

1 SENATE BILL NO. 156

2 AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE

3 (Proposed by the Senate Committee on Education and Health

4 on _____)

5 (Patron Prior to Substitute—Senator McDougle)

6 *A BILL to amend and reenact §§ 32.1-111.4 and 32.1-111.6 of the Code of Virginia, relating to emergency*
7 *medical services personnel; authorized to operate or job duties include operation of emergency medical*
8 *services vehicles.*9 **Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**10 **1. That §§ 32.1-111.4 and 32.1-111.6 of the Code of Virginia are amended and reenacted as follows:**11 **§ 32.1-111.4. Regulations; emergency medical services personnel and vehicles; response times;**
12 **enforcement provisions; civil penalties.**

13 A. The Board shall prescribe by regulation:

14 1. Requirements for recordkeeping, supplies, operating procedures, and other emergency medical services
15 agency operations;16 2. Requirements for the sanitation and maintenance of emergency medical services vehicles and their
17 medical supplies and equipment;18 3. Procedures, including the requirements for forms, to authorize qualified emergency medical services
19 personnel to follow Do Not Resuscitate Orders pursuant to § 54.1-2987.1;

20 4. Requirements for the composition, administration, duties, and responsibilities of the Advisory Board;

21 5. Requirements, developed in consultation with the Advisory Board, governing the training, certification,
22 and recertification of emergency medical services personnel. *Such requirements shall include provisions that*
23 *any personnel who are authorized to operate or whose job duties include operation of emergency medical*
24 *services vehicles shall comply with the provisions of 49 C.F.R. § 382.213;*25 6. Requirements for written notification to the Advisory Board, the Office of Emergency Medical
26 Services, and the Financial Assistance and Review Committee of the Board's action, and the reasons therefor,
27 on requests and recommendations of the Advisory Board, the Office of Emergency Medical Services, or the
28 Financial Assistance and Review Committee, no later than five business days after reaching its decision,
29 specifying whether the Board has approved, denied, or not acted on such requests and recommendations;30 7. Authorization procedures, developed in consultation with the Advisory Board, that allow the possession
31 and administration of epinephrine or a medically accepted equivalent for emergency cases of anaphylactic

32 shock by certain levels of certified emergency medical services personnel as authorized by § 54.1-3408 and
33 authorization procedures that allow the possession and administration of oxygen with the authority of the
34 local operational medical director and an emergency medical services agency that holds a valid license issued
35 by the Commissioner;

36 8. A uniform definition of "response time" and requirements, developed in consultation with the Advisory
37 Board, for each emergency medical services agency to measure response times starting from the time a call
38 for emergency medical services is received until the time (i) appropriate emergency medical services
39 personnel are responding and (ii) appropriate emergency medical services personnel arrive on the scene, and
40 requirements for emergency medical services agencies to collect and report such data to the Director of the
41 Office of Emergency Medical Services, who shall compile such information and make it available to the
42 public, upon request;

43 9. Enforcement provisions, including, ~~but not limited to~~, civil penalties that the Commissioner may assess
44 against any emergency medical services agency or other entity found to be in violation of any of the
45 provisions of this article or any regulation promulgated under this article. All amounts paid as civil penalties
46 for violations of this article or regulations promulgated pursuant thereto shall be paid into the state treasury
47 and shall be deposited in the emergency medical services special fund established pursuant to § 46.2-694, to
48 be used only for emergency medical services purposes; and

49 10. Procedures for when emergency medical services agencies in medically underserved areas as defined
50 by the Board may transport patients to 24-hour urgent care facilities or appropriate medical care facilities
51 other than hospitals. The regulations shall include provisions for what constitutes a medically underserved
52 area, cases appropriate for transferring a patient to a medical facility other than a hospital, and other
53 information deemed relevant by the Board.

54 B. The Board shall classify emergency medical services agencies and emergency medical services
55 vehicles by type of service rendered and shall specify the medical equipment, the supplies, the vehicle
56 specifications, and the emergency medical services personnel required for each classification.

57 C. In formulating its regulations, the Board shall consider the current Minimal Equipment List for
58 Ambulances adopted by the Committee on Trauma of the American College of Surgeons.

59 **§ 32.1-111.6. Emergency medical services agency license; emergency medical services vehicle
60 permits.**

61 A. No person shall operate, conduct, maintain, or profess to be an emergency medical services agency

62 without a valid license issued by the Commissioner for such emergency medical services agency and a valid
63 permit for each emergency medical services vehicle used by such emergency medical services agency.

64 B. The Commissioner shall issue an original or renewal license for an emergency medical services agency
65 or renewal permit for an emergency medical services vehicle that meets all requirements set forth in this
66 article and in the regulations of the Board, upon application, on forms and according to procedures
67 established by the Board. Licenses and permits shall be valid for a period specified by the Board, not to
68 exceed two years.

69 C. The Commissioner may issue (i) temporary licenses for emergency medical services agencies not
70 meeting required standards, valid for a period not to exceed 60 days, and (ii) temporary permits for
71 emergency medical services vehicles not meeting required standards, valid for a period of 90 days from the
72 end of the month of issue, when the public interest will be served thereby.

73 D. The issuance of a license or permit in accordance with this section shall not be construed to authorize
74 any emergency medical services agency to operate any emergency medical services vehicle without a
75 franchise, license, or permit in any county or municipality that has enacted an ordinance pursuant to
76 § 32.1-111.14 making it unlawful to do so.

77 E. *When issuing any license or permit in accordance with this section, the Commissioner shall require
78 that any personnel of the emergency medical services agency who are authorized to operate or whose job
79 duties include operation of emergency medical services vehicles shall comply with the provisions of 49
80 C.F.R. § 382.213.*

81 F. The word "ambulance" shall not appear on any vehicle, vessel, or aircraft that does not hold a valid
82 permit as an emergency medical services vehicle.