

**CHAPTER 177—S.F.No. 2621**

*An act relating to health; requiring programs to meet an average yearly pass rate for EMT certification; amending Minnesota Statutes 2004, section 144E.285, subdivision 1.*

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2004, section 144E.285, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

Subdivision 1. **Approval required.** (a) All training programs for an EMT, EMT-I, or EMT-P must be approved by the board.

(b) To be approved by the board, a training 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 training coordinator, and instructors;

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

(iv) admission criteria for students; and

(v) materials and equipment to be used;

(2) for each course, implement the most current version of the United States Department of Transportation curriculum or its equivalent as determined by the board applicable to EMT, EMT-I, or EMT-P training;

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(10) maintain a minimum average yearly pass rate on the state EMT certification exam that is equal to the national average pass rate on the certification exam. The pass rate will be determined by the percent of candidates who pass the exam on the first attempt. A training program not meeting this yearly standard shall be placed on probation and shall be on a performance improvement plan approved by the board until meeting the pass rate standard. While on probation, the training program may continue providing classes if meeting the terms of the performance improvement plan as determined by the board. If a training program

having probation status fails to meet the pass rate standard after two years in which an EMT initial course has been taught, the board may take disciplinary action under subdivision 5.

Presented to the governor April 18, 2006

Signed by the governor April 20, 2006, 3:45 p.m.