147. The deputy director, under the direction of the director,  
3.21 shall enforce and coordinate the laws, rules, and policies assigned by the director, which  
3.22 may include overseeing the clinical aspects of prehospital medical care and education  
3.23 programs for emergency medical service personnel.

3.24 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective January 1, 2025.

3.25 **Sec. 5. [144E.016] AMBULANCE SERVICES DIVISION.**

3.26 An Ambulance Services Division is created in the Office of Emergency Medical Services.  
3.27 The Ambulance Services Division shall be under the supervision of a deputy director of  
3.28 ambulance services appointed by the director. The deputy director, under the direction of  
3.29 the director, shall enforce and coordinate the laws, rules, and policies assigned by the director,  
3.30 which may include operating standards and licensing of ambulance services; registration  
3.31 and operation of medical response units; establishment and modification of primary service  
3.32 areas; authorization of ambulance services to provide service in a primary service area and

4.1 revocation of such authorization; coordination of ambulance services within regions and  
4.2 across the state; and administration of grants.

4.3 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective January 1, 2025.

4.4 Sec. 6. **[144E.017] EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE PROVIDERS DIVISION.**

4.5 An Emergency Medical Service Providers Division is created in the Office of Emergency  
4.6 Medical Services. The Emergency Medical Service Providers Division shall be under the  
4.7 supervision of a deputy director of emergency medical service providers appointed by the  
4.8 director. The deputy director, under the direction of the director, shall enforce and coordinate  
4.9 the laws, rules, and policies assigned by the director, which may include certification and  
4.10 registration of individual emergency medical service providers; overseeing worker safety,  
4.11 worker well-being, and working conditions; implementation of education programs; and  
4.12 administration of grants.

4.13 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective January 1, 2025.

4.14 Sec. 7. **[144E.03] EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES ADVISORY COUNCIL.**

4.15 Subdivision 1. **Establishment; membership.** The Emergency Medical Services Advisory  
4.16 Council is established and consists of the following members:

4.17 (1) one emergency medical technician currently practicing with a licensed ambulance  
4.18 service, appointed by the Minnesota Ambulance Association;

4.19 (2) one paramedic currently practicing with a licensed ambulance service or a medical  
4.20 response unit, appointed jointly by the Minnesota Professional Fire Fighters Association  
4.21 and the Minnesota Ambulance Association;

4.22 (3) one medical director of a licensed ambulance service, appointed by the National  
4.23 Association of EMS Physicians, Minnesota Chapter;

4.24 (4) one firefighter currently serving as an emergency medical responder, appointed by  
4.25 the Minnesota State Fire Chiefs Association;

4.26 (5) one registered nurse who is certified or currently practicing as a flight nurse, appointed  
4.27 jointly by the regional emergency services boards of the designated regional emergency  
4.28 medical services systems;

4.29 (6) one hospital administrator, appointed by the Minnesota Hospital Association;

4.30 (7) one social worker, appointed by the Board of Social Work;

5.1 (8) one member of a federally recognized Tribal Nation in Minnesota, appointed by the  
5.2 Minnesota Indian Affairs Council;

5.3 (9) three public members, appointed by the governor. At least one of the public members  
5.4 must reside outside the metropolitan counties listed in section 473.121, subdivision 4;

5.5 (10) one member with experience working as an employee organization representative  
5.6 representing emergency medical service providers, appointed by an employee organization  
5.7 representing emergency medical service providers;

5.8 (11) one member representing a local government, appointed by the Coalition of Greater  
5.9 Minnesota Cities;

5.10 (12) one member representing a local government in the seven-county metropolitan area,  
5.11 appointed by the League of Minnesota Cities;

5.12 (13) two members of the house of representatives and two members of the senate,  
5.13 appointed according to subdivision 2; and

5.14 (14) the commissioner of health and commissioner of public safety or their designees  
5.15 as ex officio members.

5.16 Subd. 2. **Legislative members.** The speaker of the house and the house minority leader  
5.17 must each appoint one member of the house of representatives to serve on the advisory  
5.18 council. The senate majority leader and the senate minority leader must each appoint one  
5.19 member of the senate to serve on the advisory council. Legislative members appointed under  
5.20 this subdivision serve until successors are appointed. Legislative members may receive per  
5.21 diem compensation and reimbursement for expenses according to the rules of their respective  
5.22 bodies.

5.23 Subd. 3. **Terms, compensation, removal, vacancies, and expiration.** Compensation  
5.24 and reimbursement for expenses for members appointed under subdivision 1, clauses (1)  
5.25 to (12); removal of members; filling of vacancies of members; and, except for initial  
5.26 appointments, membership terms are governed by section 15.059. Notwithstanding section  
5.27 15.059, subdivision 6, the advisory council does not expire.

5.28 Subd. 4. **Officers; meetings.** (a) The advisory council must elect a chair and vice-chair  
5.29 from among its membership and may elect other officers as the advisory council deems  
5.30 necessary.

5.31 (b) The advisory council must meet quarterly or at the call of the chair.

5.32 (c) Meetings of the advisory council are subject to chapter 13D.

6.1 Subd. 5. **Duties.** The advisory council must review and make recommendations to the  
6.2 director and the deputy director of ambulance services on the administration of this chapter;  
6.3 the regulation of ambulance services and medical response units; the operation of the  
6.4 emergency medical services system in the state; and other topics as directed by the director.

6.5 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective January 1, 2025.

6.6 Sec. 8. **[144E.035] EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES PHYSICIAN ADVISORY**  
6.7 **COUNCIL.**

6.8 Subdivision 1. **Establishment; membership.** The Emergency Medical Services Physician  
6.9 Advisory Council is established and consists of the following members:

6.10 (1) eight physicians who meet the qualifications for medical directors in section 144E.265,  
6.11 subdivision 1, with one physician appointed by each of the regional emergency services  
6.12 boards of the designated regional emergency medical services systems;

6.13 (2) one physician who meets the qualifications for medical directors in section 144E.265,  
6.14 subdivision 1, appointed by the Minnesota State Fire Chiefs Association;

6.15 (3) one physician who is board-certified in pediatrics, appointed by the Minnesota  
6.16 Emergency Medical Services for Children program; and

6.17 (4) the medical director member of the Emergency Medical Services Advisory Council  
6.18 appointed under section 144E.03, subdivision 1, clause (3).

6.19 Subd. 2. **Terms, compensation, removal, vacancies, and expiration.** Compensation  
6.20 and reimbursement for expenses, removal of members, filling of vacancies of members,  
6.21 and, except for initial appointments, membership terms are governed by section 15.059.  
6.22 Notwithstanding section 15.059, subdivision 6, the advisory council shall not expire.

6.23 Subd. 3. **Officers; meetings.** (a) The advisory council must elect a chair and vice-chair  
6.24 from among its membership and may elect other officers as it deems necessary.

6.25 (b) The advisory council must meet twice per year or upon the call of the chair.

6.26 (c) Meetings of the advisory council are subject to chapter 13D.

6.27 Subd. 4. **Duties.** The advisory council must:

6.28 (1) review and make recommendations to the director and deputy director of medical  
6.29 services on clinical aspects of prehospital medical care. In doing so, the advisory council  
6.30 must incorporate information from medical literature, advances in bedside clinical practice,  
6.31 and advisory council member experience; and

7.1 (2) serve as subject matter experts for the director and deputy director of medical services  
7.2 on evolving topics in clinical medicine, including but not limited to infectious disease,  
7.3 pharmaceutical and equipment shortages, and implementation of new therapeutics.

7.4 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective January 1, 2025.

7.5 Sec. 9. **[144E.04] LABOR AND EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE PROVIDERS**  
7.6 **ADVISORY COUNCIL.**

7.7 Subdivision 1. **Establishment; membership.** The Labor and Emergency Medical Service  
7.8 Providers Advisory Council is established and consists of the following members:

7.9 (1) one emergency medical service provider of any type from each of the designated  
7.10 regional emergency medical services systems, appointed by their respective regional  
7.11 emergency services boards;

7.12 (2) one emergency medical technician instructor, appointed by an employee organization  
7.13 representing emergency medical service providers;

7.14 (3) two members with experience working as an employee organization representative  
7.15 representing emergency medical service providers, appointed by an employee organization  
7.16 representing emergency medical service providers;

7.17 (4) one emergency medical service provider based in a fire department, appointed jointly  
7.18 by the Minnesota State Fire Chiefs Association and the Minnesota Professional Fire Fighters  
7.19 Association; and

7.20 (5) one emergency medical service provider not based in a fire department, appointed  
7.21 by the League of Minnesota Cities.

7.22 Subd. 2. **Terms, compensation, removal, vacancies, and expiration.** Compensation  
7.23 and reimbursement for expenses for members appointed under subdivision 1; removal of  
7.24 members; filling of vacancies of members; and, except for initial appointments, membership  
7.25 terms are governed by section 15.059. Notwithstanding section 15.059, subdivision 6, the  
7.26 Labor and Emergency Medical Service Providers Advisory Council does not expire.

7.27 Subd. 3. **Officers; meetings.** (a) The Labor and Emergency Medical Service Providers  
7.28 Advisory Council must elect a chair and vice-chair from among its membership and may  
7.29 elect other officers as the advisory council deems necessary.

7.30 (b) The Labor and Emergency Medical Service Providers Advisory Council must meet  
7.31 quarterly or at the call of the chair.

8.1 (c) Meetings of the Labor and Emergency Medical Service Providers Advisory Council  
8.2 are subject to chapter 13D.

8.3 Subd. 4. **Duties.** The Labor and Emergency Medical Service Providers Advisory Council  
8.4 must review and make recommendations to the director and deputy director of emergency  
8.5 medical service providers on the laws, rules, and policies assigned to the Emergency Medical  
8.6 Service Providers Division and other topics as directed by the director.

8.7 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective January 1, 2025.

8.8 Sec. 10. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 144E.16, subdivision 5, is amended to read:

8.9 Subd. 5. **Local government's powers.** (a) Local units of government may, with the  
8.10 approval of the ~~board~~ director, establish standards for ambulance services which impose  
8.11 additional requirements upon such services. Local units of government intending to impose  
8.12 additional requirements shall consider whether any benefit accruing to the public health  
8.13 would outweigh the costs associated with the additional requirements.

8.14 (b) Local units of government that desire to impose additional requirements shall, prior  
8.15 to adoption of relevant ordinances, rules, or regulations, furnish the ~~board~~ director with a  
8.16 copy of the proposed ordinances, rules, or regulations, along with information that  
8.17 affirmatively substantiates that the proposed ordinances, rules, or regulations:

8.18 (1) will in no way conflict with the relevant rules of the ~~board~~ office;

8.19 (2) will establish additional requirements tending to protect the public health;

8.20 (3) will not diminish public access to ambulance services of acceptable quality; and

8.21 (4) will not interfere with the orderly development of regional systems of emergency  
8.22 medical care.

8.23 (c) The ~~board~~ director shall base any decision to approve or disapprove local standards  
8.24 upon whether or not the local unit of government in question has affirmatively substantiated  
8.25 that the proposed ordinances, rules, or regulations meet the criteria specified in paragraph  
8.26 (b).

8.27 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective January 1, 2025.

8.28 Sec. 11. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 144E.19, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

8.29 Subd. 3. **Temporary suspension.** (a) In addition to any other remedy provided by law,  
8.30 the ~~board~~ director may temporarily suspend the license of a licensee after conducting a  
8.31 preliminary inquiry to determine whether the ~~board~~ director believes that the licensee has



9.1 violated a statute or rule that the ~~board~~ director is empowered to enforce and determining  
9.2 that the continued provision of service by the licensee would create an imminent risk to  
9.3 public health or harm to others.

9.4 (b) A temporary suspension order prohibiting a licensee from providing ambulance  
9.5 service shall give notice of the right to a preliminary hearing according to paragraph (d)  
9.6 and shall state the reasons for the entry of the temporary suspension order.

9.7 (c) Service of a temporary suspension order is effective when the order is served on the  
9.8 licensee personally or by certified mail, which is complete upon receipt, refusal, or return  
9.9 for nondelivery to the most recent address provided to the ~~board~~ director for the licensee.

9.10 (d) At the time the ~~board~~ director issues a temporary suspension order, the ~~board~~ director  
9.11 shall schedule a hearing, ~~to be held before a group of its members designated by the board,~~  
9.12 that shall begin within 60 days after issuance of the temporary suspension order or within  
9.13 15 working days of the date of the ~~board's~~ director's receipt of a request for a hearing from  
9.14 a licensee, whichever is sooner. The hearing shall be on the sole issue of whether there is  
9.15 a reasonable basis to continue, modify, or lift the temporary suspension. A hearing under  
9.16 this paragraph is not subject to chapter 14.

9.17 (e) Evidence presented by the ~~board~~ director or licensee may be in the form of an affidavit.  
9.18 The licensee or the licensee's designee may appear for oral argument.

9.19 (f) Within five working days of the hearing, the ~~board~~ director shall issue its order and,  
9.20 if the suspension is continued, notify the licensee of the right to a contested case hearing  
9.21 under chapter 14.

9.22 (g) If a licensee requests a contested case hearing within 30 days after receiving notice  
9.23 under paragraph (f), the ~~board~~ director shall initiate a contested case hearing according to  
9.24 chapter 14. The administrative law judge shall issue a report and recommendation within  
9.25 30 days after the closing of the contested case hearing record. The ~~board~~ director shall issue  
9.26 a final order within 30 days after receipt of the administrative law judge's report.

9.27 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective January 1, 2025.

9.28 Sec. 12. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 144E.27, subdivision 5, is amended to read:

9.29 Subd. 5. **Denial, suspension, revocation.** (a) The ~~board~~ director may deny, suspend,  
9.30 revoke, place conditions on, or refuse to renew the registration of an individual who the  
9.31 ~~board~~ director determines:

10.1 (1) violates sections 144E.001 to 144E.33 or the rules adopted under those sections, an  
10.2 agreement for corrective action, or an order that the ~~board~~ director issued or is otherwise  
10.3 empowered to enforce;

10.4 (2) misrepresents or falsifies information on an application form for registration;

10.5 (3) is convicted or pleads guilty or nolo contendere to any felony; any gross misdemeanor  
10.6 relating to assault, sexual misconduct, theft, or the illegal use of drugs or alcohol; or any  
10.7 misdemeanor relating to assault, sexual misconduct, theft, or the illegal use of drugs or  
10.8 alcohol;

10.9 (4) is actually or potentially unable to provide emergency medical services with  
10.10 reasonable skill and safety to patients by reason of illness, use of alcohol, drugs, chemicals,  
10.11 or any other material, or as a result of any mental or physical condition;

10.12 (5) engages in unethical conduct, including, but not limited to, conduct likely to deceive,  
10.13 defraud, or harm the public, or demonstrating a willful or careless disregard for the health,  
10.14 welfare, or safety of the public;

10.15 (6) maltreats or abandons a patient;

10.16 (7) violates any state or federal controlled substance law;

10.17 (8) engages in unprofessional conduct or any other conduct which has the potential for  
10.18 causing harm to the public, including any departure from or failure to conform to the  
10.19 minimum standards of acceptable and prevailing practice without actual injury having to  
10.20 be established;

10.21 (9) provides emergency medical services under lapsed or nonrenewed credentials;

10.22 (10) is subject to a denial, corrective, disciplinary, or other similar action in another  
10.23 jurisdiction or by another regulatory authority;

10.24 (11) engages in conduct with a patient that is sexual or may reasonably be interpreted  
10.25 by the patient as sexual, or in any verbal behavior that is seductive or sexually demeaning  
10.26 to a patient; ~~or~~

10.27 (12) makes a false statement or knowingly provides false information to the ~~board~~  
10.28 director, or fails to cooperate with an investigation of the ~~board~~ director as required by  
10.29 section 144E.30.; or

10.30 (13) fails to engage with the health professionals services program or diversion program  
10.31 required under section 144E.287 after being referred to the program, violates the terms of

11.1 the program participation agreement, or leaves the program except upon fulfilling the terms  
11.2 for successful completion of the program as set forth in the participation agreement.

11.3 (b) Before taking action under paragraph (a), the ~~board~~ director shall give notice to an  
11.4 individual of the right to a contested case hearing under chapter 14. If an individual requests  
11.5 a contested case hearing within 30 days after receiving notice, the ~~board~~ director shall initiate  
11.6 a contested case hearing according to chapter 14.

11.7 (c) The administrative law judge shall issue a report and recommendation within 30  
11.8 days after closing the contested case hearing record. The ~~board~~ director shall issue a final  
11.9 order within 30 days after receipt of the administrative law judge's report.

11.10 (d) After six months from the ~~board's~~ director's decision to deny, revoke, place conditions  
11.11 on, or refuse renewal of an individual's registration for disciplinary action, the individual  
11.12 shall have the opportunity to apply to the ~~board~~ director for reinstatement.

11.13 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective January 1, 2025.

11.14 Sec. 13. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 144E.28, subdivision 5, is amended to read:

11.15 Subd. 5. **Denial, suspension, revocation.** (a) The ~~board~~ director may deny certification  
11.16 or take any action authorized in subdivision 4 against an individual who the ~~board~~ director  
11.17 determines:

11.18 (1) violates sections 144E.001 to 144E.33 or the rules adopted under those sections, or  
11.19 an order that the ~~board~~ director issued or is otherwise authorized or empowered to enforce,  
11.20 or agreement for corrective action;

11.21 (2) misrepresents or falsifies information on an application form for certification;

11.22 (3) is convicted or pleads guilty or nolo contendere to any felony; any gross misdemeanor  
11.23 relating to assault, sexual misconduct, theft, or the illegal use of drugs or alcohol; or any  
11.24 misdemeanor relating to assault, sexual misconduct, theft, or the illegal use of drugs or  
11.25 alcohol;

11.26 (4) is actually or potentially unable to provide emergency medical services with  
11.27 reasonable skill and safety to patients by reason of illness, use of alcohol, drugs, chemicals,  
11.28 or any other material, or as a result of any mental or physical condition;

11.29 (5) engages in unethical conduct, including, but not limited to, conduct likely to deceive,  
11.30 defraud, or harm the public or demonstrating a willful or careless disregard for the health,  
11.31 welfare, or safety of the public;

11.32 (6) maltreats or abandons a patient;

- 12.1 (7) violates any state or federal controlled substance law;
- 12.2 (8) engages in unprofessional conduct or any other conduct which has the potential for  
12.3 causing harm to the public, including any departure from or failure to conform to the  
12.4 minimum standards of acceptable and prevailing practice without actual injury having to  
12.5 be established;
- 12.6 (9) provides emergency medical services under lapsed or nonrenewed credentials;
- 12.7 (10) is subject to a denial, corrective, disciplinary, or other similar action in another  
12.8 jurisdiction or by another regulatory authority;
- 12.9 (11) engages in conduct with a patient that is sexual or may reasonably be interpreted  
12.10 by the patient as sexual, or in any verbal behavior that is seductive or sexually demeaning  
12.11 to a patient; ~~or~~
- 12.12 (12) makes a false statement or knowingly provides false information to the ~~board~~ director  
12.13 or fails to cooperate with an investigation of the ~~board~~ director as required by section  
12.14 144E.30; or
- 12.15 (13) fails to engage with the health professionals services program or diversion program  
12.16 required under section 144E.287 after being referred to the program, violates the terms of  
12.17 the program participation agreement, or leaves the program except upon fulfilling the terms  
12.18 for successful completion of the program as set forth in the participation agreement.
- 12.19 (b) Before taking action under paragraph (a), the ~~board~~ director shall give notice to an  
12.20 individual of the right to a contested case hearing under chapter 14. If an individual requests  
12.21 a contested case hearing within 30 days after receiving notice, the ~~board~~ director shall initiate  
12.22 a contested case hearing according to chapter 14 and no disciplinary action shall be taken  
12.23 at that time.
- 12.24 (c) The administrative law judge shall issue a report and recommendation within 30  
12.25 days after closing the contested case hearing record. The ~~board~~ director shall issue a final  
12.26 order within 30 days after receipt of the administrative law judge's report.
- 12.27 (d) After six months from the ~~board's~~ director's decision to deny, revoke, place conditions  
12.28 on, or refuse renewal of an individual's certification for disciplinary action, the individual  
12.29 shall have the opportunity to apply to the ~~board~~ director for reinstatement.
- 12.30 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective January 1, 2025.

13.1 Sec. 14. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 144E.28, subdivision 6, is amended to read:

13.2 Subd. 6. **Temporary suspension.** (a) In addition to any other remedy provided by law,  
13.3 the ~~board~~ director may temporarily suspend the certification of an individual after conducting  
13.4 a preliminary inquiry to determine whether the ~~board~~ director believes that the individual  
13.5 has violated a statute or rule that the ~~board~~ director is empowered to enforce and determining  
13.6 that the continued provision of service by the individual would create an imminent risk to  
13.7 public health or harm to others.

13.8 (b) A temporary suspension order prohibiting an individual from providing emergency  
13.9 medical care shall give notice of the right to a preliminary hearing according to paragraph  
13.10 (d) and shall state the reasons for the entry of the temporary suspension order.

13.11 (c) Service of a temporary suspension order is effective when the order is served on the  
13.12 individual personally or by certified mail, which is complete upon receipt, refusal, or return  
13.13 for nondelivery to the most recent address provided to the ~~board~~ director for the individual.

13.14 (d) At the time the ~~board~~ director issues a temporary suspension order, the ~~board~~ director  
13.15 shall schedule a hearing, ~~to be held before a group of its members designated by the board,~~  
13.16 that shall begin within 60 days after issuance of the temporary suspension order or within  
13.17 15 working days of the date of the ~~board's~~ director's receipt of a request for a hearing from  
13.18 the individual, whichever is sooner. The hearing shall be on the sole issue of whether there  
13.19 is a reasonable basis to continue, modify, or lift the temporary suspension. A hearing under  
13.20 this paragraph is not subject to chapter 14.

13.21 (e) Evidence presented by the ~~board~~ director or the individual may be in the form of an  
13.22 affidavit. The individual or individual's designee may appear for oral argument.

13.23 (f) Within five working days of the hearing, the ~~board~~ director shall issue its order and,  
13.24 if the suspension is continued, notify the individual of the right to a contested case hearing  
13.25 under chapter 14.

13.26 (g) If an individual requests a contested case hearing within 30 days of receiving notice  
13.27 under paragraph (f), the ~~board~~ director shall initiate a contested case hearing according to  
13.28 chapter 14. The administrative law judge shall issue a report and recommendation within  
13.29 30 days after the closing of the contested case hearing record. The ~~board~~ director shall issue  
13.30 a final order within 30 days after receipt of the administrative law judge's report.

13.31 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective January 1, 2025.

14.1 Sec. 15. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 144E.285, subdivision 6, is amended to read:

14.2 Subd. 6. **Temporary suspension.** (a) In addition to any other remedy provided by law,  
14.3 the ~~board~~ director may temporarily suspend approval of the education program after  
14.4 conducting a preliminary inquiry to determine whether the ~~board~~ director believes that the  
14.5 education program has violated a statute or rule that the ~~board~~ director is empowered to  
14.6 enforce and determining that the continued provision of service by the education program  
14.7 would create an imminent risk to public health or harm to others.

14.8 (b) A temporary suspension order prohibiting the education program from providing  
14.9 emergency medical care training shall give notice of the right to a preliminary hearing  
14.10 according to paragraph (d) and shall state the reasons for the entry of the temporary  
14.11 suspension order.

14.12 (c) Service of a temporary suspension order is effective when the order is served on the  
14.13 education program personally or by certified mail, which is complete upon receipt, refusal,  
14.14 or return for nondelivery to the most recent address provided to the ~~board~~ director for the  
14.15 education program.

14.16 (d) At the time the ~~board~~ director issues a temporary suspension order, the ~~board~~ director  
14.17 shall schedule a hearing, ~~to be held before a group of its members designated by the board,~~  
14.18 that shall begin within 60 days after issuance of the temporary suspension order or within  
14.19 15 working days of the date of the ~~board's~~ director's receipt of a request for a hearing from  
14.20 the education program, whichever is sooner. The hearing shall be on the sole issue of whether  
14.21 there is a reasonable basis to continue, modify, or lift the temporary suspension. A hearing  
14.22 under this paragraph is not subject to chapter 14.

14.23 (e) Evidence presented by the ~~board~~ director or the individual may be in the form of an  
14.24 affidavit. The education program or counsel of record may appear for oral argument.

14.25 (f) Within five working days of the hearing, the ~~board~~ director shall issue its order and,  
14.26 if the suspension is continued, notify the education program of the right to a contested case  
14.27 hearing under chapter 14.

14.28 (g) If an education program requests a contested case hearing within 30 days of receiving  
14.29 notice under paragraph (f), the ~~board~~ director shall initiate a contested case hearing according  
14.30 to chapter 14. The administrative law judge shall issue a report and recommendation within  
14.31 30 days after the closing of the contested case hearing record. The ~~board~~ director shall issue  
14.32 a final order within 30 days after receipt of the administrative law judge's report.

14.33 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective January 1, 2025.

15.1 Sec. 16. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 144E.287, is amended to read:

15.2 **144E.287 DIVERSION PROGRAM.**

15.3 The ~~board~~ director shall either conduct a health professionals ~~service~~ services program  
15.4 ~~under sections 214.31 to 214.37~~ or contract for a diversion program ~~under section 214.28~~  
15.5 for professionals regulated ~~by the board~~ under this chapter who are unable to perform their  
15.6 duties with reasonable skill and safety by reason of illness, use of alcohol, drugs, chemicals,  
15.7 or any other materials, or as a result of any mental, physical, or psychological condition.

15.8 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective January 1, 2025.

15.9 Sec. 17. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 144E.305, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

15.10 Subd. 3. **Immunity.** (a) An individual, licensee, health care facility, business, or  
15.11 organization is immune from civil liability or criminal prosecution for submitting in good  
15.12 faith a report to the ~~board~~ director under subdivision 1 or 2 or for otherwise reporting in  
15.13 good faith to the ~~board~~ director violations or alleged violations of sections 144E.001 to  
15.14 144E.33. Reports are classified as confidential data on individuals or protected nonpublic  
15.15 data under section 13.02 while an investigation is active. Except for the ~~board's~~ director's  
15.16 final determination, all communications or information received by or disclosed to the ~~board~~  
15.17 director relating to disciplinary matters of any person or entity subject to the ~~board's~~ director's  
15.18 regulatory jurisdiction are confidential and privileged and any disciplinary hearing shall be  
15.19 closed to the public.

15.20 (b) ~~Members of the board~~ The director, persons employed by the ~~board~~ director, persons  
15.21 engaged in the investigation of violations and in the preparation and management of charges  
15.22 of violations of sections 144E.001 to 144E.33 on behalf of the ~~board~~ director, and persons  
15.23 participating in the investigation regarding charges of violations are immune from civil  
15.24 liability and criminal prosecution for any actions, transactions, or publications, made in  
15.25 good faith, in the execution of, or relating to, their duties under sections 144E.001 to 144E.33.

15.26 (c) ~~For purposes of this section, a member of the board is considered a state employee~~  
15.27 ~~under section 3.736, subdivision 9.~~

15.28 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective January 1, 2025.

15.29 Sec. 18. **ALTERNATIVE EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES RESPONSE**  
15.30 **MODEL PILOT PROGRAM.**

15.31 Subdivision 1. Definitions. (a) For purposes of this section, the following terms have  
15.32 the meanings given.

16.1 (b) "Board" means the Emergency Medical Services Regulatory Board.

16.2 (c) "Partnering ambulance services" means the primary ambulance service and the  
16.3 supporting ambulance service that partner to jointly respond to emergency ambulance calls  
16.4 under the pilot program.

16.5 (d) "Pilot program" means the alternative emergency medical services response model  
16.6 pilot program established under this section.

16.7 (e) "Primary ambulance service" means a basic life support ambulance service or part-time  
16.8 advanced life support ambulance service.

16.9 (f) "Supporting ambulance service" means a full-time advanced life support ambulance  
16.10 service.

16.11 Subd. 2. **Pilot program established.** The board must establish and oversee an alternative  
16.12 emergency medical services response model pilot program, with one pilot program site in  
16.13 Otter Tail County and Grant County and one pilot program site in St. Louis County. Under  
16.14 the pilot program, the board may authorize primary ambulance services with primary service  
16.15 areas that include: (1) any portion of Otter Tail County or Grant County; or (2) any portion  
16.16 of St. Louis County to partner with supporting ambulance services to provide expanded  
16.17 advanced life support service intercept capability and staffing support for emergency  
16.18 ambulance calls to locations anywhere in the partnering ambulance services' primary service  
16.19 areas, including locations outside of Otter Tail County, Grant County, or St. Louis County.

16.20 Subd. 3. **Application.** A primary ambulance service that wishes to participate in the  
16.21 pilot program must apply to the board. An application from a primary ambulance service  
16.22 must be submitted jointly with the supporting ambulance service with which the primary  
16.23 ambulance service proposes to partner. The application must identify the ambulance services  
16.24 applying to be partnering ambulance services and must include:

16.25 (1) approval to participate in the pilot program from the medical directors of the proposed  
16.26 partnering ambulance services;

16.27 (2) procedures the primary ambulance service will implement to respond to emergency  
16.28 ambulance calls when the primary ambulance service is unable to meet the minimum staffing  
16.29 requirements under Minnesota Statutes, section 144E.101, and the supporting ambulance  
16.30 service is unavailable to jointly respond to emergency ambulance calls;

16.31 (3) an agreement between the proposed partnering ambulance services specifying which  
16.32 ambulance service is responsible for:

16.33 (i) workers' compensation insurance;



17.1 (ii) motor vehicle insurance; and

17.2 (iii) billing, identifying which ambulance service, if any, will bill the patient or the  
17.3 patient's insurer and specifying how payments received will be distributed among the  
17.4 proposed partnering ambulance services;

17.5 (4) communication procedures to coordinate and make known the real-time availability  
17.6 of the supporting ambulance service to its proposed partnering primary ambulance service  
17.7 and public safety answering points;

17.8 (5) an acknowledgment that the proposed partnering ambulance services must coordinate  
17.9 compliance with the prehospital care data requirements in Minnesota Statutes, section  
17.10 144E.123; and

17.11 (6) an acknowledgment that the proposed partnering ambulance services remain  
17.12 responsible for providing continual service as required under Minnesota Statutes, section  
17.13 144E.101, subdivision 3.

17.14 Subd. 4. **Operation.** Under the pilot program, a supporting ambulance service may  
17.15 partner with one or more primary ambulance services. Under this partnership, the supporting  
17.16 ambulance service and primary ambulance service must jointly respond to emergency  
17.17 ambulance calls originating in the primary service area of the primary ambulance service.  
17.18 The supporting ambulance service must respond to emergency ambulance calls with either  
17.19 an ambulance or a nontransporting vehicle fully equipped with the advanced life support  
17.20 complement of equipment and medications required for that nontransporting vehicle by that  
17.21 ambulance service's medical director.

17.22 Subd. 5. **Staffing.** (a) When responding to an emergency ambulance call covered by the  
17.23 pilot program and an ambulance or nontransporting vehicle from the supporting ambulance  
17.24 service is confirmed to be available and is responding to the call:

17.25 (1) the primary ambulance service ambulance must be staffed by at least one emergency  
17.26 medical technician; and

17.27 (2) the supporting ambulance service ambulance or nontransporting vehicle must be  
17.28 staffed with a minimum of one paramedic.

17.29 (b) The staffing specified in paragraph (a) is deemed to satisfy the staffing requirements  
17.30 in Minnesota Statutes, section 144E.101, for both the primary ambulance service response  
17.31 and the supporting ambulance service intercept requirements.

17.32 Subd. 6. **Medical director oversight.** The medical directors for ambulance services  
17.33 participating in the pilot program retain responsibility for the ambulance service personnel

18.1 of their respective ambulance services. When a paramedic from the supporting ambulance  
18.2 service makes contact with the patient, the standing orders, clinical policies, protocols, and  
18.3 triage, treatment, and transportation guidelines for the supporting ambulance service must  
18.4 direct patient care related to the encounter.

18.5 Subd. 7. **Waivers and variances.** The board may issue any waivers of or variances to  
18.6 Minnesota Statutes, chapter 144E, or Minnesota Rules, chapter 4690, to partnering ambulance  
18.7 services that are needed to implement the pilot program, provided the waiver or variance  
18.8 does not adversely affect the public health or welfare.

18.9 Subd. 8. **Data and evaluation.** In administering the pilot program, the board shall collect  
18.10 from partnering ambulance services data needed to evaluate the impacts of the pilot program  
18.11 on response times, patient outcomes, and patient experience for emergency ambulance calls.

18.12 Subd. 9. **Expiration.** This section expires June 30, 2027.

18.13 Sec. 19. **INITIAL MEMBERS AND FIRST MEETING; EMERGENCY MEDICAL**  
18.14 **SERVICES ADVISORY COUNCIL.**

18.15 (a) Initial appointments of members to the Emergency Medical Services Advisory  
18.16 Council must be made by January 1, 2025. The terms of initial appointees shall be determined  
18.17 by lot by the secretary of state and shall be as follows:

18.18 (1) eight members shall serve two-year terms; and

18.19 (2) eight members shall serve three-year terms.

18.20 (b) The medical director appointee must convene the first meeting of the Emergency  
18.21 Medical Services Advisory Council by February 1, 2025.

18.22 Sec. 20. **INITIAL MEMBERS AND FIRST MEETING; EMERGENCY MEDICAL**  
18.23 **SERVICES PHYSICIAN ADVISORY COUNCIL.**

18.24 (a) Initial appointments of members to the Emergency Medical Services Physician  
18.25 Advisory Council must be made by January 1, 2025. The terms of initial appointees shall  
18.26 be determined by lot by the secretary of state and shall be as follows:

18.27 (1) five members shall serve two-year terms;

18.28 (2) five members shall serve three-year terms; and

18.29 (3) the term for the medical director appointee to the Emergency Medical Services  
18.30 Physician Advisory Council shall coincide with that member's term on the Emergency  
18.31 Medical Services Advisory Council.

19.1 (b) The medical director appointee must convene the first meeting of the Emergency  
19.2 Medical Services Physician Advisory Council by February 1, 2025.

19.3 Sec. 21. INITIAL MEMBERS AND FIRST MEETING; LABOR AND EMERGENCY  
19.4 MEDICAL SERVICE PROVIDERS ADVISORY COUNCIL.

19.5 (a) Initial appointments of members to the Labor and Emergency Medical Service  
19.6 Providers Advisory Council must be made by January 1, 2025. The terms of initial appointees  
19.7 shall be determined by lot by the secretary of state and shall be as follows:

19.8 (1) six members shall serve two-year terms; and

19.9 (2) seven members shall serve three-year terms.

19.10 (b) The emergency medical technician instructor appointee must convene the first meeting  
19.11 of the Labor and Emergency Medical Service Providers Advisory Council by February 1,  
19.12 2025.

19.13 Sec. 22. TRANSITION.

19.14 Subdivision 1. Appointment of director; operation of office. No later than October  
19.15 1, 2024, the governor shall appoint a director-designee of the Office of Emergency Medical  
19.16 Services. The individual appointed as the director-designee of the Office of Emergency  
19.17 Medical Services shall become the governor's appointee as director of the Office of  
19.18 Emergency Medical Services on January 1, 2025. Effective January 1, 2025, the  
19.19 responsibilities to regulate emergency medical services in the state under Minnesota Statutes,  
19.20 chapter 144E, and Minnesota Rules, chapter 4690, are transferred from the Emergency  
19.21 Medical Services Regulatory Board to the Office of Emergency Medical Services and the  
19.22 director of the Office of Emergency Medical Services.

19.23 Subd. 2. Transfer of responsibilities. Minnesota Statutes, section 15.039, applies to  
19.24 the transfer of responsibilities from the Emergency Medical Services Regulatory Board to  
19.25 the Office of Emergency Medical Services required by this act. The commissioner of  
19.26 administration, with the approval of the governor, may issue reorganization orders under  
19.27 Minnesota Statutes, section 16B.37, as necessary to carry out the transfer of responsibilities  
19.28 required by this act. The provision of Minnesota Statutes, section 16B.37, subdivision 1,  
19.29 which states that transfers under that section may be made only to an agency that has been  
19.30 in existence for at least one year, does not apply to transfers in this act to the Office of  
19.31 Emergency Medical Services.

20.1 Sec. 23. APPROPRIATION.

20.2 \$6,000,000 in fiscal year 2025 is appropriated from the general fund to the Emergency  
20.3 Medical Services Regulatory Board for grants to Otter Tail County and St. Louis County  
20.4 to fund the alternative emergency medical services response model pilot program.  
20.5 Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, section 16B.98, subdivision 14, the Emergency Medical  
20.6 Services Regulatory Board may retain up to ten percent of this appropriation for  
20.7 administrative costs. This is a onetime appropriation and is available until June 30, 2027.

20.8 Sec. 24. REVISOR INSTRUCTION.

20.9 (a) In Minnesota Statutes, chapter 144E, the revisor of statutes shall replace "board"  
20.10 with "director"; "board's" with "director's"; "Emergency Medical Services Regulatory Board"  
20.11 or "Minnesota Emergency Medical Services Regulatory Board" with "director"; and  
20.12 "board-approved" with "director-approved," except that:

20.13 (1) in Minnesota Statutes, section 144E.11, the revisor of statutes shall not modify the  
20.14 term "county board," "community health board," or "community health boards";

20.15 (2) in Minnesota Statutes, sections 144E.40, subdivision 2; 144E.42, subdivision 2;  
20.16 144E.44; and 144E.45, subdivision 2, the revisor of statutes shall not modify the term "State  
20.17 Board of Investment"; and

20.18 (3) in Minnesota Statutes, sections 144E.50 and 144E.52, the revisor of statutes shall  
20.19 not modify the term "regional emergency medical services board," "regional board," "regional  
20.20 emergency medical services board's," or "regional boards."

20.21 (b) In the following sections of Minnesota Statutes, the revisor of statutes shall replace  
20.22 "Emergency Medical Services Regulatory Board" with "director of the Office of Emergency  
20.23 Medical Services": sections 13.717, subdivision 10; 62J.49, subdivision 2; 144.604; 144.608;  
20.24 147.09; 156.12, subdivision 2; 169.686, subdivision 3; and 299A.41, subdivision 4.

20.25 (c) In the following sections of Minnesota Statutes, the revisor of statutes shall replace  
20.26 "Emergency Medical Services Regulatory Board" with "Office of Emergency Medical  
20.27 Services": sections 144.603 and 161.045, subdivision 3.

20.28 (d) In making the changes specified in this section, the revisor of statutes may make  
20.29 technical and other necessary changes to sentence structure to preserve the meaning of the  
20.30 text.

21.1 Sec. 25. **REPEALER.**

21.2 Minnesota Statutes 2022, sections 144E.001, subdivision 5; 144E.01; 144E.123,  
21.3 subdivision 5; and 144E.50, subdivision 3, are repealed.

21.4 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective January 1, 2025.

## 21.5 ARTICLE 2

### 21.6 CONFORMING CHANGES

21.7 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2023 Supplement, section 15A.0815, subdivision 2, is  
21.8 amended to read:

21.9 Subd. 2. **Agency head salaries.** The salary for a position listed in this subdivision shall  
21.10 be determined by the Compensation Council under section 15A.082. The commissioner of  
21.11 management and budget must publish the salaries on the department's website. This  
21.12 subdivision applies to the following positions:

21.13 Commissioner of administration;

21.14 Commissioner of agriculture;

21.15 Commissioner of education;

21.16 Commissioner of children, youth, and families;

21.17 Commissioner of commerce;

21.18 Commissioner of corrections;

21.19 Commissioner of health;

21.20 Commissioner, Minnesota Office of Higher Education;

21.21 Commissioner, Minnesota IT Services;

21.22 Commissioner, Housing Finance Agency;

21.23 Commissioner of human rights;

21.24 Commissioner of human services;

21.25 Commissioner of labor and industry;

21.26 Commissioner of management and budget;

21.27 Commissioner of natural resources;

21.28 Commissioner, Pollution Control Agency;

- 22.1 Commissioner of public safety;
- 22.2 Commissioner of revenue;
- 22.3 Commissioner of employment and economic development;
- 22.4 Commissioner of transportation;
- 22.5 Commissioner of veterans affairs;
- 22.6 Executive director of the Gambling Control Board;
- 22.7 Executive director of the Minnesota State Lottery;
- 22.8 Commissioner of Iron Range resources and rehabilitation;
- 22.9 Commissioner, Bureau of Mediation Services;
- 22.10 Ombudsman for mental health and developmental disabilities;
- 22.11 Ombudsperson for corrections;
- 22.12 Chair, Metropolitan Council;
- 22.13 Chair, Metropolitan Airports Commission;
- 22.14 School trust lands director;
- 22.15 Executive director of pari-mutuel racing; ~~and~~
- 22.16 Commissioner, Public Utilities Commission; and
- 22.17 Director of the Office of Emergency Medical Services.
- 22.18 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective January 1, 2025.

22.19 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2023 Supplement, section 43A.08, subdivision 1a, is amended

22.20 to read:

22.21 Subd. 1a. **Additional unclassified positions.** Appointing authorities for the following

22.22 agencies may designate additional unclassified positions according to this subdivision: the

22.23 Departments of Administration; Agriculture; Children, Youth, and Families; Commerce;

22.24 Corrections; Direct Care and Treatment; Education; Employment and Economic

22.25 Development; Explore Minnesota Tourism; Management and Budget; Health; Human

22.26 Rights; Human Services; Labor and Industry; Natural Resources; Public Safety; Revenue;

22.27 Transportation; and Veterans Affairs; the Housing Finance and Pollution Control Agencies;

22.28 the State Lottery; the State Board of Investment; the Office of Administrative Hearings; the

22.29 Department of Information Technology Services; the Offices of the Attorney General,

23.1 Secretary of State, and State Auditor; the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities; the  
23.2 Minnesota Office of Higher Education; the Perpich Center for Arts Education; ~~and~~ the  
23.3 Minnesota Zoological Board; and the Office of Emergency Medical Services.

23.4 A position designated by an appointing authority according to this subdivision must  
23.5 meet the following standards and criteria:

23.6 (1) the designation of the position would not be contrary to other law relating specifically  
23.7 to that agency;

23.8 (2) the person occupying the position would report directly to the agency head or deputy  
23.9 agency head and would be designated as part of the agency head's management team;

23.10 (3) the duties of the position would involve significant discretion and substantial  
23.11 involvement in the development, interpretation, and implementation of agency policy;

23.12 (4) the duties of the position would not require primarily personnel, accounting, or other  
23.13 technical expertise where continuity in the position would be important;

23.14 (5) there would be a need for the person occupying the position to be accountable to,  
23.15 loyal to, and compatible with, the governor and the agency head, the employing statutory  
23.16 board or commission, or the employing constitutional officer;

23.17 (6) the position would be at the level of division or bureau director or assistant to the  
23.18 agency head; and

23.19 (7) the commissioner has approved the designation as being consistent with the standards  
23.20 and criteria in this subdivision.

23.21 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective January 1, 2025.

23.22 Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 62J.49, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

23.23 Subdivision 1. **Establishment.** The director of the Office of Emergency Medical Services  
23.24 ~~Regulatory Board~~ established under chapter ~~144~~ 144E shall establish a financial data  
23.25 collection system for all ambulance services licensed in this state. To establish the financial  
23.26 database, the ~~Emergency Medical Services Regulatory Board~~ director may contract with  
23.27 an entity that has experience in ambulance service financial data collection.

23.28 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective January 1, 2025.

24.1 Sec. 4. Minnesota Statutes 2023 Supplement, section 152.126, subdivision 6, is amended  
24.2 to read:

24.3 Subd. 6. **Access to reporting system data.** (a) Except as indicated in this subdivision,  
24.4 the data submitted to the board under subdivision 4 is private data on individuals as defined  
24.5 in section 13.02, subdivision 12, and not subject to public disclosure.

24.6 (b) Except as specified in subdivision 5, the following persons shall be considered  
24.7 permissible users and may access the data submitted under subdivision 4 in the same or  
24.8 similar manner, and for the same or similar purposes, as those persons who are authorized  
24.9 to access similar private data on individuals under federal and state law:

24.10 (1) a prescriber or an agent or employee of the prescriber to whom the prescriber has  
24.11 delegated the task of accessing the data, to the extent the information relates specifically to  
24.12 a current patient, to whom the prescriber is:

24.13 (i) prescribing or considering prescribing any controlled substance;

24.14 (ii) providing emergency medical treatment for which access to the data may be necessary;

24.15 (iii) providing care, and the prescriber has reason to believe, based on clinically valid  
24.16 indications, that the patient is potentially abusing a controlled substance; or

24.17 (iv) providing other medical treatment for which access to the data may be necessary  
24.18 for a clinically valid purpose and the patient has consented to access to the submitted data,  
24.19 and with the provision that the prescriber remains responsible for the use or misuse of data  
24.20 accessed by a delegated agent or employee;

24.21 (2) a dispenser or an agent or employee of the dispenser to whom the dispenser has  
24.22 delegated the task of accessing the data, to the extent the information relates specifically to  
24.23 a current patient to whom that dispenser is dispensing or considering dispensing any  
24.24 controlled substance and with the provision that the dispenser remains responsible for the  
24.25 use or misuse of data accessed by a delegated agent or employee;

24.26 (3) a licensed dispensing practitioner or licensed pharmacist to the extent necessary to  
24.27 determine whether corrections made to the data reported under subdivision 4 are accurate;

24.28 (4) a licensed pharmacist who is providing pharmaceutical care for which access to the  
24.29 data may be necessary to the extent that the information relates specifically to a current  
24.30 patient for whom the pharmacist is providing pharmaceutical care: (i) if the patient has  
24.31 consented to access to the submitted data; or (ii) if the pharmacist is consulted by a prescriber  
24.32 who is requesting data in accordance with clause (1);



25.1 (5) an individual who is the recipient of a controlled substance prescription for which  
25.2 data was submitted under subdivision 4, or a guardian of the individual, parent or guardian  
25.3 of a minor, or health care agent of the individual acting under a health care directive under  
25.4 chapter 145C. For purposes of this clause, access by individuals includes persons in the  
25.5 definition of an individual under section 13.02;

25.6 (6) personnel or designees of a health-related licensing board listed in section 214.01,  
25.7 subdivision 2, or of the Office of Emergency Medical Services Regulatory Board, assigned  
25.8 to conduct a bona fide investigation of a complaint received by that board or office that  
25.9 alleges that a specific licensee is impaired by use of a drug for which data is collected under  
25.10 subdivision 4, has engaged in activity that would constitute a crime as defined in section  
25.11 152.025, or has engaged in the behavior specified in subdivision 5, paragraph (a);

25.12 (7) personnel of the board engaged in the collection, review, and analysis of controlled  
25.13 substance prescription information as part of the assigned duties and responsibilities under  
25.14 this section;

25.15 (8) authorized personnel under contract with the board, or under contract with the state  
25.16 of Minnesota and approved by the board, who are engaged in the design, evaluation,  
25.17 implementation, operation, or maintenance of the prescription monitoring program as part  
25.18 of the assigned duties and responsibilities of their employment, provided that access to data  
25.19 is limited to the minimum amount necessary to carry out such duties and responsibilities,  
25.20 and subject to the requirement of de-identification and time limit on retention of data specified  
25.21 in subdivision 5, paragraphs (d) and (e);

25.22 (9) federal, state, and local law enforcement authorities acting pursuant to a valid search  
25.23 warrant;

25.24 (10) personnel of the Minnesota health care programs assigned to use the data collected  
25.25 under this section to identify and manage recipients whose usage of controlled substances  
25.26 may warrant restriction to a single primary care provider, a single outpatient pharmacy, and  
25.27 a single hospital;

25.28 (11) personnel of the Department of Human Services assigned to access the data pursuant  
25.29 to paragraph (k);

25.30 (12) personnel of the health professionals services program established under section  
25.31 214.31, to the extent that the information relates specifically to an individual who is currently  
25.32 enrolled in and being monitored by the program, and the individual consents to access to  
25.33 that information. The health professionals services program personnel shall not provide this

26.1 data to a health-related licensing board ~~or the Emergency Medical Services Regulatory~~  
26.2 ~~Board~~, except as permitted under section 214.33, subdivision 3;

26.3 (13) personnel or designees of a health-related licensing board other than the Board of  
26.4 Pharmacy listed in section 214.01, subdivision 2, assigned to conduct a bona fide  
26.5 investigation of a complaint received by that board that alleges that a specific licensee is  
26.6 inappropriately prescribing controlled substances as defined in this section. For the purposes  
26.7 of this clause, the health-related licensing board may also obtain utilization data; and

26.8 (14) personnel of the board specifically assigned to conduct a bona fide investigation  
26.9 of a specific licensee or registrant. For the purposes of this clause, the board may also obtain  
26.10 utilization data.

26.11 (c) By July 1, 2017, every prescriber licensed by a health-related licensing board listed  
26.12 in section 214.01, subdivision 2, practicing within this state who is authorized to prescribe  
26.13 controlled substances for humans and who holds a current registration issued by the federal  
26.14 Drug Enforcement Administration, and every pharmacist licensed by the board and practicing  
26.15 within the state, shall register and maintain a user account with the prescription monitoring  
26.16 program. Data submitted by a prescriber, pharmacist, or their delegate during the registration  
26.17 application process, other than their name, license number, and license type, is classified  
26.18 as private pursuant to section 13.02, subdivision 12.

26.19 (d) Notwithstanding paragraph (b), beginning January 1, 2021, a prescriber or an agent  
26.20 or employee of the prescriber to whom the prescriber has delegated the task of accessing  
26.21 the data, must access the data submitted under subdivision 4 to the extent the information  
26.22 relates specifically to the patient:

26.23 (1) before the prescriber issues an initial prescription order for a Schedules II through  
26.24 IV opiate controlled substance to the patient; and

26.25 (2) at least once every three months for patients receiving an opiate for treatment of  
26.26 chronic pain or participating in medically assisted treatment for an opioid addiction.

26.27 (e) Paragraph (d) does not apply if:

26.28 (1) the patient is receiving palliative care, or hospice or other end-of-life care;

26.29 (2) the patient is being treated for pain due to cancer or the treatment of cancer;

26.30 (3) the prescription order is for a number of doses that is intended to last the patient five  
26.31 days or less and is not subject to a refill;

27.1 (4) the prescriber and patient have a current or ongoing provider/patient relationship of  
27.2 a duration longer than one year;

27.3 (5) the prescription order is issued within 14 days following surgery or three days  
27.4 following oral surgery or follows the prescribing protocols established under the opioid  
27.5 prescribing improvement program under section 256B.0638;

27.6 (6) the controlled substance is prescribed or administered to a patient who is admitted  
27.7 to an inpatient hospital;

27.8 (7) the controlled substance is lawfully administered by injection, ingestion, or any other  
27.9 means to the patient by the prescriber, a pharmacist, or by the patient at the direction of a  
27.10 prescriber and in the presence of the prescriber or pharmacist;

27.11 (8) due to a medical emergency, it is not possible for the prescriber to review the data  
27.12 before the prescriber issues the prescription order for the patient; or

27.13 (9) the prescriber is unable to access the data due to operational or other technological  
27.14 failure of the program so long as the prescriber reports the failure to the board.

27.15 (f) Only permissible users identified in paragraph (b), clauses (1), (2), (3), (4), (7), (8),  
27.16 (10), and (11), may directly access the data electronically. No other permissible users may  
27.17 directly access the data electronically. If the data is directly accessed electronically, the  
27.18 permissible user shall implement and maintain a comprehensive information security program  
27.19 that contains administrative, technical, and physical safeguards that are appropriate to the  
27.20 user's size and complexity, and the sensitivity of the personal information obtained. The  
27.21 permissible user shall identify reasonably foreseeable internal and external risks to the  
27.22 security, confidentiality, and integrity of personal information that could result in the  
27.23 unauthorized disclosure, misuse, or other compromise of the information and assess the  
27.24 sufficiency of any safeguards in place to control the risks.

27.25 (g) The board shall not release data submitted under subdivision 4 unless it is provided  
27.26 with evidence, satisfactory to the board, that the person requesting the information is entitled  
27.27 to receive the data.

27.28 (h) The board shall maintain a log of all persons who access the data for a period of at  
27.29 least three years and shall ensure that any permissible user complies with paragraph (c)  
27.30 prior to attaining direct access to the data.

27.31 (i) Section 13.05, subdivision 6, shall apply to any contract the board enters into pursuant  
27.32 to subdivision 2. A vendor shall not use data collected under this section for any purpose  
27.33 not specified in this section.

28.1 (j) The board may participate in an interstate prescription monitoring program data  
28.2 exchange system provided that permissible users in other states have access to the data only  
28.3 as allowed under this section, and that section 13.05, subdivision 6, applies to any contract  
28.4 or memorandum of understanding that the board enters into under this paragraph.

28.5 (k) With available appropriations, the commissioner of human services shall establish  
28.6 and implement a system through which the Department of Human Services shall routinely  
28.7 access the data for the purpose of determining whether any client enrolled in an opioid  
28.8 treatment program licensed according to chapter 245A has been prescribed or dispensed a  
28.9 controlled substance in addition to that administered or dispensed by the opioid treatment  
28.10 program. When the commissioner determines there have been multiple prescribers or multiple  
28.11 prescriptions of controlled substances, the commissioner shall:

28.12 (1) inform the medical director of the opioid treatment program only that the  
28.13 commissioner determined the existence of multiple prescribers or multiple prescriptions of  
28.14 controlled substances; and

28.15 (2) direct the medical director of the opioid treatment program to access the data directly,  
28.16 review the effect of the multiple prescribers or multiple prescriptions, and document the  
28.17 review.

28.18 If determined necessary, the commissioner of human services shall seek a federal waiver  
28.19 of, or exception to, any applicable provision of Code of Federal Regulations, title 42, section  
28.20 2.34, paragraph (c), prior to implementing this paragraph.

28.21 (l) The board shall review the data submitted under subdivision 4 on at least a quarterly  
28.22 basis and shall establish criteria, in consultation with the advisory task force, for referring  
28.23 information about a patient to prescribers and dispensers who prescribed or dispensed the  
28.24 prescriptions in question if the criteria are met.

28.25 (m) The board shall conduct random audits, on at least a quarterly basis, of electronic  
28.26 access by permissible users, as identified in paragraph (b), clauses (1), (2), (3), (4), (7), (8),  
28.27 (10), and (11), to the data in subdivision 4, to ensure compliance with permissible use as  
28.28 defined in this section. A permissible user whose account has been selected for a random  
28.29 audit shall respond to an inquiry by the board, no later than 30 days after receipt of notice  
28.30 that an audit is being conducted. Failure to respond may result in deactivation of access to  
28.31 the electronic system and referral to the appropriate health licensing board, or the  
28.32 commissioner of human services, for further action. The board shall report the results of  
28.33 random audits to the chairs and ranking minority members of the legislative committees

29.1 with jurisdiction over health and human services policy and finance and government data  
29.2 practices.

29.3 (n) A permissible user who has delegated the task of accessing the data in subdivision  
29.4 4 to an agent or employee shall audit the use of the electronic system by delegated agents  
29.5 or employees on at least a quarterly basis to ensure compliance with permissible use as  
29.6 defined in this section. When a delegated agent or employee has been identified as  
29.7 inappropriately accessing data, the permissible user must immediately remove access for  
29.8 that individual and notify the board within seven days. The board shall notify all permissible  
29.9 users associated with the delegated agent or employee of the alleged violation.

29.10 (o) A permissible user who delegates access to the data submitted under subdivision 4  
29.11 to an agent or employee shall terminate that individual's access to the data within three  
29.12 business days of the agent or employee leaving employment with the permissible user. The  
29.13 board may conduct random audits to determine compliance with this requirement.

29.14 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective January 1, 2025.

29.15 Sec. 5. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 214.025, is amended to read:

29.16 **214.025 COUNCIL OF HEALTH BOARDS.**

29.17 The health-related licensing boards may establish a Council of Health Boards consisting  
29.18 of representatives of the health-related licensing boards ~~and the Emergency Medical Services~~  
29.19 ~~Regulatory Board~~. When reviewing legislation or legislative proposals relating to the  
29.20 regulation of health occupations, the council shall include the commissioner of health or a  
29.21 designee and the director of the Office of Emergency Medical Services or a designee.

29.22 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective January 1, 2025.

29.23 Sec. 6. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 214.04, subdivision 2a, is amended to read:

29.24 Subd. 2a. **Performance of executive directors.** The governor may request that a  
29.25 health-related licensing board ~~or the Emergency Medical Services Regulatory Board~~ review  
29.26 the performance of the board's executive director. Upon receipt of the request, the board  
29.27 must respond by establishing a performance improvement plan or taking disciplinary or  
29.28 other corrective action, including dismissal. The board shall include the governor's  
29.29 representative as a voting member of the board in the board's discussions and decisions  
29.30 regarding the governor's request. The board shall report to the governor on action taken by  
29.31 the board, including an explanation if no action is deemed necessary.

29.32 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective January 1, 2025.

30.1 Sec. 7. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 214.29, is amended to read:

30.2 **214.29 PROGRAM REQUIRED.**

30.3 Each health-related licensing board, ~~including the Emergency Medical Services~~  
30.4 ~~Regulatory Board under chapter 144E~~, shall either conduct a health professionals service  
30.5 program under sections 214.31 to 214.37 or contract for a diversion program under section  
30.6 214.28.

30.7 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective January 1, 2025.

30.8 Sec. 8. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 214.31, is amended to read:

30.9 **214.31 AUTHORITY.**

30.10 Two or more of the health-related licensing boards listed in section 214.01, subdivision  
30.11 2, may jointly conduct a health professionals services program to protect the public from  
30.12 persons regulated by the boards who are unable to practice with reasonable skill and safety  
30.13 by reason of illness, use of alcohol, drugs, chemicals, or any other materials, or as a result  
30.14 of any mental, physical, or psychological condition. The program does not affect a board's  
30.15 authority to discipline violations of a board's practice act. ~~For purposes of sections 214.31~~  
30.16 ~~to 214.37, the emergency medical services regulatory board shall be included in the definition~~  
30.17 ~~of a health-related licensing board under chapter 144E.~~

30.18 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective January 1, 2025.

30.19 Sec. 9. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 214.355, is amended to read:

30.20 **214.355 GROUNDS FOR DISCIPLINARY ACTION.**

30.21 Each health-related licensing board, ~~including the Emergency Medical Services~~  
30.22 ~~Regulatory Board under chapter 144E~~, shall consider it grounds for disciplinary action if a  
30.23 regulated person violates the terms of the health professionals services program participation  
30.24 agreement or leaves the program except upon fulfilling the terms for successful completion  
30.25 of the program as set forth in the participation agreement.

30.26 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective January 1, 2025.

31.1 **ARTICLE 3**

31.2 **AMBULANCE SERVICE PERSONNEL AND EMERGENCY MEDICAL**  
 31.3 **RESPONDERS**

31.4 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 144E.001, subdivision 3a, is amended to read:

31.5 Subd. 3a. **Ambulance service personnel.** "Ambulance service personnel" means  
 31.6 individuals who are authorized by a licensed ambulance service to provide emergency care  
 31.7 for the ambulance service and are:

31.8 (1) EMTs, AEMTs, or paramedics;

31.9 (2) Minnesota registered nurses who are: (i) EMTs, are currently practicing nursing, and  
 31.10 ~~have passed a paramedic practical skills test, as approved by the board and administered by~~  
 31.11 ~~an educational program approved by the board~~ been approved by the ambulance service  
 31.12 medical director; (ii) on the roster of an ambulance service on or before January 1, 2000;  
 31.13 ~~or~~ (iii) after petitioning the board, deemed by the board to have training and skills equivalent  
 31.14 to an EMT, as determined on a case-by-case basis; or (iv) certified as a certified flight  
 31.15 registered nurse or certified emergency nurse; or

31.16 (3) Minnesota licensed physician assistants who are: (i) EMTs, are currently practicing  
 31.17 as physician assistants, and have ~~passed a paramedic practical skills test, as approved by~~  
 31.18 ~~the board and administered by an educational program approved by the board~~ been approved  
 31.19 by the ambulance service medical director; (ii) on the roster of an ambulance service on or  
 31.20 before January 1, 2000; or (iii) after petitioning the board, deemed by the board to have  
 31.21 training and skills equivalent to an EMT, as determined on a case-by-case basis.

31.22 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2023 Supplement, section 144E.101, subdivision 6, is amended  
 31.23 to read:

31.24 Subd. 6. **Basic life support.** (a) Except as provided in ~~paragraph (f)~~ subdivision 6a, a  
 31.25 basic life-support ambulance shall be staffed by at least ~~two EMTs, one of whom must~~  
 31.26 ~~accompany the patient and provide a level of care so as to ensure that:~~

31.27 (1) one individual who is:

31.28 (i) certified as an EMT;

31.29 (ii) a Minnesota registered nurse who meets the qualification requirements in section  
 31.30 144E.001, subdivision 3a, clause (2); or

31.31 (iii) a Minnesota licensed physician assistant who meets the qualification requirements  
 31.32 in section 144E.001, subdivision 3a, clause (3); and

32.1 (2) one individual to drive the ambulance who:

32.2 (i) either meets one of the qualification requirements in clause (1) or is a registered  
 32.3 emergency medical responder driver; and

32.4 (ii) satisfies the requirements in subdivision 10.

32.5 (b) An individual who meets one of the qualification requirements in paragraph (a),  
 32.6 clause (1), must accompany the patient and provide a level of care so as to ensure that:

32.7 (1) life-threatening situations and potentially serious injuries are recognized;

32.8 (2) patients are protected from additional hazards;

32.9 (3) basic treatment to reduce the seriousness of emergency situations is administered;

32.10 and

32.11 (4) patients are transported to an appropriate medical facility for treatment.

32.12 ~~(b)~~ (c) A basic life-support service shall provide basic airway management.

32.13 ~~(e)~~ (d) A basic life-support service shall provide automatic defibrillation.

32.14 ~~(d)~~ (e) A basic life-support service shall administer opiate antagonists consistent with  
 32.15 protocols established by the service's medical director.

32.16 ~~(e)~~ (f) A basic life-support service licensee's medical director may authorize ambulance  
 32.17 service personnel to perform intravenous infusion and use equipment that is within the  
 32.18 licensure level of the ambulance service. Ambulance service personnel must be properly  
 32.19 trained. Documentation of authorization for use, guidelines for use, continuing education,  
 32.20 and skill verification must be maintained in the licensee's files.

32.21 ~~(f) For emergency ambulance calls and interfacility transfers, an ambulance service may~~  
 32.22 ~~staff its basic life-support ambulances with one EMT, who must accompany the patient,~~  
 32.23 ~~and one registered emergency medical responder driver. For purposes of this paragraph,~~  
 32.24 ~~"ambulance service" means either an ambulance service whose primary service area is~~  
 32.25 ~~mainly located outside the metropolitan counties listed in section 473.121, subdivision 4,~~  
 32.26 ~~and outside the cities of Duluth, Mankato, Moorhead, Rochester, and St. Cloud; or an~~  
 32.27 ~~ambulance service based in a community with a population of less than 2,500.~~

32.28 Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 144E.101, is amended by adding a subdivision  
 32.29 to read:

32.30 Subd. 6a. Variance; staffing of basic life-support ambulance. (a) Upon application  
 32.31 from an ambulance service that includes evidence demonstrating hardship, the board may



33.1 grant a variance from the staff requirements in subdivision 6, paragraph (a), and may  
33.2 authorize a basic life-support ambulance to be staffed, for all emergency calls and interfacility  
33.3 transfers, with one individual who meets the qualification requirements in paragraph (b) to  
33.4 drive the ambulance and one individual who meets one of the qualification requirements in  
33.5 subdivision 6, paragraph (a), clause (1), and who must accompany the patient. The variance  
33.6 applies to basic life-support ambulances until the ambulance service renews its license.  
33.7 When the variance expires, the ambulance service may apply for a new variance under this  
33.8 subdivision.

33.9 (b) In order to drive an ambulance under a variance granted under this subdivision, an  
33.10 individual must:

33.11 (1) hold a valid driver's license from any state;

33.12 (2) have attended an emergency vehicle driving course approved by the ambulance  
33.13 service;

33.14 (3) have completed a course on cardiopulmonary resuscitation approved by the ambulance  
33.15 service; and

33.16 (4) register with the board according to a process established by the board.

33.17 (c) If an individual serving as a driver under this subdivision commits or has a record  
33.18 of committing an act listed in section 144E.27, subdivision 5, paragraph (a), the board may  
33.19 temporarily suspend or prohibit the individual from driving an ambulance or place conditions  
33.20 on the individual's ability to drive an ambulance using the procedures and authority in  
33.21 section 144E.27, subdivisions 5 and 6.

33.22 Sec. 4. Minnesota Statutes 2023 Supplement, section 144E.101, subdivision 7, as amended  
33.23 by Laws 2024, chapter 85, section 32, is amended to read:

33.24 Subd. 7. **Advanced life support.** (a) Except as provided in paragraphs (f) and (g), an  
33.25 advanced life-support ambulance shall be staffed by at least:

33.26 (1) one EMT or one AEMT and one paramedic;

33.27 (2) one EMT or one AEMT and one registered nurse who: (i) is an EMT or an AEMT,  
33.28 is currently practicing nursing, and has passed a paramedic practical skills test approved by  
33.29 the board and administered by an education program has been approved by the ambulance  
33.30 service medical director; or (ii) is certified as a certified flight registered nurse or certified  
33.31 emergency nurse; or

34.1 (3) one EMT or one AEMT and one physician assistant who is an EMT or an AEMT,  
34.2 is currently practicing as a physician assistant, and ~~has passed a paramedic practical skills~~  
34.3 ~~test approved by the board and administered by an education program~~ has been approved  
34.4 by the ambulance service medical director.

34.5 (b) An advanced life-support service shall provide basic life support, as specified under  
34.6 subdivision 6, paragraph ~~(a)~~ (b), advanced airway management, manual defibrillation,  
34.7 administration of intravenous fluids and pharmaceuticals, and administration of opiate  
34.8 antagonists.

34.9 (c) In addition to providing advanced life support, an advanced life-support service may  
34.10 staff additional ambulances to provide basic life support according to subdivision 6 and  
34.11 section 144E.103, subdivision 1.

34.12 (d) An ambulance service providing advanced life support shall have a written agreement  
34.13 with its medical director to ensure medical control for patient care 24 hours a day, seven  
34.14 days a week. The terms of the agreement shall include a written policy on the administration  
34.15 of medical control for the service. The policy shall address the following issues:

34.16 (1) two-way communication for physician direction of ambulance service personnel;

34.17 (2) patient triage, treatment, and transport;

34.18 (3) use of standing orders; and

34.19 (4) the means by which medical control will be provided 24 hours a day.

34.20 The agreement shall be signed by the licensee's medical director and the licensee or the  
34.21 licensee's designee and maintained in the files of the licensee.

34.22 (e) When an ambulance service provides advanced life support, the authority of a  
34.23 paramedic, Minnesota registered nurse-EMT, or Minnesota registered physician  
34.24 assistant-EMT to determine the delivery of patient care prevails over the authority of an  
34.25 EMT.

34.26 (f) Upon application from an ambulance service that includes evidence demonstrating  
34.27 hardship, the board may grant a variance from the staff requirements in paragraph (a), clause  
34.28 (1), and may authorize an advanced life-support ambulance to be staffed by a registered  
34.29 emergency medical responder driver with a paramedic for all emergency calls and interfacility  
34.30 transfers. The variance shall apply to advanced life-support ambulance services until the  
34.31 ambulance service renews its license. When the variance expires, an ambulance service  
34.32 may apply for a new variance under this paragraph. ~~This paragraph applies only to an~~  
34.33 ~~ambulance service whose primary service area is mainly located outside the metropolitan~~

35.1 ~~counties listed in section 473.121, subdivision 4, and outside the cities of Duluth, Mankato,~~  
 35.2 ~~Moorhead, Rochester, and St. Cloud, or an ambulance service based in a community with~~  
 35.3 ~~a population of less than 1,000 persons.~~

35.4 (g) After an initial emergency ambulance call, each subsequent emergency ambulance  
 35.5 response, until the initial ambulance is again available, and interfacility transfers, may be  
 35.6 staffed by one registered emergency medical responder driver and an EMT or paramedic.  
 35.7 ~~This paragraph applies only to an ambulance service whose primary service area is mainly~~  
 35.8 ~~located outside the metropolitan counties listed in section 473.121, subdivision 4, and outside~~  
 35.9 ~~the cities of Duluth, Mankato, Moorhead, Rochester, and St. Cloud, or an ambulance service~~  
 35.10 ~~based in a community with a population of less than 1,000 persons.~~

35.11 (h) An individual who staffs an advanced life-support ambulance as a driver must also  
 35.12 meet the requirements in subdivision 10.

35.13 Sec. 5. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 144E.27, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

35.14 Subd. 3. **Renewal.** (a) The board may renew the registration of an emergency medical  
 35.15 responder who:

35.16 (1) successfully completes a board-approved refresher course; ~~and~~

35.17 (2) successfully completes a course in cardiopulmonary resuscitation approved by the  
 35.18 board or by the licensee's medical director. This course may be a component of a  
 35.19 board-approved refresher course; and

35.20 ~~(2)~~ (3) submits a completed renewal application to the board before the registration  
 35.21 expiration date.

35.22 (b) The board may renew the lapsed registration of an emergency medical responder  
 35.23 who:

35.24 (1) successfully completes a board-approved refresher course; ~~and~~

35.25 (2) successfully completes a course in cardiopulmonary resuscitation approved by the  
 35.26 board or by the licensee's medical director. This course may be a component of a  
 35.27 board-approved refresher course; and

35.28 ~~(2)~~ (3) submits a completed renewal application to the board within ~~12~~ 48 months after  
 35.29 the registration expiration date.

36.1 Sec. 6. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 144E.27, subdivision 5, is amended to read:

36.2 Subd. 5. **Denial, suspension, revocation; emergency medical responders and**  
36.3 **drivers.** (a) This subdivision applies to individuals seeking registration or registered as an  
36.4 emergency medical responder and to individuals seeking registration or registered as a driver  
36.5 of a basic life-support ambulance under section 144E.101, subdivision 6a. The board may  
36.6 deny, suspend, revoke, place conditions on, or refuse to renew the registration of an individual  
36.7 who the board determines:

36.8 (1) violates sections 144E.001 to 144E.33 or the rules adopted under those sections, an  
36.9 agreement for corrective action, or an order that the board issued or is otherwise empowered  
36.10 to enforce;

36.11 (2) misrepresents or falsifies information on an application form for registration;

36.12 (3) is convicted or pleads guilty or nolo contendere to any felony; any gross misdemeanor  
36.13 relating to assault, sexual misconduct, theft, or the illegal use of drugs or alcohol; or any  
36.14 misdemeanor relating to assault, sexual misconduct, theft, or the illegal use of drugs or  
36.15 alcohol;

36.16 (4) is actually or potentially unable to provide emergency medical services or drive an  
36.17 ambulance with reasonable skill and safety to patients by reason of illness, use of alcohol,  
36.18 drugs, chemicals, or any other material, or as a result of any mental or physical condition;

36.19 (5) engages in unethical conduct, including, but not limited to, conduct likely to deceive,  
36.20 defraud, or harm the public, or demonstrating a willful or careless disregard for the health,  
36.21 welfare, or safety of the public;

36.22 (6) maltreats or abandons a patient;

36.23 (7) violates any state or federal controlled substance law;

36.24 (8) engages in unprofessional conduct or any other conduct which has the potential for  
36.25 causing harm to the public, including any departure from or failure to conform to the  
36.26 minimum standards of acceptable and prevailing practice without actual injury having to  
36.27 be established;

36.28 (9) for emergency medical responders, provides emergency medical services under  
36.29 lapsed or nonrenewed credentials;

36.30 (10) is subject to a denial, corrective, disciplinary, or other similar action in another  
36.31 jurisdiction or by another regulatory authority;

37.1 (11) engages in conduct with a patient that is sexual or may reasonably be interpreted  
37.2 by the patient as sexual, or in any verbal behavior that is seductive or sexually demeaning  
37.3 to a patient; or

37.4 (12) makes a false statement or knowingly provides false information to the board, or  
37.5 fails to cooperate with an investigation of the board as required by section 144E.30.

37.6 (b) Before taking action under paragraph (a), the board shall give notice to an individual  
37.7 of the right to a contested case hearing under chapter 14. If an individual requests a contested  
37.8 case hearing within 30 days after receiving notice, the board shall initiate a contested case  
37.9 hearing according to chapter 14.

37.10 (c) The administrative law judge shall issue a report and recommendation within 30  
37.11 days after closing the contested case hearing record. The board shall issue a final order  
37.12 within 30 days after receipt of the administrative law judge's report.

37.13 (d) After six months from the board's decision to deny, revoke, place conditions on, or  
37.14 refuse renewal of an individual's registration for disciplinary action, the individual shall  
37.15 have the opportunity to apply to the board for reinstatement.

37.16 Sec. 7. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 144E.27, subdivision 6, is amended to read:

37.17 Subd. 6. **Temporary suspension; emergency medical responders and drivers.** (a)  
37.18 This subdivision applies to emergency medical responders registered under this section and  
37.19 to individuals registered as drivers of basic life-support ambulances under section 144E.101,  
37.20 subdivision 6a. In addition to any other remedy provided by law, the board may temporarily  
37.21 suspend the registration of an individual after conducting a preliminary inquiry to determine  
37.22 whether the board believes that the individual has violated a statute or rule that the board  
37.23 is empowered to enforce and determining that the continued provision of service by the  
37.24 individual would create an imminent risk to public health or harm to others.

37.25 (b) A temporary suspension order prohibiting an individual from providing emergency  
37.26 medical care or from driving a basic life-support ambulance shall give notice of the right  
37.27 to a preliminary hearing according to paragraph (d) and shall state the reasons for the entry  
37.28 of the temporary suspension order.

37.29 (c) Service of a temporary suspension order is effective when the order is served on the  
37.30 individual personally or by certified mail, which is complete upon receipt, refusal, or return  
37.31 for nondelivery to the most recent address provided to the board for the individual.

37.32 (d) At the time the board issues a temporary suspension order, the board shall schedule  
37.33 a hearing, to be held before a group of its members designated by the board, that shall begin

38.1 within 60 days after issuance of the temporary suspension order or within 15 working days  
38.2 of the date of the board's receipt of a request for a hearing from the individual, whichever  
38.3 is sooner. The hearing shall be on the sole issue of whether there is a reasonable basis to  
38.4 continue, modify, or lift the temporary suspension. A hearing under this paragraph is not  
38.5 subject to chapter 14.

38.6 (e) Evidence presented by the board or the individual may be in the form of an affidavit.  
38.7 The individual or the individual's designee may appear for oral argument.

38.8 (f) Within five working days of the hearing, the board shall issue its order and, if the  
38.9 suspension is continued, notify the individual of the right to a contested case hearing under  
38.10 chapter 14.

38.11 (g) If an individual requests a contested case hearing within 30 days after receiving  
38.12 notice under paragraph (f), the board shall initiate a contested case hearing according to  
38.13 chapter 14. The administrative law judge shall issue a report and recommendation within  
38.14 30 days after the closing of the contested case hearing record. The board shall issue a final  
38.15 order within 30 days after receipt of the administrative law judge's report.

38.16 Sec. 8. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 144E.28, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

38.17 Subd. 3. **Reciprocity.** The board may certify an individual who possesses a current  
38.18 National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians ~~registration~~ certification from another  
38.19 jurisdiction if the individual submits a board-approved application form. The board  
38.20 certification classification shall be the same as the National Registry's classification.  
38.21 Certification shall be for the duration of the applicant's ~~registration~~ certification period in  
38.22 another jurisdiction, not to exceed two years.

38.23 Sec. 9. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 144E.28, subdivision 8, is amended to read:

38.24 Subd. 8. **Reinstatement.** (a) Within four years of a certification expiration date, a person  
38.25 whose certification has expired under subdivision 7, paragraph (d), may have the certification  
38.26 reinstated upon submission of:

38.27 (1) evidence to the board of training equivalent to the continuing education requirements  
38.28 of subdivision 7 or, for community paramedics, evidence to the board of training equivalent  
38.29 to the continuing education requirements of subdivision 9, paragraph (c); and

38.30 (2) a board-approved application form.

38.31 (b) If more than four years have passed since a certificate expiration date, an applicant  
38.32 must complete the initial certification process required under subdivision 1.

39.1 (c) Beginning July 1, 2024, through December 31, 2025, and notwithstanding paragraph  
39.2 (b), a person whose certification as an EMT, AEMT, paramedic, or community paramedic  
39.3 expired more than four years ago but less than ten years ago may have the certification  
39.4 reinstated upon submission of:

39.5 (1) evidence to the board of the training required under paragraph (a), clause (1). This  
39.6 training must have been completed within the 24 months prior to the date of the application  
39.7 for reinstatement;

39.8 (2) a board-approved application form; and

39.9 (3) a recommendation from an ambulance service medical director.

39.10 This paragraph expires December 31, 2025.

39.11 Sec. 10. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 144E.285, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

39.12 Subdivision 1. **Approval required.** (a) All education programs for an EMR, EMT,  
39.13 AEMT, or paramedic must be approved by the board.

39.14 (b) To be approved by the board, an education program must:

39.15 (1) submit an application prescribed by the board that includes:

39.16 (i) ~~type and length~~ of course to be offered;

39.17 (ii) names, addresses, and qualifications of the program medical director, program  
39.18 education coordinator, and instructors;

39.19 ~~(iii) names and addresses of clinical sites, including a contact person and telephone~~  
39.20 ~~number;~~

39.21 ~~(iv)~~ (iii) admission criteria for students; and

39.22 ~~(v)~~ (iv) materials and equipment to be used;

39.23 (2) for each course, implement the most current version of the United States Department  
39.24 of Transportation EMS Education Standards, or its equivalent as determined by the board  
39.25 applicable to EMR, EMT, AEMT, or paramedic education;

39.26 (3) have a program medical director and a program coordinator;

39.27 (4) utilize instructors who meet the requirements of section 144E.283 for teaching at  
39.28 least 50 percent of the course content. The remaining 50 percent of the course may be taught  
39.29 by guest lecturers approved by the education program coordinator or medical director;

39.30 ~~(5) have at least one instructor for every ten students at the practical skill stations;~~

40.1 ~~(6) maintain a written agreement with a licensed hospital or licensed ambulance service~~  
 40.2 ~~designating a clinical training site;~~

40.3 ~~(7) (5) retain documentation of program approval by the board, course outline, and~~  
 40.4 ~~student information;~~

40.5 ~~(8) (6) notify the board of the starting date of a course prior to the beginning of a course;~~  
 40.6 ~~and~~

40.7 ~~(9) (7) submit the appropriate fee as required under section 144E.29; and~~

40.8 ~~(10) maintain a minimum average yearly pass rate as set by the board on an annual basis.~~  
 40.9 ~~The pass rate will be determined by the percent of candidates who pass the exam on the~~  
 40.10 ~~first attempt. An education program not meeting this yearly standard shall be placed on~~  
 40.11 ~~probation and shall be on a performance improvement plan approved by the board until~~  
 40.12 ~~meeting the pass rate standard. While on probation, the education program may continue~~  
 40.13 ~~providing classes if meeting the terms of the performance improvement plan as determined~~  
 40.14 ~~by the board. If an education program having probation status fails to meet the pass rate~~  
 40.15 ~~standard after two years in which an EMT initial course has been taught, the board may~~  
 40.16 ~~take disciplinary action under subdivision 5.~~

40.17 Sec. 11. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 144E.285, is amended by adding a subdivision  
 40.18 to read:

40.19 Subd. 1a. **EMR education program requirements.** The National EMS Education  
 40.20 Standards established by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration of the United  
 40.21 States Department of Transportation specify the minimum requirements for knowledge and  
 40.22 skills for emergency medical responders. An education program applying for approval to  
 40.23 teach EMRs must comply with the requirements under subdivision 1, paragraph (b). A  
 40.24 medical director of an emergency medical responder group may establish additional  
 40.25 knowledge and skill requirements for EMRs.

40.26 Sec. 12. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 144E.285, is amended by adding a subdivision  
 40.27 to read:

40.28 Subd. 1b. **EMT education program requirements.** In addition to the requirements  
 40.29 under subdivision 1, paragraph (b), an education program applying for approval to teach  
 40.30 EMTs must:

40.31 (1) include in the application prescribed by the board the names and addresses of clinical  
 40.32 sites, including a contact person and telephone number;



41.1 (2) maintain a written agreement with at least one clinical training site that is of a type  
41.2 recognized by the National EMS Education Standards established by the National Highway  
41.3 Traffic Safety Administration; and

41.4 (3) maintain a minimum average yearly pass rate as set by the board. An education  
41.5 program not meeting this standard must be placed on probation and must comply with a  
41.6 performance improvement plan approved by the board until the program meets the pass-rate  
41.7 standard. While on probation, the education program may continue to provide classes if the  
41.8 program meets the terms of the performance improvement plan, as determined by the board.  
41.9 If an education program that is on probation status fails to meet the pass-rate standard after  
41.10 two years in which an EMT initial course has been taught, the board may take disciplinary  
41.11 action under subdivision 5.

41.12 Sec. 13. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 144E.285, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

41.13 Subd. 2. **AEMT and paramedic education program requirements.** (a) In addition to  
41.14 the requirements under subdivision 1, paragraph (b), an education program applying for  
41.15 approval to teach AEMTs and paramedics must:

41.16 (1) be administered by an educational institution accredited by the Commission of  
41.17 Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs (CAAHEP);

41.18 (2) include in the application prescribed by the board the names and addresses of clinical  
41.19 sites, including a contact person and telephone number; and

41.20 (3) maintain a written agreement with a licensed hospital or licensed ambulance service  
41.21 designating a clinical training site.

41.22 (b) An AEMT and paramedic education program that is administered by an educational  
41.23 institution not accredited by CAAHEP, but that is in the process of completing the  
41.24 accreditation process, may be granted provisional approval by the board upon verification  
41.25 of submission of its self-study report and the appropriate review fee to CAAHEP.

41.26 (c) An educational institution that discontinues its participation in the accreditation  
41.27 process must notify the board immediately and provisional approval shall be withdrawn.

41.28 ~~(d) This subdivision does not apply to a paramedic education program when the program~~  
41.29 ~~is operated by an advanced life-support ambulance service licensed by the Emergency~~  
41.30 ~~Medical Services Regulatory Board under this chapter, and the ambulance service meets~~  
41.31 ~~the following criteria:~~

42.1 ~~(1) covers a rural primary service area that does not contain a hospital within the primary~~  
42.2 ~~service area or contains a hospital within the primary service area that has been designated~~  
42.3 ~~as a critical access hospital under section 144.1483, clause (9);~~

42.4 ~~(2) has tax-exempt status in accordance with the Internal Revenue Code, section~~  
42.5 ~~501(c)(3);~~

42.6 ~~(3) received approval before 1991 from the commissioner of health to operate a paramedic~~  
42.7 ~~education program;~~

42.8 ~~(4) operates an AEMT and paramedic education program exclusively to train paramedics~~  
42.9 ~~for the local ambulance service; and~~

42.10 ~~(5) limits enrollment in the AEMT and paramedic program to five candidates per~~  
42.11 ~~biennium.~~

42.12 Sec. 14. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 144E.285, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

42.13 Subd. 4. **Reapproval.** An education program shall apply to the board for reapproval at  
42.14 least ~~three months~~ 30 days prior to the expiration date of its approval and must:

42.15 (1) submit an application prescribed by the board specifying any changes from the  
42.16 information provided for prior approval and any other information requested by the board  
42.17 to clarify incomplete or ambiguous information presented in the application; ~~and~~

42.18 (2) comply with the requirements under subdivision 1, paragraph (b), clauses (2) to ~~(10)~~.  
42.19 (7);

42.20 (3) be subject to a site visit by the board;

42.21 (4) for education programs that teach EMRs, comply with the requirements in subdivision  
42.22 1a;

42.23 (5) for education programs that teach EMTs, comply with the requirements in subdivision  
42.24 1b; and

42.25 (6) for education programs that teach AEMTs and paramedics, comply with the  
42.26 requirements in subdivision 2 and maintain accreditation with CAAHEP.

42.27 Sec. 15. **REPEALER.**

42.28 Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 144E.27, subdivisions 1 and 1a, are repealed.

**144E.001 DEFINITIONS.**

Subd. 5. **Board.** "Board" means the Emergency Medical Services Regulatory Board.

**144E.01 EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES REGULATORY BOARD.**

Subdivision 1. **Membership.** (a) The Emergency Medical Services Regulatory Board consists of the following members, all of whom must work in Minnesota, except for the person listed in clause (14):

- (1) an emergency physician certified by the American Board of Emergency Physicians;
- (2) a representative of Minnesota hospitals;
- (3) a representative of fire chiefs;
- (4) a full-time firefighter who serves as an emergency medical responder on or within a nontransporting or nonregistered agency and who is a member of a professional firefighter's union;
- (5) a volunteer firefighter who serves as an emergency medical responder on or within a nontransporting or nonregistered agency;
- (6) an attendant currently practicing on a licensed ambulance service who is a paramedic or an emergency medical technician;
- (7) an ambulance director for a licensed ambulance service;
- (8) a representative of sheriffs;
- (9) a member of a community health board to represent community health services;
- (10) two representatives of regional emergency medical services programs, one of whom must be from the metropolitan regional emergency medical services program;
- (11) a registered nurse currently practicing in a hospital emergency department;
- (12) a pediatrician, certified by the American Board of Pediatrics, with experience in emergency medical services;
- (13) a family practice physician who is currently involved in emergency medical services;
- (14) a public member who resides in Minnesota; and
- (15) the commissioners of health and public safety or their designees.

(b) The governor shall appoint members under paragraph (a). Appointments under paragraph (a), clauses (1) to (9) and (11) to (13), are subject to the advice and consent of the senate. In making appointments under paragraph (a), clauses (1) to (9) and (11) to (13), the governor shall consider recommendations of the American College of Emergency Physicians, the Minnesota Hospital Association, the Minnesota and State Fire Chief's Association, the Minnesota Ambulance Association, the Minnesota Emergency Medical Services Association, the Minnesota State Sheriff's Association, the Association of Minnesota Counties, the Minnesota Nurses Association, and the Minnesota chapter of the Academy of Pediatrics.

(c) At least seven members appointed under paragraph (a) must reside outside of the seven-county metropolitan area, as defined in section 473.121.

Subd. 2. **Ex officio members.** The speaker of the house and the Committee on Rules and Administration of the senate shall appoint one representative and one senator to serve as ex officio, nonvoting members.

Subd. 3. **Chair.** The governor shall designate one of the members appointed under subdivision 1 as chair of the board.

Subd. 4. **Compensation; terms.** Membership terms, compensation, and removal of members appointed under subdivision 1, are governed by section 15.0575.

Subd. 5. **Staff.** The board shall appoint an executive director who shall serve in the unclassified service and may appoint other staff. The service of the executive director shall be subject to the terms described in section 214.04, subdivision 2a.

Subd. 6. **Duties of board.** (a) The Emergency Medical Services Regulatory Board shall:

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(1) administer and enforce the provisions of this chapter and other duties as assigned to the board;

(2) advise applicants for state or federal emergency medical services funds, review and comment on such applications, and approve the use of such funds unless otherwise required by federal law;

(3) make recommendations to the legislature on improving the access, delivery, and effectiveness of the state's emergency medical services delivery system; and

(4) establish procedures for investigating, hearing, and resolving complaints against emergency medical services providers.

(b) The Emergency Medical Services Board may prepare an initial work plan, which may be updated biennially. The work plan may include provisions to:

(1) prepare an emergency medical services assessment which addresses issues affecting the statewide delivery system;

(2) establish a statewide public information and education system regarding emergency medical services;

(3) create, in conjunction with the Department of Public Safety, a statewide injury and trauma prevention program; and

(4) designate an annual emergency medical services personnel recognition day.

Subd. 7. **Conflict of interest.** No member of the Emergency Medical Services Board may participate or vote in board proceedings in which the member has a direct conflict of interest, financial or otherwise.

#### **144E.123 PREHOSPITAL CARE DATA.**

Subd. 5. **Working group.** By October 1, 2011, the board must convene a working group composed of six members, three of which must be appointed by the board and three of which must be appointed by the Minnesota Ambulance Association, to redesign the board's policies related to collection of data from licenses. The issues to be considered include, but are not limited to, the following: user-friendly reporting requirements; data sets; improved accuracy of reported information; appropriate use of information gathered through the reporting system; and methods for minimizing the financial impact of data reporting on licenses, particularly for rural volunteer services. The working group must report its findings and recommendations to the board no later than July 1, 2012.

#### **144E.27 EDUCATION PROGRAMS; BOARD APPROVAL.**

Subdivision 1. **Education program instructor.** An education program instructor must be an emergency medical responder, EMT, AEMT, paramedic, physician, physician assistant, or registered nurse.

Subd. 1a. **Approval required.** (a) All education programs for an emergency medical responder must be approved by the board.

(b) To be approved by the board, an education program must:

(1) submit an application prescribed by the board that includes:

(i) type and length of course to be offered;

(ii) names, addresses, and qualifications of the program medical director, program education coordinator, and instructors;

(iii) admission criteria for students; and

(iv) materials and equipment to be used;

(2) for each course, implement the most current version of the United States Department of Transportation EMS Education Standards, or its equivalent as determined by the board applicable to Emergency Medical Responder registration education;

(3) have a program medical director and a program coordinator;

(4) have at least one instructor for every ten students at the practical skill stations;

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(5) retain documentation of program approval by the board, course outline, and student information; and

(6) submit the appropriate fee as required under section 144E.29.

(c) The National EMS Education Standards by the NHTSA, United States Department of Transportation contains the minimal entry level of knowledge and skills for emergency medical responders. Medical directors of emergency medical responder groups may expand the knowledge and skill set.

**144E.50 EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES FUND.**

Subd. 3. **Definition.** For purposes of this section, "board" means the Emergency Medical Services Regulatory Board.