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## 2017 ASSEMBLY BILL 59

February 6, 2017 - Introduced by Representatives LOUDENBECK, SHANKLAND, ANDERSON, BERNIER, MURSAU, SPIROS and ZEPNICK, cosponsored by Senators MOULTON, HARSDORF, NASS, OLSEN, PETROWSKI and RINGHAND. Referred to Committee on Health.

1     **AN ACT** *to renumber* 256.01 (1); *to renumber and amend* 66.0608 (1) (a),  
2           66.0608 (1) (d), 66.0608 (1) (e), 103.88 (1) (f), 154.17 (3m), 256.01 (8), 256.01 (9),  
3           940.20 (7) (a) 2m. and 941.20 (1m) (a) 3.; *to amend* 16.25 (1) (am), 16.25 (2),  
4           16.25 (3) (a), 16.25 (3) (b), 16.25 (3) (c), 16.25 (3) (d) 1., 16.25 (3) (d) 2., 16.25 (3)  
5           (e), 16.25 (3) (f), 16.25 (3) (g), 16.25 (3) (h), 16.25 (3) (i) 1., 16.25 (3) (i) 2., 16.25  
6           (3) (j), 16.25 (3) (k), 16.25 (5), 20.435 (1) (ch), 36.27 (3m) (a) 1g., 38.24 (5) (a) 1j.,  
7           40.02 (48) (bm), 40.65 (4r), 48.195 (1), 48.195 (2) (a), 48.195 (2) (b), 48.195 (3)  
8           (a), 48.195 (4) (b), 48.685 (1) (ag) 2., 48.981 (2) (a) 27., 48.981 (2) (a) 28., 50.065  
9           (1) (ag) 2., 59.34 (2) (a), 59.34 (2) (b) 1., 59.35 (5), 60.37 (4) (a), 66.0137 (4t),  
10          66.0501 (4), 66.0608 (title), 66.0608 (1) (b), 66.0608 (1) (h), 66.0608 (2) (a),  
11          66.0608 (2) (b), 97.67 (5m) (a) 6., 102.03 (1) (c) 2., 103.88 (title), 103.88 (1) (c),  
12          103.88 (2), 103.88 (3) (a) 1., 108.05 (3) (a), 109.03 (1) (e), 111.91 (2) (gu), 118.29  
13          (1) (c), 146.37 (1) (a), 146.37 (1g), 146.81 (1) (r), 146.81 (1) (s), 146.81 (4), 146.997  
14          (1) (d) 14., 154.17 (2), 154.17 (3), 154.19 (3) (a), 154.19 (3) (b) 3., 154.21 (1) (a),

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1 154.225 (2) (a), 154.23 (intro.), 154.25 (6), 157.06 (12) (a) 1., 252.14 (1) (ar) 13.,  
2 252.14 (1) (ar) 15., 252.15 (1) (af), 252.15 (5g) (a) 1., 255.35 (1m) (a) 1., 256.01  
3 (5), 256.01 (6), 256.01 (11), 256.04 (6), 256.08 (4) (c), 256.08 (4) (d), 256.08 (4)  
4 (e), 256.08 (4) (h), 256.08 (4) (j), 256.12 (2) (a), 256.12 (2) (b) 1., 256.12 (2) (b) 3.,  
5 256.12 (5) (title) and (a), 256.12 (7), 256.15 (1) (d), 256.15 (2) (a), 256.15 (2) (b),  
6 256.15 (2) (c), 256.15 (4) (a) 1., 256.15 (4) (a) 2., 256.15 (4) (b), 256.15 (4) (c),  
7 256.15 (4) (d), 256.15 (4) (e) 1., 256.15 (4) (e) 2., 256.15 (4) (f) 2. a., 256.15 (4) (f)  
8 2. b., 256.15 (4) (f) 2. c., 256.15 (4) (f) 5., 256.15 (5) (title), 256.15 (5) (a), 256.15  
9 (5) (d) 1., 256.15 (5) (d) 3., 256.15 (5) (e), 256.15 (5) (f), 256.15 (5) (g), 256.15 (6)  
10 (a) (intro.), 256.15 (6) (a) 1., 256.15 (6) (b) 1., 256.15 (6) (b) 2., 256.15 (6) (c)  
11 (intro.), 256.15 (6n), 256.15 (7), 256.15 (8) (title), 256.15 (8) (a), 256.15 (8) (b)  
12 (intro.), 256.15 (8) (b) 1., 256.15 (8) (b) 3., 256.15 (8) (c), 256.15 (8) (e), 256.15  
13 (8) (f), 256.15 (8) (g), 256.15 (9), 256.15 (9m), 256.15 (11) (c), 256.15 (11) (d),  
14 256.15 (11) (f), 256.15 (12) (a), 256.15 (12) (b), 256.15 (13) (c), 256.30 (3) (a),  
15 256.40 (2) (a), 256.40 (2) (b), 256.40 (2) (c) 1., 256.40 (2) (c) 2., 257.01 (2) (a),  
16 257.01 (2) (b), 340.01 (3) (dm) 2., 340.01 (74p) (f), 341.14 (6r) (f) 48., 341.14 (6r)  
17 (f) 48m., 341.14 (6r) (g) 2., 343.23 (2) (a) 1., 343.23 (2) (a) 3., 440.9805 (1),  
18 891.453 (1) (b), 895.35 (2) (a) 2., 895.48 (1m) (a) (intro.), 895.48 (1m) (a) 2.,  
19 895.48 (4) (am) (intro.), 895.484 (2) (d), 940.20 (7) (a) 1e., 940.20 (7) (a) 2g.,  
20 940.20 (7) (b), 941.20 (1m) (a) 1., 941.20 (1m) (a) 2., 941.20 (1m) (b), 941.37 (1)  
21 (a), 941.37 (1) (c), 941.375 (1) (a), 941.375 (1) (b), 946.70 (1) (c), 946.70 (1) (d) and  
22 961.443 (1) (b); ***to repeal and recreate*** 252.01 (1g); and ***to create*** 16.25 (1) (at),

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1           256.01 (1k) and 256.15 (5) (d) 2m. of the statutes; **relating to:** terminology  
2           change and corrections for emergency medical technicians and first responders.

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***Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau***

This bill changes the terminology for emergency medical technicians. The term “first responder” changes to “emergency medical responder.” The term “emergency medical technician — basic” changes to “emergency medical technician.” The term “emergency medical technician — intermediate” does not change. The term “advanced emergency medical technician” is added to reflect the level currently in the Department of Health Services rules known as “emergency medical technician — intermediate technician.” The term “emergency medical technician — paramedic” changes to “paramedic.” The term “emergency medical technician” currently refers collectively to emergency medical technicians — basic, emergency medical technicians — intermediate, and emergency medical technicians — paramedic, and that term changes to “emergency medical services practitioner” under the bill and includes advanced emergency medical technicians.

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

3           **SECTION 1.** 16.25 (1) (am) of the statutes is amended to read:

4           16.25 (1) (am) “~~First~~ Emergency medical responder” means an individual  
5 certified under s. 256.15 (8) (a).

6           **SECTION 2.** 16.25 (1) (at) of the statutes is created to read:

7           16.25 (1) (at) “Emergency medical services practitioner” has the meaning given  
8 in s. 256.01 (5).

9           **SECTION 3.** 16.25 (2) of the statutes is amended to read:

10          16.25 (2) The department shall administer a program to provide  
11 length-of-service awards, described in 26 USC 457 (e) (11), to volunteer fire fighters  
12 in municipalities that operate volunteer fire departments or that contract with  
13 volunteer fire companies organized under ch. 181 or 213, to ~~first~~ emergency medical  
14 responders in any municipality that authorizes ~~first~~ emergency medical responders

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1 to provide ~~first~~ emergency medical responder services, and to volunteer emergency  
2 medical technicians services practitioners in any municipality that authorizes  
3 volunteer emergency medical ~~technicians~~ services practitioners to provide  
4 emergency medical technical services in the municipality. To the extent permitted  
5 by federal law, the department shall administer the program so as to treat the  
6 length-of-service awards as a tax-deferred benefit under the Internal Revenue  
7 Code.

8 **SECTION 4.** 16.25 (3) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

9 16.25 (3) (a) All municipalities that operate volunteer fire departments or that  
10 contract with a volunteer fire company organized under ch. 181 or 213, all  
11 municipalities that authorize ~~first~~ emergency medical responders to provide ~~first~~  
12 emergency medical responder services, and all municipalities that authorize  
13 volunteer emergency medical ~~technicians~~ services practitioners to provide  
14 emergency medical technical services are eligible to participate in the program.

15 **SECTION 5.** 16.25 (3) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

16 16.25 (3) (b) Annual contributions in an amount determined by the  
17 municipality shall be paid by each municipality for each volunteer fire fighter, ~~first~~  
18 emergency medical responder, and emergency medical ~~technician~~ services  
19 practitioner who provides services for the municipality.

20 **SECTION 6.** 16.25 (3) (c) of the statutes is amended to read:

21 16.25 (3) (c) The municipality may select from among the plans offered by  
22 individuals or organizations under contract with the department under sub. (4) for  
23 the volunteer fire fighters, ~~first~~ emergency medical responders, and emergency  
24 medical ~~technicians~~ services practitioners who perform services for the municipality.

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1 The municipality shall pay the annual contributions directly to the individual or  
2 organization offering the plan selected by the municipality.

3 **SECTION 7.** 16.25 (3) (d) 1. of the statutes is amended to read:

4 16.25 (3) (d) 1. Subject to subd. 2., the department shall match all annual  
5 municipal contributions paid for volunteer fire fighters, ~~first~~ emergency medical  
6 responders, and emergency medical ~~technicians~~ services practitioners up to \$250 per  
7 fiscal year, other than contributions paid for the purchase of additional years of  
8 service under par. (e), to be paid from the appropriation account under s. 20.505 (4)  
9 (er). This amount shall be adjusted annually on July 1 to reflect any changes in the  
10 U.S. consumer price index for all urban consumers, U.S. city average, as determined  
11 by the U.S. department of labor, for the 12-month period ending on the preceding  
12 December 31. The department shall pay all amounts that are matched under this  
13 paragraph to the individuals and organizations offering the plans selected by the  
14 municipalities.

15 **SECTION 8.** 16.25 (3) (d) 2. of the statutes is amended to read:

16 16.25 (3) (d) 2. If the moneys appropriated under s. 20.505 (4) (er) are not  
17 sufficient to fully fund the contributions required to be paid by the department under  
18 subd. 1., the department shall prorate the contributions paid for the volunteer fire  
19 fighters, ~~first~~ emergency medical responders, and emergency medical ~~technicians~~  
20 services practitioners.

21 **SECTION 9.** 16.25 (3) (e) of the statutes is amended to read:

22 16.25 (3) (e) A municipality may purchase additional years of service for  
23 volunteer fire fighters, ~~first~~ emergency medical responders, and emergency medical  
24 ~~technicians~~ services practitioners. The number of additional years of service that  
25 may be purchased under this paragraph may not exceed the number of years of

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1 volunteer fire fighting, ~~first emergency medical~~ responder service, or emergency  
2 medical technical service performed by the volunteer fire fighter, ~~first emergency~~  
3 ~~medical~~ responder, or emergency medical technician ~~services practitioner~~ for the  
4 municipality.

5 **SECTION 10.** 16.25 (3) (f) of the statutes is amended to read:

6 16.25 (3) (f) Except in the case of a volunteer fire fighter, ~~first emergency~~  
7 ~~medical~~ responder, or emergency medical technician ~~services practitioner~~ or the  
8 beneficiary of a volunteer fire fighter, ~~first emergency medical~~ responder, or  
9 emergency medical technician ~~services practitioner~~ eligible for a lump sum under  
10 par. (i), a vesting period of 10 years of volunteer fire fighting, ~~first emergency medical~~  
11 responder service, or emergency medical technical service for a municipality shall be  
12 required before a volunteer fire fighter, ~~first emergency medical~~ responder, or  
13 emergency medical technician ~~services practitioner~~ may receive any benefits under  
14 the program.

15 **SECTION 11.** 16.25 (3) (g) of the statutes is amended to read:

16 16.25 (3) (g) A volunteer fire fighter, ~~first emergency medical~~ responder, or  
17 emergency medical technician ~~services practitioner~~ shall be paid a length of service  
18 award either in a lump sum or in a manner specified by rule, consisting of all  
19 municipal and state contributions made on behalf of the volunteer fire fighter, ~~first~~  
20 ~~emergency medical~~ responder, or emergency medical technician ~~services~~  
21 ~~practitioner~~ and all earnings on the contributions, less any expenses incurred in the  
22 investment of the contributions and earnings, after the volunteer fire fighter, ~~first~~  
23 ~~emergency medical~~ responder, or emergency medical technician ~~services~~  
24 ~~practitioner~~ attains 20 years of service for a municipality and reaches the age of 60.  
25 If a volunteer fire fighter, ~~first emergency medical~~ responder, or emergency medical

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1 ~~technician services practitioner~~ has satisfied all vesting requirements under the  
2 program but has less than 20 years of service for a municipality or has not reached  
3 the age of 60, the program shall provide for the payment of a length of service award  
4 either in a lump sum or in a manner specified by rule in an amount to be determined  
5 by the department, but less than the amount paid to a volunteer fire fighter, ~~first~~  
6 emergency medical responder, or emergency medical ~~technician services~~  
7 practitioner who has attained 20 years of service for a municipality and has reached  
8 the age of 60.

9 **SECTION 12.** 16.25 (3) (h) of the statutes is amended to read:

10 16.25 (3) (h) The account of a volunteer fire fighter, ~~first~~ emergency medical  
11 responder, or emergency medical ~~technician services practitioner~~ who has not met  
12 all of the vesting requirements under the program shall be closed if he or she should  
13 cease providing volunteer fire fighting, ~~first~~ emergency medical responder, or  
14 emergency medical technical services for a municipality for a period of 6 months or  
15 more, unless he or she has been granted a leave of absence by his or her supervisor.

16 **SECTION 13.** 16.25 (3) (i) 1. of the statutes is amended to read:

17 16.25 (3) (i) 1. The beneficiary of a volunteer fire fighter, ~~first~~ emergency  
18 medical responder, or emergency medical ~~technician services practitioner~~ who is  
19 killed in the line of duty or while actively engaged in the rendering of volunteer fire  
20 fighting, ~~first~~ emergency medical responder, or emergency medical technical service  
21 shall be paid a length of service award either in a lump sum or in a manner specified  
22 by rule, consisting of all municipal and state contributions made on behalf of the  
23 volunteer fire fighter, ~~first~~ emergency medical responder, or emergency medical  
24 ~~technician services practitioner~~ and all earnings on the contributions, less any  
25 expenses incurred in the investment of the contributions and earnings.

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1           **SECTION 14.** 16.25 (3) (i) 2. of the statutes is amended to read:

2           16.25 (3) (i) 2. A volunteer fire fighter, first emergency medical responder, or  
3 emergency medical ~~technician~~ services practitioner who becomes disabled during his  
4 or her service as a volunteer fire fighter, first emergency medical responder, or  
5 emergency medical ~~technician~~ services practitioner for the municipality shall be  
6 paid a length of service award either in a lump sum or in a manner specified by rule,  
7 in an amount to be determined by the department.

8           **SECTION 15.** 16.25 (3) (j) of the statutes is amended to read:

9           16.25 (3) (j) The account of any volunteer fire fighter, first emergency medical  
10 responder, or emergency medical ~~technician~~ services practitioner who has not met  
11 all of the vesting requirements under the program, who has not provided volunteer  
12 fire fighting, first emergency medical responder, or emergency medical technical  
13 services for a municipality for a period of 6 months or more, who does not meet any  
14 other program requirement established by the municipality, and who has not been  
15 granted a leave of absence by his or her supervisor shall be closed.

16           **SECTION 16.** 16.25 (3) (k) of the statutes is amended to read:

17           16.25 (3) (k) The department shall equitably allocate all moneys in accounts  
18 of volunteer fire fighters, first emergency medical responders, and emergency  
19 medical ~~technicians~~ services practitioners that have been closed to the accounts of  
20 volunteer fire fighters, first emergency medical responders, and emergency medical  
21 ~~technicians~~ services practitioners that have not been forfeited or closed.

22           **SECTION 17.** 16.25 (5) of the statutes is amended to read:

23           16.25 (5) The department shall establish by rule a process by which a volunteer  
24 fire fighter, first emergency medical responder, or emergency medical ~~technician~~  
25 services practitioner may appeal to the secretary any decision made by the

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1 department or by an individual or organization under contract with the department  
2 under sub. (4) that affects a substantial interest of the volunteer fire fighter, ~~first~~  
3 emergency medical responder, or emergency medical ~~technician~~ services  
4 practitioner under the program.

5 **SECTION 18.** 20.435 (1) (ch) of the statutes is amended to read:

6 20.435 (1) (ch) *Emergency medical services; aids.* The amounts in the schedule  
7 for ~~emergency medical technician~~ — basic emergency medical technician training  
8 and examination aid under s. 256.12 (5) and for ambulance service vehicles or vehicle  
9 equipment, emergency medical services supplies or equipment or emergency  
10 medical training for personnel under s. 256.12 (4).

11 **SECTION 19.** 36.27 (3m) (a) 1g. of the statutes is amended to read:

12 36.27 (3m) (a) 1g. “Emergency medical services technician” means an  
13 individual under s. 256.01 (4p) or (5) ~~or (9)~~.

14 **SECTION 20.** 38.24 (5) (a) 1j. of the statutes is amended to read:

15 38.24 (5) (a) 1j. “Emergency medical services technician” means an individual  
16 under s. 256.01 (4p) or (5) ~~or (9)~~.

17 **SECTION 21.** 40.02 (48) (bm) of the statutes is amended to read:

18 40.02 (48) (bm) “Protective occupation participant” includes any participant  
19 who is an emergency medical ~~technician~~ services practitioner, as defined in s. 256.01  
20 (5), if the participant’s employer classifies the participant as a protective occupation  
21 participant and the department receives notification of the participant’s name as  
22 provided in s. 40.06 (1) (d) and (dm). Notwithstanding par. (a), an employer may  
23 classify a participant who is an emergency medical ~~technician~~ services practitioner  
24 as a protective occupation participant without making a determination that the  
25 principal duties of the participant involve active law enforcement or active fire

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1 suppression or prevention. A determination under this paragraph may not be  
2 appealed under s. 40.06 (1) (e) or (em), but a determination under this paragraph  
3 regarding the classification of a state employee is subject to review under s. 40.06 (1)  
4 (dm). Notwithstanding sub. (17) (d), each participant who is classified as a protective  
5 occupation participant under this paragraph on or after January 1, 1991, shall be  
6 granted creditable service as a protective occupation participant for all covered  
7 service as an emergency medical ~~technician~~ services practitioner that was earned on  
8 or after the date on which the department receives notification of the participant's  
9 name as provided in s. 40.06 (1) (d) and (dm), but may not be granted creditable  
10 service as a protective occupation participant for any covered service as an  
11 emergency medical ~~technician~~ services practitioner that was earned before that  
12 date.

13 **SECTION 22.** 40.65 (4r) of the statutes is amended to read:

14 40.65 (4r) A protective occupation participant who is an emergency medical  
15 ~~technician~~ services practitioner, as defined in s. 256.01 (5), is not entitled to a duty  
16 disability benefit under this section for an injury or disease occurring before the date  
17 on which the department receives notification of the participant's name as provided  
18 in s. 40.06 (1) (d) and (dm).

19 **SECTION 23.** 48.195 (1) of the statutes is amended to read:

20 48.195 (1) TAKING CHILD INTO CUSTODY. In addition to being taken into custody  
21 under s. 48.19, a child whom a law enforcement officer, emergency medical  
22 ~~technician~~ services practitioner, as defined in s. 256.01 (5), or hospital staff member  
23 reasonably believes to be 72 hours old or younger may be taken into custody under  
24 circumstances in which a parent of the child relinquishes custody of the child to the  
25 law enforcement officer, emergency medical ~~technician~~ services practitioner, or

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1 hospital staff member and does not express an intent to return for the child. If a  
2 parent who wishes to relinquish custody of his or her child under this subsection is  
3 unable to travel to a sheriff's office, police station, fire station, hospital, or other place  
4 where a law enforcement officer, emergency medical ~~technician~~ services practitioner,  
5 or hospital staff member is located, the parent may dial the telephone number "911"  
6 or, in an area in which the telephone number "911" is not available, the number for  
7 an emergency medical service provider, and the person receiving the call shall  
8 dispatch a law enforcement officer or emergency medical ~~technician~~ services  
9 practitioner to meet the parent and take the child into custody. A law enforcement  
10 officer, emergency medical ~~technician~~ services practitioner, or hospital staff member  
11 who takes a child into custody under this subsection shall take any action necessary  
12 to protect the health and safety of the child, shall, within 24 hours after taking the  
13 child into custody, deliver the child to the intake worker under s. 48.20, and shall,  
14 within 5 days after taking the child into custody, file a birth certificate for the child  
15 under s. 69.14 (3).

16 **SECTION 24.** 48.195 (2) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

17 48.195 (2) (a) Except as provided in this paragraph, a parent who relinquishes  
18 custody of a child under sub. (1) and any person who assists the parent in that  
19 relinquishment have the right to remain anonymous. The exercise of that right shall  
20 not affect the manner in which a law enforcement officer, emergency medical  
21 ~~technician~~ services practitioner, as defined in s. 256.01 (5), or hospital staff member  
22 performs his or her duties under this section. No person may induce or coerce or  
23 attempt to induce or coerce a parent or person assisting a parent who wishes to  
24 remain anonymous into revealing his or her identity, unless the person has  
25 reasonable cause to suspect that the child has been the victim of abuse or neglect or

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1 that the person assisting the parent is coercing the parent into relinquishing custody  
2 of the child.

3 **SECTION 25.** 48.195 (2) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

4 48.195 (2) (b) A parent who relinquishes custody of a child under sub. (1) and  
5 any person who assists the parent in that relinquishment may leave the presence of  
6 the law enforcement officer, emergency medical ~~technician~~ services practitioner, as  
7 defined in s. 256.01 (5), or hospital staff member who took custody of the child at any  
8 time, and no person may follow or pursue the parent or person assisting the parent,  
9 unless the person has reasonable cause to suspect that the child has been the victim  
10 of abuse or neglect or that the person assisting the parent has coerced the parent into  
11 relinquishing custody of the child.

12 **SECTION 26.** 48.195 (3) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

13 48.195 (3) (a) Subject to par. (b), a law enforcement officer, emergency medical  
14 ~~technician~~ services practitioner, as defined in s. 256.01 (5), or hospital staff member  
15 who takes a child into custody under sub. (1) shall make available to the parent who  
16 relinquishes custody of the child the maternal and child health toll-free telephone  
17 number maintained by the department under 42 USC 705 (a) (5) (E).

18 **SECTION 27.** 48.195 (4) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

19 48.195 (4) (b) Any law enforcement officer, emergency medical ~~technician~~  
20 services practitioner, as defined in s. 256.01 (5), or hospital staff member who takes  
21 a child into custody under sub. (1) is immune from any civil liability to the child's  
22 parents, or any criminal liability for any good faith act or omission occurring solely  
23 in connection with the act of receiving custody of the child from the child's parents,  
24 but is not immune from any civil or criminal liability for any act or omission occurring  
25 in subsequently providing care for the child.

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1           **SECTION 28.** 48.685 (1) (ag) 2. of the statutes is amended to read:

2           48.685 (1) (ag) 2. “Caregiver” does not include a person who is certified as an  
3           emergency medical technician services practitioner under s. 256.15 if the person is  
4           employed, or seeking employment, as an emergency medical technician services  
5           practitioner and does not include a person who is certified as ~~a first~~ an emergency  
6           medical responder under s. 256.15 if the person is employed, or seeking employment,  
7           as ~~a first~~ an emergency medical responder.

8           **SECTION 29.** 48.981 (2) (a) 27. of the statutes is amended to read:

9           48.981 (2) (a) 27. An emergency medical technician services practitioner.

10          **SECTION 30.** 48.981 (2) (a) 28. of the statutes is amended to read:

11          48.981 (2) (a) 28. ~~A first~~ An emergency medical responder, as defined in s.  
12          256.01 (4p).

13          **SECTION 31.** 50.065 (1) (ag) 2. of the statutes is amended to read:

14          50.065 (1) (ag) 2. “Caregiver” does not include a person who is certified as an  
15          emergency medical technician services practitioner under s. 256.15 if the person is  
16          employed, or seeking employment, as an emergency medical technician services  
17          practitioner and does not include a person who is certified as ~~a first~~ an emergency  
18          medical responder under s. 256.15 if the person is employed, or seeking employment,  
19          as ~~a first~~ an emergency medical responder.

20          **SECTION 32.** 59.34 (2) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

21          59.34 (2) (a) Notwithstanding s. 979.04 (3) and except as provided in par. (b),  
22          any person holding office under sub. (1) may also serve as an emergency medical  
23          ~~technician, first~~ services practitioner, emergency medical responder, or fire fighter.

24          **SECTION 33.** 59.34 (2) (b) 1. of the statutes is amended to read:

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1           59.34 (2) (b) 1. No person serving as a coroner or medical examiner, or deputy  
2 coroner or medical examiner's assistant, who also serves as an emergency medical  
3 ~~technician, first services practitioner, emergency medical~~ responder, or a fire fighter  
4 may participate as a coroner or medical examiner, or deputy coroner or medical  
5 examiner's assistant, in any case in which he or she may be required to participate  
6 as an emergency medical ~~technician, first services practitioner, emergency medical~~  
7 responder, or fire fighter. If an apparent or actual conflict of interest arises between  
8 the person's duties as coroner or medical examiner and as emergency medical  
9 ~~technician, first services practitioner, emergency medical~~ responder, or fire fighter,  
10 the deputy coroner or medical examiner's assistant shall act as coroner or medical  
11 examiner in the case in which the conflict exists. If an apparent or actual conflict of  
12 interest arises between the person's duties as deputy coroner or medical examiner's  
13 assistant and as emergency medical ~~technician, first services practitioner,~~  
14 ~~emergency medical~~ responder, or fire fighter, a coroner or another deputy coroner, or  
15 a medical examiner or another medical examiner's assistant shall act as coroner or  
16 medical examiner in the case in which the conflict exists. If there is no coroner,  
17 deputy coroner, medical examiner, or medical examiner's assistant available who  
18 may act without an apparent or actual conflict of interest, the coroner or medical  
19 examiner shall request that the coroner, medical examiner, deputy coroner, or a  
20 medical examiner's assistant in another county act as coroner or medical examiner  
21 in the case in which the conflict exists. Any fees owed to or expenses incurred by the  
22 acting coroner or medical examiner from the other county shall be paid by the county  
23 that requested the acting coroner's or medical examiner's services.

24           **SECTION 34.** 59.35 (5) of the statutes is amended to read:

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1           59.35 (5) A person holding office under this section may also serve as an  
2 emergency medical technician, ~~a first~~ services practitioner, an emergency medical  
3 responder, a fire fighter or a chief, deputy chief or assistant chief of a fire department.

4           **SECTION 35.** 60.37 (4) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

5           60.37 (4) (a) An elected town officer, other than a town clerk, a town treasurer,  
6 or an officer serving in a combined office of town clerk and town treasurer, who also  
7 serves as a town employee may be paid an hourly wage for serving as a town  
8 employee, not exceeding a total of \$5,000 each year. An elected town officer, who is  
9 a town clerk, a town treasurer, or an officer serving in a combined office of town clerk  
10 and town treasurer, who also serves as a town employee may be paid an hourly wage  
11 for serving as a town employee, not exceeding a total of \$15,000 each year. Amounts  
12 that are paid under this paragraph may be paid in addition to any amount that an  
13 individual receives under s. 60.32 or as a volunteer fire fighter, emergency medical  
14 technician, ~~or first~~ services practitioner, or emergency medical responder under s.  
15 66.0501 (4). The \$5,000 maximum in this paragraph includes amounts paid to a town  
16 board supervisor who is acting as superintendent of highways under s. 82.03 (1).

17           **SECTION 36.** 66.0137 (4t) of the statutes is amended to read:

18           66.0137 (4t) HEALTH INSURANCE FOR PROTECTIVE SERVICES EMPLOYEES. If a 1st  
19 class city offers health care insurance to employees who are police officers, fire  
20 fighters, or emergency medical technicians services practitioners, as defined in s.  
21 256.01 (5), the 1st class city shall also offer to the employees who are police officers,  
22 fire fighters, or emergency medical technicians services practitioners a  
23 high-deductible health plan.

24           **SECTION 37.** 66.0501 (4) of the statutes is amended to read:

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1           66.0501 (4) COMPATIBLE OFFICES AND POSITIONS. A volunteer fire fighter,  
2 emergency medical technician, ~~or first services practitioner, or emergency medical~~  
3 responder in a city, village, or town whose annual compensation from one or more of  
4 those positions, including fringe benefits, does not exceed \$25,000 if the city, village,  
5 or town has a population of 5,000 or less, or \$15,000 if the city, village, or town has  
6 a population of more than 5,000, may also hold an elective office in that city, village,  
7 or town. It is compatible with his or her office for an elected town officer to receive  
8 wages under s. 60.37 (4) for work that he or she performs for the town.

9           **SECTION 38.** 66.0608 (title) of the statutes is amended to read:

10           **66.0608 (title) Separate accounts for municipal fire, emergency**  
11 **medical technician services practitioner, and first emergency medical**  
12 **responder volunteer funds.**

13           **SECTION 39.** 66.0608 (1) (a) of the statutes is renumbered 66.0608 (1) (aw) and  
14 amended to read:

15           66.0608 (1) (aw) “Emergency medical technician services practitioner” has the  
16 meaning given in s. 256.01 (5).

17           **SECTION 40.** 66.0608 (1) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

18           66.0608 (1) (b) “Emergency medical technician services practitioner volunteer  
19 funds” means funds of a municipality that are raised by employees of the  
20 municipality’s emergency medical technician services practitioner department, by  
21 volunteers, or by donation to the emergency medical technician services practitioner  
22 department, for the benefit of the municipality’s emergency medical technician  
23 services practitioner department.

24           **SECTION 41.** 66.0608 (1) (d) of the statutes is renumbered 66.0608 (1) (ak) and  
25 amended to read:

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1           66.0608 (1) (ak) “First Emergency medical responder” has the meaning given  
2 in s. 256.01 (9) (4p).

3           **SECTION 42.** 66.0608 (1) (e) of the statutes is renumbered 66.0608 (1) (am) and  
4 amended to read:

5           66.0608 (1) (am) “First Emergency medical responder volunteer funds” means  
6 funds of a municipality that are raised by employees of the municipality’s ~~first~~  
7 emergency medical responder department, by volunteers, or by donation to the ~~first~~  
8 emergency medical responder department, for the benefit of the municipality’s ~~first~~  
9 emergency medical responder department.

10          **SECTION 43.** 66.0608 (1) (h) of the statutes is amended to read:

11          66.0608 (1) (h) “Volunteer funds” means emergency medical ~~technician~~  
12 services practitioner volunteer funds, fire volunteer funds, or ~~first~~ emergency  
13 medical responder volunteer funds.

14          **SECTION 44.** 66.0608 (2) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

15          66.0608 (2) (a) Authorizes a particular official or employee of the municipality’s  
16 fire department, emergency medical ~~technician~~ services practitioner department, or  
17 ~~first~~ emergency medical responder department to deposit volunteer funds of the  
18 department for which the individual serves as an official or employee, in an account  
19 in the name of the fire department, emergency medical ~~technician~~ services  
20 practitioner department, or ~~first~~ emergency medical responder department, in a  
21 public depository.

22          **SECTION 45.** 66.0608 (2) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

23          66.0608 (2) (b) Gives the municipality’s fire department, emergency medical  
24 ~~technician~~ services practitioner department, or ~~first~~ emergency medical responder  
25 department, through the official or employee described under par. (a), exclusive

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1 control over the expenditure of volunteer funds of the department for which the  
2 individual serves as an official or employee in an account described under par. (a).

3 **SECTION 46.** 97.67 (5m) (a) 6. of the statutes is amended to read:

4 97.67 **(5m)** (a) 6. An emergency medical ~~technician~~ services practitioner, as  
5 defined in s. 256.01 (5).

6 **SECTION 47.** 102.03 (1) (c) 2. of the statutes is amended to read:

7 102.03 **(1)** (c) 2. Any employee going to and from his or her employment in the  
8 ordinary and usual way, while on the premises of the employer, or while in the  
9 immediate vicinity of those premises if the injury results from an occurrence on the  
10 premises; any employee going between an employer's designated parking lot and the  
11 employer's work premises while on a direct route and in the ordinary and usual way;  
12 any volunteer fire fighter, ~~first~~ emergency medical responder, emergency medical  
13 ~~technician~~ services practitioner, rescue squad member, or diving team member while  
14 responding to a call for assistance, from the time of the call for assistance to the time  
15 of his or her return from responding to that call, including traveling to and from any  
16 place to respond to and return from that call, but excluding any deviations for private  
17 or personal purposes; or any fire fighter or municipal utility employee responding to  
18 a call for assistance outside the limits of his or her city or village, unless that response  
19 is in violation of law, is performing service growing out of and incidental to  
20 employment.

21 **SECTION 48.** 103.88 (title) of the statutes is amended to read:

22 **103.88 (title) Absence from work of volunteer fire fighter, emergency**  
23 **medical technician, ~~first~~ services practitioner, emergency medical**  
24 **responder, or ambulance driver.**

25 **SECTION 49.** 103.88 (1) (c) of the statutes is amended to read:

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1           103.88 (1) (c) “Emergency medical technician services practitioner” has the  
2 meaning given in s. 256.01 (5).

3           **SECTION 50.** 103.88 (1) (f) of the statutes is renumbered 103.88 (1) (bm) and  
4 amended to read:

5           103.88 (1) (bm) “~~First~~ Emergency medical responder” has the meaning given  
6 in s. 256.01 ~~(9)~~ (4p).

7           **SECTION 51.** 103.88 (2) of the statutes is amended to read:

8           103.88 (2) ABSENCE FROM WORK PERMITTED. An employer shall permit an  
9 employee who is a volunteer fire fighter, emergency medical technician, ~~first services~~  
10 practitioner, emergency medical responder, or ambulance driver for a volunteer fire  
11 department or fire company, a public agency, or a nonprofit corporation to be late for  
12 or absent from work if the lateness or absence is due to the employee responding to  
13 an emergency that begins before the employee is required to report to work and if the  
14 employee complies with sub. (3) (a). This subsection does not entitle an employee to  
15 receive wages or salary for the time the employee is absent from work due to  
16 responding to an emergency as provided in this subsection.

17           **SECTION 52.** 103.88 (3) (a) 1. of the statutes is amended to read:

18           103.88 (3) (a) 1. By no later than 30 days after becoming a member of a  
19 volunteer fire department or fire company or becoming affiliated with an ambulance  
20 service provider, submits to the employee’s employer a written statement signed by  
21 the chief of the volunteer fire department or fire company or by the person in charge  
22 of the ambulance service provider notifying the employer that the employee is a  
23 volunteer fire fighter, emergency medical technician, ~~first services practitioner,~~  
24 emergency medical responder, or ambulance driver for a volunteer fire department  
25 or fire company, a public agency, or a nonprofit corporation.

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1           **SECTION 53.** 108.05 (3) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

2           108.05 (3) (a) Except as provided in pars. (c), (d) and (dm) and s. 108.062, if an  
3 eligible employee earns wages in a given week, the first \$30 of the wages shall be  
4 disregarded and the employee's applicable weekly benefit payment shall be reduced  
5 by 67 percent of the remaining amount, except that no such employee is eligible for  
6 benefits if the employee's benefit payment would be less than \$5 for any week. For  
7 purposes of this paragraph, "wages" includes any salary reduction amounts earned  
8 that are not wages and that are deducted from the salary of a claimant by an  
9 employer pursuant to a salary reduction agreement under a cafeteria plan, within  
10 the meaning of 26 USC 125, and any amount that a claimant would have earned in  
11 available work under s. 108.04 (1) (a) which is treated as wages under s. 108.04 (1)  
12 (bm), but excludes any amount that a claimant earns for services performed as a  
13 volunteer fire fighter, volunteer emergency medical ~~technician~~ services practitioner,  
14 or volunteer ~~first~~ emergency medical responder. In applying this paragraph, the  
15 department shall disregard discrepancies of less than \$2 between wages reported by  
16 employees and employers.

17           **SECTION 54.** 109.03 (1) (e) of the statutes is amended to read:

18           109.03 (1) (e) A part-time fire fighter or a part-time emergency medical  
19 ~~technician~~ services practitioner, as defined in s. 256.01 (5), who is a member of a  
20 volunteer fire department or emergency medical services program maintained by a  
21 county, city, village, or town or of a volunteer fire company organized under ch. 181  
22 or ch. 213 and who, by agreement between the fire fighter or emergency medical  
23 ~~technician~~ services practitioner and the entity employing the fire fighter or  
24 emergency medical ~~technician~~ services practitioner, is paid at regular intervals, but  
25 no less often than annually.

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1           **SECTION 55.** 111.91 (2) (gu) of the statutes is amended to read:

2           111.91 (2) (gu) The right of a public safety employee, who is an employee, as  
3 defined in s. 103.88 (1) (d), and who is a fire fighter, emergency medical technician,  
4 ~~first~~ services practitioner, emergency medical responder, or ambulance driver for a  
5 volunteer fire department or fire company, a public agency, as defined in s. 256.15 (1)  
6 (n), or a nonprofit corporation, as defined in s. 256.01 (12), to respond to an  
7 emergency as provided under s. 103.88 (2).

8           **SECTION 56.** 118.29 (1) (c) of the statutes is amended to read:

9           118.29 (1) (c) “Health care professional” means a person licensed as an  
10 emergency medical technician services practitioner under s. 256.15, a person  
11 certified as ~~a first~~ an emergency medical responder under s. 256.15 (8) or any person  
12 licensed, certified, permitted or registered under chs. 441 or 446 to 449.

13           **SECTION 57.** 146.37 (1) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

14           146.37 (1) (a) “Health care provider” includes an ambulance service provider,  
15 as defined in s. 256.01 (3), and an emergency medical technician services  
16 practitioner, as defined in s. 256.01 (5), and ~~a first~~ an emergency medical responder,  
17 as defined in s. 256.01 (9) (4p).

18           **SECTION 58.** 146.37 (1g) of the statutes is amended to read:

19           146.37 (1g) Except as provided in s. 153.76, no person acting in good faith who  
20 participates in the review or evaluation of the services of health care providers or  
21 facilities or the charges for such services conducted in connection with any program  
22 organized and operated to help improve the quality of health care, to avoid improper  
23 utilization of the services of health care providers or facilities or to determine the  
24 reasonable charges for such services, or who participates in the obtaining of health  
25 care information under subch. I of ch. 153, is liable for any civil damages as a result

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1 of any act or omission by such person in the course of such review or evaluation. Acts  
2 and omissions to which this subsection applies include, but are not limited to, acts  
3 or omissions by peer review committees or hospital governing bodies in censuring,  
4 reprimanding, limiting or revoking hospital staff privileges or notifying the medical  
5 examining board or podiatry affiliated credentialing board under s. 50.36 or taking  
6 any other disciplinary action against a health care provider or facility and acts or  
7 omissions by a medical director in reviewing the performance of emergency medical  
8 ~~technicians~~ services practitioners, as defined in s. 256.01 (5), or ambulance service  
9 providers.

10 **SECTION 59.** 146.81 (1) (r) of the statutes is amended to read:

11 146.81 (1) (r) An emergency medical ~~technician~~ services practitioner, as  
12 defined in s. 256.01 (5).

13 **SECTION 60.** 146.81 (1) (s) of the statutes is amended to read:

14 146.81 (1) (s) ~~A first~~ An emergency medical responder, as defined in s. 256.01  
15 ~~(9) (4p)~~.

16 **SECTION 61.** 146.81 (4) of the statutes is amended to read:

17 146.81 (4) "Patient health care records" means all records related to the health  
18 of a patient prepared by or under the supervision of a health care provider; and all  
19 records made by an ambulance service provider, as defined in s. 256.01 (3), an  
20 emergency medical ~~technician~~ services practitioner, as defined in s. 256.01 (5), or ~~a~~  
21 ~~first~~ an emergency medical responder, as defined in s. 256.01 ~~(9) (4p)~~, in  
22 administering emergency care procedures to and handling and transporting sick,  
23 disabled, or injured individuals. "Patient health care records" includes billing  
24 statements and invoices for treatment or services provided by a health care provider  
25 and includes health summary forms prepared under s. 302.388 (2). "Patient health

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1 care records” does not include those records subject to s. 51.30, reports collected  
2 under s. 69.186, records of tests administered under s. 252.15 (5g) or (5j), 343.305,  
3 938.296 (4) or (5) or 968.38 (4) or (5), records related to sales of pseudoephedrine  
4 products, as defined in s. 961.01 (20c), that are maintained by pharmacies under s.  
5 961.235, fetal monitor tracings, as defined under s. 146.817 (1), or a pupil’s physical  
6 health records maintained by a school under s. 118.125.

7 **SECTION 62.** 146.997 (1) (d) 14. of the statutes is amended to read:

8 146.997 (1) (d) 14. An emergency medical ~~technician~~ services practitioner  
9 licensed under s. 256.15 (5) or ~~a first~~ an emergency medical responder.

10 **SECTION 63.** 154.17 (2) of the statutes is amended to read:

11 154.17 (2) “Do-not-resuscitate order” means a written order issued under the  
12 requirements of this subchapter that directs emergency medical ~~technicians, first~~  
13 services practitioners, emergency medical responders, and emergency health care  
14 facilities personnel not to attempt cardiopulmonary resuscitation on a person for  
15 whom the order is issued if that person suffers cardiac or respiratory arrest.

16 **SECTION 64.** 154.17 (3) of the statutes is amended to read:

17 154.17 (3) “Emergency medical ~~technician~~ services practitioner” has the  
18 meaning given under s. 256.01 (5).

19 **SECTION 65.** 154.17 (3m) of the statutes is renumbered 154.17 (2r) and  
20 amended to read:

21 154.17 (2r) “~~First~~ Emergency medical responder” has the meaning given under  
22 s. 256.01 (9) ~~(4p)~~.

23 **SECTION 66.** 154.19 (3) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

24 154.19 (3) (a) Except as provided in par. (b), emergency medical ~~technicians,~~  
25 ~~first~~ services practitioners, as defined in s. 256.01 (5), emergency medical

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1 responders, as defined in s. 256.01 (4p), and emergency health care facilities  
2 personnel shall follow do-not-resuscitate orders. The procedures used in following  
3 a do-not-resuscitate order shall be in accordance with any procedures established  
4 by the department by rule.

5 **SECTION 67.** 154.19 (3) (b) 3. of the statutes is amended to read:

6 154.19 (3) (b) 3. The emergency medical ~~technician, first services practitioner,~~  
7 emergency medical responder or member of the emergency health care facility knows  
8 that the patient is pregnant.

9 **SECTION 68.** 154.21 (1) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

10 154.21 (1) (a) The patient expresses to an emergency medical ~~technician, first~~  
11 services practitioner, to an emergency medical responder, or to a person who serves  
12 as a member of an emergency health care facility's personnel the desire to be  
13 resuscitated. The emergency medical ~~technician, first services practitioner,~~  
14 emergency medical responder, or the member of the emergency health care facility  
15 shall promptly remove the do-not-resuscitate bracelet.

16 **SECTION 69.** 154.225 (2) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

17 154.225 (2) (a) The guardian or health care agent directs an emergency medical  
18 ~~technician, first services practitioner, an emergency medical~~ responder, or a person  
19 who serves as a member of an emergency health care facility's personnel to  
20 resuscitate the patient. The emergency medical ~~technician, first services~~  
21 practitioner, the emergency medical responder, or the member of the emergency  
22 health care facility shall promptly remove the do-not-resuscitate bracelet.

23 **SECTION 70.** 154.23 (intro.) of the statutes is amended to read:

24 **154.23 Liability.** (intro.) No physician, emergency medical ~~technician, first~~  
25 services practitioner, emergency medical responder, health care professional, or

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1 emergency health care facility may be held criminally or civilly liable, or charged  
2 with unprofessional conduct, for any of the following:

3 **SECTION 71.** 154.25 (6) of the statutes is amended to read:

4 154.25 (6) VALID DO-NOT-RESUSCITATE BRACELET. A do-not-resuscitate bracelet  
5 that has not been removed, altered, or tampered with in any way shall be presumed  
6 valid, unless the patient, the patient's guardian, or the patient's health care agent  
7 expresses to the emergency medical technician, ~~first~~ services practitioner,  
8 emergency medical responder, or emergency health care facility personnel the  
9 patient's desire to be resuscitated.

10 **SECTION 72.** 157.06 (12) (a) 1. of the statutes is amended to read:

11 157.06 (12) (a) 1. A law enforcement officer, fire fighter, emergency medical  
12 technician, ~~first~~ services practitioner, emergency medical responder, or ambulance  
13 service provider.

14 **SECTION 73.** 252.01 (1g) of the statutes is repealed and recreated to read:

15 252.01 (1g) "Emergency medical responder" has the meaning given in s. 256.01  
16 (4p).

17 **SECTION 74.** 252.14 (1) (ar) 13. of the statutes is amended to read:

18 252.14 (1) (ar) 13. An emergency medical technician services practitioner  
19 licensed under s. 256.15 (5).

20 **SECTION 75.** 252.14 (1) (ar) 15. of the statutes is amended to read:

21 252.14 (1) (ar) 15. ~~A first~~ An emergency medical responder.

22 **SECTION 76.** 252.15 (1) (af) of the statutes is amended to read:

23 252.15 (1) (af) "Emergency medical technician services practitioner" has the  
24 meaning given in s. 256.01 (5).

25 **SECTION 77.** 252.15 (5g) (a) 1. of the statutes is amended to read:

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1           252.15 (5g) (a) 1. The person is an emergency medical technician; ~~first services~~  
2 ~~practitioner; emergency medical~~ responder; fire fighter; peace officer; correctional  
3 officer; person who is employed at a juvenile correctional facility, as defined in s.  
4 938.02 (10p), or a secured residential care center for children and youth, as defined  
5 in s. 938.02 (15g); state patrol officer; jailer, keeper of a jail, or person designated with  
6 custodial authority by the jailer or keeper and the contact occurred during the course  
7 of the person providing care or services to the individual.

8           **SECTION 78.** 255.35 (1m) (a) 1. of the statutes is amended to read:

9           255.35 (1m) (a) 1. Licensure as an emergency medical technician — basic,  
10 ~~emergency medical technician, advanced emergency medical technician,~~ emergency  
11 medical technician — intermediate ~~or emergency medical technician — paramedic,~~  
12 ~~or paramedic~~ under s. 256.15 (5) (a).

13           **SECTION 79.** 256.01 (1) of the statutes is renumbered 256.01 (1t).

14           **SECTION 80.** 256.01 (1k) of the statutes is created to read:

15           256.01 (1k) “Advanced emergency medical technician” means an emergency  
16 medical services practitioner who has completed intermediate technician training.

17           **SECTION 81.** 256.01 (5) of the statutes is amended to read:

18           256.01 (5) “Emergency medical technician services practitioner” means an  
19 emergency medical technician — basic ~~emergency medical technician, an advanced~~  
20 ~~emergency medical technician,~~ an emergency medical technician — intermediate ~~or~~  
21 ~~an emergency medical technician — paramedic, or a paramedic.~~

22           **SECTION 82.** 256.01 (6) of the statutes is amended to read:

23           256.01 (6) “Emergency medical technician — basic Emergency medical  
24 technician” means an individual who is licensed by the department to administer

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1 basic life support and to properly handle and transport sick, disabled, or injured  
2 individuals or is exempt under s. 256.15 (2) (b) or (c).

3 **SECTION 83.** 256.01 (8) of the statutes is renumbered 256.01 (14) and amended  
4 to read:

5 256.01 (14) “~~Emergency medical technician — paramedic~~ Paramedic” means  
6 an individual who is specially trained in emergency cardiac, trauma, and other  
7 lifesaving or emergency procedures in a training program or course of instruction  
8 prescribed by the department and who is examined and licensed as ~~an emergency~~  
9 ~~medical technician — paramedic~~ a paramedic under s. 256.15 (5) or is exempt under  
10 s. 256.15 (2) (b) or (c).

11 **SECTION 84.** 256.01 (9) of the statutes is renumbered 256.01 (4p) and amended  
12 to read:

13 256.01 (4p) “~~First~~ Emergency medical responder” means a person who is  
14 certified by the department as ~~a first~~ an emergency medical responder under s.  
15 256.15 (8) (a) or is exempt under s. 256.15 (2) (b) or (c) and who, as a condition of  
16 employment or as a member of an organization that provides emergency medical  
17 care before hospitalization, provides emergency medical care to a sick, disabled, or  
18 injured individual.

19 **SECTION 85.** 256.01 (11) of the statutes is amended to read:

20 256.01 (11) “Medical director” means a physician who trains, medically  
21 coordinates, directs, supervises, establishes standard operating procedures for, and  
22 designates physicians for direction and supervision of, emergency medical  
23 ~~technicians~~ services practitioners and who reviews the performance of emergency  
24 ~~medical technicians~~ services practitioners and ambulance service providers.

25 **SECTION 86.** 256.04 (6) of the statutes is amended to read:

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1           256.04 (6) Seek involvement in its deliberations by ambulance service provider  
2 personnel, emergency medical technicians, first services practitioners, emergency  
3 medical responders, persons who train emergency medical services personnel and  
4 other interested persons.

5           **SECTION 87.** 256.08 (4) (c) of the statutes is amended to read:

6           256.08 (4) (c) Provide quality assurance in the emergency medical services  
7 system, including collecting and analyzing data relating to local and regional  
8 emergency medical services systems, ambulance service providers, first emergency  
9 medical responders, and emergency medical technicians services practitioners.

10          **SECTION 88.** 256.08 (4) (d) of the statutes is amended to read:

11          256.08 (4) (d) Provide technical assistance to ambulance service providers, first  
12 emergency medical responders, and emergency medical technicians services  
13 practitioners in developing plans, expanding services, and complying with  
14 applicable statutes and rules.

15          **SECTION 89.** 256.08 (4) (e) of the statutes is amended to read:

16          256.08 (4) (e) Set standards for all organizations that offer training to first  
17 emergency medical responders and emergency medical technicians services  
18 practitioners on what topics should be included in initial training and continuing  
19 training.

20          **SECTION 90.** 256.08 (4) (h) of the statutes is amended to read:

21          256.08 (4) (h) Investigate complaints received regarding ambulance service  
22 providers, first emergency medical responders, emergency medical technicians  
23 services practitioners, and medical directors and take appropriate actions after first  
24 consulting with the board and the state medical director for emergency medical  
25 services.

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1           **SECTION 91.** 256.08 (4) (j) of the statutes is amended to read:

2           256.08 (4) (j) Consult at least annually with the technical college system board  
3 and the department of transportation on issues that affect ambulance service  
4 providers, first emergency medical responders, and emergency medical technicians  
5 services practitioners.

6           **SECTION 92.** 256.12 (2) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

7           256.12 (2) (a) Any county, city, town, village, hospital, or combination thereof  
8 may, after submission of a plan approved by the department, conduct an emergency  
9 medical services program using emergency medical technicians — paramedics  
10 services practitioners for the delivery of emergency medical care to sick, disabled, or  
11 injured individuals at the scene of an emergency and during transport to a hospital,  
12 while in the hospital emergency department until responsibility for care is assumed  
13 by the regular hospital staff, and during transfer of a patient between health care  
14 facilities. An ambulance service provider may, after submission of a plan approved  
15 by the department, conduct an emergency medical services program using  
16 emergency medical technicians — paramedics services practitioners for the delivery  
17 of emergency medical care to sick, disabled, or injured individuals during transfer  
18 of the individuals between health care facilities. Nothing in this section shall be  
19 construed to prohibit the operation of fire department, police department, for-profit  
20 ambulance service provider, or other emergency vehicles using the services of  
21 emergency medical technicians — paramedics services practitioners in conjunction  
22 with a program approved by the department. Hospitals that offer approved training  
23 courses for emergency medical technicians — paramedics services practitioners  
24 should, if feasible, serve as the base of operation for approved programs using  
25 emergency medical technicians — paramedics services practitioners.

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1           **SECTION 93.** 256.12 (2) (b) 1. of the statutes is amended to read:

2           256.12 (2) (b) 1. Provide administrative support and technical assistance to  
3 emergency medical services programs that use emergency medical technicians  
4 services practitioners or ambulance service providers.

5           **SECTION 94.** 256.12 (2) (b) 3. of the statutes is amended to read:

6           256.12 (2) (b) 3. Assist the development of training for emergency medical  
7 technicians services practitioners.

8           **SECTION 95.** 256.12 (5) (title) and (a) of the statutes are amended to read:

9           256.12 (5) (title)   EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIAN SERVICES PRACTITIONER  
10 TRAINING AND EXAMINATION AID. (a) From the appropriation account under s. 20.435  
11 (1) (ch), the department shall annually distribute funds to ambulance service  
12 providers that are public agencies, volunteer fire departments, or nonprofit  
13 corporations to purchase the training required for licensure and renewal of licensure  
14 as an ~~emergency medical technician~~ — basic emergency medical technician under  
15 s. 256.15 (6), and to pay for administration of the examination required for licensure  
16 or renewal of licensure as an ~~emergency medical technician~~ — basic emergency  
17 medical technician under s. 256.15 (6) (a) 3. and (b) 1.

18           **SECTION 96.** 256.12 (7) of the statutes is amended to read:

19           256.12 (7) INSURANCE. A physician who participates in an emergency medical  
20 services program under this section or as required under s. 256.15 shall purchase  
21 health care liability insurance in compliance with subch. III of ch. 655, except for  
22 those acts or omissions of a physician who, as a medical director, reviews the  
23 performance of emergency medical ~~technicians~~ services practitioners or ambulance  
24 service providers, as specified under s. 146.37 (1g).

25           **SECTION 97.** 256.15 (1) (d) of the statutes is amended to read:

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1           256.15 (1) (d) “Basic life support” means emergency medical care that is  
2 rendered to a sick, disabled, or injured individual, based on signs, symptoms, or  
3 complaints, prior to the individual’s hospitalization or while transporting the  
4 individual between health care facilities and that is limited to use of the knowledge,  
5 skills, and techniques received from training required for licensure as an emergency  
6 medical technician — basic emergency medical technician, or for certification as a  
7 first an emergency medical responder.

8           **SECTION 98.** 256.15 (2) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

9           256.15 (2) (a) Except when acting under s. 257.03 and except as provided in  
10 pars. (b) and (c), no person may act as or advertise for the provision of services as an  
11 ambulance service provider unless the person holds an ambulance service provider  
12 license issued under this section. Except when acting under s. 257.03 and except as  
13 provided in pars. (b) and (c), no individual may act as or advertise for the provision  
14 of services as an emergency medical technician services practitioner unless he or she  
15 holds an emergency medical technician services practitioner license or training  
16 permit issued under sub. (5). Except when acting under s. 257.03 and except as  
17 provided in pars. (b) and (c), no individual may act as or advertise for the provision  
18 of services as a first an emergency medical responder unless he or she holds a first  
19 an emergency medical responder certificate issued under sub. (8).

20           **SECTION 99.** 256.15 (2) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

21           256.15 (2) (b) An ambulance service provider licensed in another state that  
22 makes 10 or fewer patient transports per year that originate and terminate within  
23 this state is not required to hold an ambulance service provider license under this  
24 section. An emergency medical technician services practitioner licensed in or  
25 holding a training permit in another state who is involved in 10 or fewer patient

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1 transports per year that originate and terminate within this state is not required to  
2 hold an emergency medical ~~technician~~ services practitioner license or training  
3 permit under this section. ~~A first~~ An emergency medical responder certified in  
4 another state who provides emergency medical care to 10 or fewer patients per year  
5 within this state is not required to hold ~~a first~~ an emergency medical responder  
6 certificate under this section.

7 **SECTION 100.** 256.15 (2) (c) of the statutes is amended to read:

8 256.15 (2) (c) Notwithstanding par. (a), a person may act as an ambulance  
9 service provider, emergency medical ~~technician~~ services practitioner, or first  
10 emergency medical responder without a license, training permit, or certificate  
11 described under par. (a) if all of the following apply:

12 1. The person holds a valid license, training permit, certificate, or other  
13 credential allowing the person to act as an ambulance service provider, emergency  
14 medical ~~technician~~ services practitioner, or first emergency medical responder in  
15 another state.

16 2. The person is acting in response to a request for mutual aid and responding  
17 from the state in which that person holds a license, training permit, certificate, or  
18 other credential allowing the person to act as an ambulance service provider,  
19 emergency medical ~~technician~~ services practitioner, or first emergency medical  
20 responder.

21 **SECTION 101.** 256.15 (4) (a) 1. of the statutes is amended to read:

22 256.15 (4) (a) 1. Any 2 emergency medical ~~technicians~~ services practitioners,  
23 licensed registered nurses, licensed physician assistants or physicians, or any  
24 combination thereof.

25 **SECTION 102.** 256.15 (4) (a) 2. of the statutes is amended to read:

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1           256.15 (4) (a) 2. One emergency medical ~~technician~~ services practitioner plus  
2 one individual with a training permit issued under sub. (5) (b) or plus one ~~first~~  
3 emergency medical responder, subject to par. (e).

4           **SECTION 103.** 256.15 (4) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

5           256.15 (4) (b) An ambulance driver who is not an emergency medical ~~technician~~  
6 services practitioner may assist with the handling and movement of a sick, injured,  
7 or disabled individual if an emergency medical ~~technician~~ services practitioner,  
8 registered nurse, physician assistant, or physician directly supervises the driver. No  
9 ambulance driver may administer care procedures that an emergency medical  
10 ~~technician~~ services practitioner is authorized to administer unless he or she is an  
11 emergency medical ~~technician~~ services practitioner.

12           **SECTION 104.** 256.15 (4) (c) of the statutes is amended to read:

13           256.15 (4) (c) Notwithstanding par. (a) 1. and 2. and subject to pars. (d) and (e),  
14 the department may promulgate rules that establish standards for staffing of  
15 ambulances in which the primary services provided are those which an advanced  
16 emergency medical technician or emergency medical technician — intermediate is  
17 authorized to provide or those which ~~an emergency medical technician — paramedic~~  
18 a paramedic is authorized to provide.

19           **SECTION 105.** 256.15 (4) (d) of the statutes is amended to read:

20           256.15 (4) (d) If an ambulance service provider that was initially licensed at  
21 the paramedic level in 1993 and is located in a municipality in Dodge and Jefferson  
22 counties has dispatched an ambulance containing 2 ~~emergency medical technicians~~  
23 ~~— paramedics~~ paramedics, the department shall allow that ambulance service  
24 provider to staff an ambulance at the paramedic level for a subsequent call with one  
25 ~~emergency medical technician — paramedic~~ paramedic and one emergency medical

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1 ~~technician services practitioner~~ of any level while the first ambulance containing 2  
2 ~~emergency medical technicians — paramedics~~ paramedics is occupied providing  
3 service.

4 **SECTION 106.** 256.15 (4) (e) 1. of the statutes is amended to read:

5 256.15 (4) (e) 1. The department shall allow an ambulance service provider  
6 providing services at the ~~emergency medical technician — basic~~ emergency medical  
7 technician level to staff an ambulance with at least one ~~emergency medical~~  
8 ~~technician — basic~~ emergency medical technician and one individual who is an  
9 ~~emergency medical technician — basic~~ emergency medical technician, an individual  
10 with an ~~emergency medical technician — basic~~ emergency medical technician  
11 training permit, or ~~a first~~ an emergency medical responder. An ambulance service  
12 provider providing services at the ~~emergency medical technician — basic~~ emergency  
13 medical technician level shall require an ~~emergency medical technician — basic~~  
14 emergency medical technician to be in the patient compartment of the ambulance  
15 during transport.

16 **SECTION 107.** 256.15 (4) (e) 2. of the statutes is amended to read:

17 256.15 (4) (e) 2. The department shall allow an ambulance service provider  
18 providing services at the ~~emergency medical technician — intermediate or~~  
19 ~~emergency medical technician — intermediate technician~~ advanced emergency  
20 medical technician level to staff an ambulance with one ~~emergency medical~~  
21 ~~technician services practitioner~~ at the level of the ambulance service and one  
22 individual who holds a credential at the ~~first~~ emergency medical responder level or  
23 higher. An ambulance service provider providing services at the ~~emergency medical~~  
24 ~~technician — intermediate or~~ emergency medical technician — intermediate  
25 ~~technician~~ advanced emergency medical technician level shall require the individual

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

4 **SECTION 108.** 256.15 (4) (f) 2. a. of the statutes is amended to read:

5 256.15 (4) (f) 2. a. The ambulance service provider has undertaken efforts to  
6 recruit and train emergency medical ~~technicians~~ services practitioners capable of  
7 being licensed under this section.

8 **SECTION 109.** 256.15 (4) (f) 2. b. of the statutes is amended to read:

9 256.15 (4) (f) 2. b. Despite efforts under subd. 2. a., licensed emergency medical  
10 ~~technicians~~ services practitioners are not available in sufficient numbers for staffing  
11 for the ambulance services provider.

12 **SECTION 110.** 256.15 (4) (f) 2. c. of the statutes is amended to read:

13 256.15 (4) (f) 2. c. Without a waiver under subd. 1., the municipality that the  
14 ambulance service provider serves is unable to meet staffing requirements for  
15 ambulances that require 2 emergency medical ~~technicians~~ services practitioners on  
16 every service call.

17 **SECTION 111.** 256.15 (4) (f) 5. of the statutes is amended to read:

18 256.15 (4) (f) 5. An ambulance service provider with a waiver under subd. 1.  
19 shall attempt to staff an ambulance with 2 licensed emergency medical ~~technicians~~  
20 services practitioners whenever possible.

21 **SECTION 112.** 256.15 (5) (title) of the statutes is amended to read:

22 256.15 (5) (title) LICENSING OF AMBULANCE SERVICE PROVIDERS AND EMERGENCY  
23 MEDICAL ~~TECHNICIANS~~ SERVICES PRACTITIONERS; TRAINING PERMITS.

24 **SECTION 113.** 256.15 (5) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

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1           256.15 (5) (a) Except as provided in ss. 256.17 and 256.18, the department shall  
2 license qualified applicants as ambulance service providers or emergency medical  
3 ~~technicians~~ services practitioners. The department shall, from the information on  
4 the certification form specified under sub. (6) (c) 2., establish in each ambulance  
5 service provider's biennial license the primary service or contract area of the  
6 ambulance service provider.

7           **SECTION 114.** 256.15 (5) (d) 1. of the statutes is amended to read:

8           256.15 (5) (d) 1. If issued an ~~emergency medical technician~~ — basic emergency  
9 medical technician training permit, he or she may perform the actions authorized  
10 under rules promulgated by the department for an ~~emergency medical technician~~ —  
11 basic emergency medical technician, but only if an emergency medical ~~technician~~  
12 services practitioner directly supervises him or her.

13           **SECTION 115.** 256.15 (5) (d) 2m. of the statutes is created to read:

14           256.15 (5) (d) 2m. If issued an advanced emergency medical technician training  
15 permit, he or she may perform the actions authorized under rules promulgated by  
16 the department for an advanced emergency medical technician, but only if a medical  
17 director or training instructor is present and giving direction.

18           **SECTION 116.** 256.15 (5) (d) 3. of the statutes is amended to read:

19           256.15 (5) (d) 3. If issued an ~~emergency medical technician~~ — paramedic a  
20 paramedic training permit, he or she may perform the actions authorized under  
21 rules promulgated by the department for an ~~emergency medical technician~~ —  
22 ~~paramedic~~ a paramedic, but only if a medical director or training instructor is  
23 present and giving direction.

24           **SECTION 117.** 256.15 (5) (e) of the statutes is amended to read:

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1           256.15 (5) (e) A license or training permit issued under this subsection is  
2 nontransferable and is valid for the balance of the license or training permit period  
3 or until surrendered for cancellation or suspended or revoked for violation of this  
4 section or of any other statutes or rules relating to ambulance service providers or  
5 emergency medical ~~technicians~~ services practitioners.

6           **SECTION 118.** 256.15 (5) (f) of the statutes is amended to read:

7           256.15 (5) (f) The department may charge a reasonable fee for a license or  
8 training permit issued under this subsection, except that no fee may be charged to  
9 an individual who is an employee of a public agency and who works for volunteer or  
10 paid-on-call ambulance service providers and who is an applicant for a license as an  
11 ~~emergency medical technician~~ — basic emergency medical technician or for a  
12 training permit, and no fee may be charged to an individual who is eligible for the  
13 veterans fee waiver program under s. 45.44.

14           **SECTION 119.** 256.15 (5) (g) of the statutes is amended to read:

15           256.15 (5) (g) Except as provided in ss. 256.17 and 256.18, an emergency  
16 medical ~~technician~~ services practitioner license shall be issued to the individual  
17 licensed, and the department may not impose a requirement that an individual be  
18 affiliated with an ambulance service provider in order to receive an emergency  
19 medical ~~technician~~ services practitioner license or to have an emergency medical  
20 ~~technician~~ services practitioner license renewed.

21           **SECTION 120.** 256.15 (6) (a) (intro.) of the statutes is amended to read:

22           256.15 (6) (a) (intro.) Except as provided in ss. 256.17 and 256.18, to be eligible  
23 for an initial license as an emergency medical ~~technician~~ services practitioner, an  
24 individual shall:

25           **SECTION 121.** 256.15 (6) (a) 1. of the statutes is amended to read:

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1           256.15 (6) (a) 1. Be 18 years of age or older; be capable of performing the actions  
2 authorized in rules promulgated under sub. (13) (c) for an ~~emergency medical~~  
3 ~~technician~~—~~basic~~ emergency medical technician, an advanced emergency medical  
4 technician, an emergency medical technician — intermediate, or an ~~emergency~~  
5 ~~medical technician~~—~~paramedic~~ a paramedic, for which licensure is sought; and,  
6 subject to ss. 111.321, 111.322 and 111.335, not have an arrest or conviction record.

7           **SECTION 122.** 256.15 (6) (b) 1. of the statutes is amended to read:

8           256.15 (6) (b) 1. Except as provided in ss. 256.17 and 256.18, to be eligible for  
9 a renewal of a license as an emergency medical ~~technician~~ services practitioner, the  
10 licensee shall, in addition to meeting the requirements of par. (a) 1., complete the  
11 training, education, or examination requirements specified in rules promulgated  
12 under subd. 2.

13           **SECTION 123.** 256.15 (6) (b) 2. of the statutes is amended to read:

14           256.15 (6) (b) 2. The department, in conjunction with the technical college  
15 system board, shall promulgate rules specifying training, education, or examination  
16 requirements, including requirements for training for response to acts of terrorism,  
17 for license renewals for emergency medical ~~technicians~~ services practitioners.

18           **SECTION 124.** 256.15 (6) (c) (intro.) of the statutes is amended to read:

19           256.15 (6) (c) (intro.) Except as provided in ss. 256.17 and 256.18, to be eligible  
20 for a license as an ambulance service provider, an individual shall be 18 years of age  
21 or older and have such additional qualifications as may be established in rules  
22 promulgated by the department, except that no ambulance service provider may be  
23 required to take training or an examination or receive education to qualify for  
24 licensure or for renewal of licensure. An ambulance service provider shall, as a  
25 condition of licensure, provide medical malpractice insurance sufficient to protect all

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1 emergency medical ~~technicians~~ services practitioners who perform for compensation  
2 as employees of the ambulance service provider. For renewal of a biennial license as  
3 an ambulance service provider, an applicant shall also provide all of the following:

4 **SECTION 125.** 256.15 (6n) of the statutes is amended to read:

5 256.15 (6n) AUTHORIZED ACTIONS OF EMERGENCY MEDICAL ~~TECHNICIANS~~ SERVICES  
6 PRACTITIONERS. An emergency medical ~~technician~~ services practitioner may  
7 undertake only those actions that are authorized in rules promulgated under sub.  
8 (13) (c).

9 **SECTION 126.** 256.15 (7) of the statutes is amended to read:

10 256.15 (7) LICENSING IN OTHER JURISDICTIONS. Except as provided in ss. 256.17  
11 and 256.18, the department may issue a license as an emergency medical ~~technician~~  
12 services practitioner, without examination, to any individual who holds a current  
13 license or certificate as an emergency medical ~~technician~~ services practitioner from  
14 another jurisdiction if the department finds that the standards for licensing or  
15 issuing certificates in the other jurisdiction are at least substantially equivalent to  
16 those in this state, and that the applicant is otherwise qualified.

17 **SECTION 127.** 256.15 (8) (title) of the statutes is amended to read:

18 256.15 (8) (title) CERTIFICATION OF FIRST EMERGENCY MEDICAL RESPONDERS.

19 **SECTION 128.** 256.15 (8) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

20 256.15 (8) (a) Except as provided in ss. 256.17 and 256.18, the department shall  
21 certify qualified applicants as first emergency medical responders.

22 **SECTION 129.** 256.15 (8) (b) (intro.) of the statutes is amended to read:

23 256.15 (8) (b) (intro.) To be eligible for initial certification as ~~a first~~ an  
24 emergency medical responder, except as provided in ss. 256.17 and 256.18, an  
25 individual shall meet all of the following requirements:

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1           **SECTION 130.** 256.15 (8) (b) 1. of the statutes is amended to read:

2           256.15 (8) (b) 1. The individual is 18 years of age or older and capable of  
3 performing the actions authorized under par. (e), or in rules promulgated under par.  
4 (e), for ~~a first~~ an emergency medical responder.

5           **SECTION 131.** 256.15 (8) (b) 3. of the statutes is amended to read:

6           256.15 (8) (b) 3. The individual satisfactorily completes ~~a first~~ an emergency  
7 medical responder course that meets or exceeds the guidelines issued by the National  
8 Highway Traffic Safety Administration under 23 CFR 1205.3 (a) (5), that includes  
9 training for response to acts of terrorism, and that is approved by the department.  
10 Any relevant education, training, instruction, or other experience that an applicant  
11 for initial certification as ~~a first~~ an emergency medical responder obtained in  
12 connection with any military service, as defined in s. 111.32 (12g), satisfies the  
13 completion of ~~a first~~ an emergency medical responder course, if the applicant  
14 demonstrates to the satisfaction of the department that the education, training,  
15 instruction, or other experience obtained by the applicant is substantially equivalent  
16 to the ~~first~~ emergency medical responder course.

17           **SECTION 132.** 256.15 (8) (c) of the statutes is amended to read:

18           256.15 (8) (c) To be eligible for a renewal of a certificate as ~~a first~~ an emergency  
19 medical responder, except as provided in ss. 256.17 and 256.18, the holder of the  
20 certificate shall satisfactorily complete ~~a first~~ an emergency medical responder  
21 refresher course that meets or exceeds the guidelines issued by the National  
22 Highway Traffic Safety Administration under 23 CFR 1205.3 (a) (5), that includes  
23 training for response to acts of terrorism, and that is approved by the department.

24           **SECTION 133.** 256.15 (8) (e) of the statutes is amended to read:

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1           256.15 (8) (e) A certified ~~first~~ emergency medical responder is authorized to use  
2           an automated external defibrillator, as prescribed for ~~first~~ emergency medical  
3           responders in rules promulgated by the department. The rules shall set forth  
4           authorization for the use of an automated external defibrillator or, for a defibrillator  
5           that may be operated in more than one mode, use as an automated external  
6           defibrillator only. A certified ~~first~~ emergency medical responder is authorized to  
7           administer naloxone or another opioid antagonist if the ~~first~~ emergency medical  
8           responder has received training necessary to safely administer naloxone or the other  
9           opioid antagonist, as determined by the department. A certified ~~first~~ emergency  
10          medical responder is also authorized to employ other techniques, including the  
11          administration of nonvisualized advanced airways, and the administration of  
12          medications that are specified by the department by rule. In promulgating the rules  
13          under this paragraph, the department shall consult with the state medical director  
14          for emergency medical services and the emergency medical services board. The rule  
15          shall include those techniques that are specified in the most current guidelines  
16          issued by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration under 23 CFR 1205.3  
17          (a) (5).

18           **SECTION 134.** 256.15 (8) (f) of the statutes is amended to read:

19           256.15 (8) (f) Except as provided in ss. 256.17 and 256.18, the department may  
20          issue a certificate as ~~a first~~ an emergency medical responder, without requiring  
21          satisfactory completion of any instruction or training that may be required under  
22          par. (b), to any individual who holds a current license or certificate as ~~a first~~ an  
23          emergency medical responder from another jurisdiction if the department finds that  
24          the standards for licensing or issuing certificates in the other jurisdiction are at least  
25          substantially equivalent to the standards for issuance of certificates for ~~first~~

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1 emergency medical responders in this state, and that the applicant is otherwise  
2 qualified.

3 **SECTION 135.** 256.15 (8) (g) of the statutes is amended to read:

4 256.15 (8) (g) The department may not impose a requirement that an  
5 individual be affiliated with an ambulance service provider in order to receive ~~a first~~  
6 an emergency medical responder certificate.

7 **SECTION 136.** 256.15 (9) of the statutes is amended to read:

8 256.15 (9) TRAINING. The department may arrange for or approve courses of or  
9 instructional programs in or outside this state to meet the education and training  
10 requirements of this section, including training required for license or certificate  
11 renewal. If the department determines that an area or community need exists, the  
12 courses shall be offered at technical colleges in the area or community. Initial  
13 priority shall be given to the training of ~~emergency medical technicians — basic~~  
14 emergency medical technicians serving the rural areas of the state. If an ~~emergency~~  
15 ~~medical technician — basic~~ emergency medical technician completes a course  
16 approved by the department on treatment of anaphylactic shock, the ~~emergency~~  
17 ~~medical technician — basic~~ emergency medical technician acts within the scope of  
18 the license if he or she performs injections or other treatment for anaphylactic shock  
19 under the direction of a physician.

20 **SECTION 137.** 256.15 (9m) of the statutes is amended to read:

21 256.15 (9m) DEFIBRILLATION TRAINING. The department shall promulgate rules  
22 requiring emergency medical ~~technicians, first~~ services practitioners, emergency  
23 medical responders, and individuals who provide instruction to emergency medical  
24 ~~technicians or first~~ services practitioners or emergency medical responders to  
25 successfully complete training on the use of an automated external defibrillator. The

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1 rules shall specify the content of the training, qualifications for providers of the  
2 training, and the frequency with which emergency medical technicians, first services  
3 practitioners, emergency medical responders, and individuals who provide  
4 instruction to emergency medical technicians ~~or first services practitioners or~~  
5 emergency medical responders must complete the training.

6 **SECTION 138.** 256.15 (11) (c) of the statutes is amended to read:

7 256.15 (11) (c) To restrain or prevent action as an emergency medical  
8 technician services practitioner by an individual in violation of sub. (2) (a).

9 **SECTION 139.** 256.15 (11) (d) of the statutes is amended to read:

10 256.15 (11) (d) To restrain or prevent action by an emergency medical  
11 technician services practitioner in violation of this section or a rule promulgated  
12 under this section.

13 **SECTION 140.** 256.15 (11) (f) of the statutes is amended to read:

14 256.15 (11) (f) To restrain or prevent action by ~~a first~~ an emergency medical  
15 responder in violation of this section or a rule promulgated under this section.

16 **SECTION 141.** 256.15 (12) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

17 256.15 (12) (a) All records made by an ambulance service provider, an  
18 emergency medical technician services practitioner, or ~~a first~~ an emergency medical  
19 responder in administering emergency care procedures to and handling and  
20 transporting sick, disabled, or injured individuals shall be maintained as  
21 confidential patient health care records subject to s. 252.15 (3m), (6), (8) and (9), if  
22 applicable. Nothing in this paragraph or ss. 146.81 to 146.84 permits disclosure to  
23 an ambulance service provider, an emergency medical technician services  
24 practitioner, or ~~a first~~ an emergency medical responder under s. 252.15 (3m), except  
25 under s. 252.15 (3m) (e).

**ASSEMBLY BILL 59****SECTION 142**

1           **SECTION 142.** 256.15 (12) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

2           256.15 (12) (b) Notwithstanding s. 146.82, an ambulance service provider, who  
3 is an authority, as defined in s. 19.32 (1), may make available, to any requester,  
4 information contained on a record of an ambulance run which identifies the  
5 ambulance service provider and emergency medical technicians services  
6 practitioners involved; date of the call; dispatch and response times of the  
7 ambulance; reason for the dispatch; location to which the ambulance was dispatched;  
8 destination, if any, to which the patient was transported by ambulance; and name,  
9 age and gender of the patient. No information disclosed under this paragraph may  
10 contain details of the medical history, condition, or emergency treatment of any  
11 patient.

12           **SECTION 143.** 256.15 (13) (c) of the statutes is amended to read:

13           256.15 (13) (c) The department shall promulgate rules that specify actions that  
14 emergency medical technicians services practitioners may undertake after  
15 December 31, 1995, including rules that specify the required involvement of  
16 physicians in actions undertaken by emergency medical technicians services  
17 practitioners.

18           **SECTION 144.** 256.30 (3) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

19           256.30 (3) (a) A physician, registered nurse, or ~~emergency medical technician~~  
20 ~~—paramedic~~ paramedic.

21           **SECTION 145.** 256.40 (2) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

22           256.40 (2) (a) Subject to par. (b), the department shall permit all emergency  
23 medical technicians services practitioners to administer naloxone or another opioid  
24 antagonist to individuals who are undergoing or who are believed to be undergoing  
25 an opioid-related drug overdose.

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1           **SECTION 146.** 256.40 (2) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

2           256.40 (2) (b) The department shall require emergency medical technicians  
3 services practitioners to undergo any training necessary to safely and properly  
4 administer naloxone or another opioid antagonist as specified under par. (a).

5           **SECTION 147.** 256.40 (2) (c) 1. of the statutes is amended to read:

6           256.40 (2) (c) 1. Ensure that every emergency medical technician services  
7 practitioner under the ambulance service provider's supervision who has obtained  
8 the training necessary to safely and properly administer naloxone or another opioid  
9 antagonist has a supply of naloxone or the other opioid antagonist available for  
10 administration when he or she is performing his or her duties as an emergency  
11 medical technician services practitioner, to the extent that naloxone or the other  
12 opioid antagonist is available to the ambulance service provider.

13           **SECTION 148.** 256.40 (2) (c) 2. of the statutes is amended to read:

14           256.40 (2) (c) 2. Require each certified first emergency medical responder and  
15 emergency medical technician services practitioner under the supervision of the  
16 ambulance service provider to, in the manner prescribed by the department, keep a  
17 record of each instance in which the certified first emergency medical responder or  
18 emergency medical technician services practitioner administers naloxone or another  
19 opioid antagonist to an individual who is undergoing or who is believed to be  
20 undergoing an opioid-related drug overdose.

21           **SECTION 149.** 257.01 (2) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

22           257.01 (2) (a) An individual who is licensed as an emergency medical  
23 technician services practitioner, as defined in s. 256.01 (5), or certified as ~~a first~~ an  
24 emergency medical responder under s. 256.15.

25           **SECTION 150.** 257.01 (2) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

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1           257.01 (2) (b) An individual who was at any time in the previous 10 years, but  
2 is not currently, licensed as an emergency medical ~~technician~~ services practitioner,  
3 as defined in s. 256.01 (5), or certified as ~~a first~~ an emergency medical responder  
4 under s. 256.15, if the individual's license was never revoked, limited, suspended, or  
5 denied renewal.

6           **SECTION 151.** 340.01 (3) (dm) 2. of the statutes is amended to read:

7           340.01 (3) (dm) 2. Used by an emergency medical ~~technician~~ services  
8 practitioner licensed under s. 256.15 or an ambulance driver or ~~first~~ emergency  
9 medical responder authorized by the chief of an ambulance service or rescue squad.

10          **SECTION 152.** 340.01 (74p) (f) of the statutes is amended to read:

11          340.01 (74p) (f) A law enforcement officer, traffic officer, fire fighter, or  
12 emergency medical ~~technician~~ services practitioner, as defined in s. 256.01 (5), while  
13 performing his or her official duties.

14          **SECTION 153.** 341.14 (6r) (f) 48. of the statutes is amended to read:

15          341.14 (6r) (f) 48. Emergency medical ~~technicians~~ and first services  
16 practitioners, as defined in s. 256.01 (5), and emergency medical responders, as  
17 defined in s. 256.01 (4p).

18          **SECTION 154.** 341.14 (6r) (f) 48m. of the statutes is amended to read:

19          341.14 (6r) (f) 48m. Emergency medical ~~technicians~~ and first services  
20 practitioners, as defined in s. 256.01 (5), and emergency medical responders, as  
21 defined in s. 256.01 (4p).

22          **SECTION 155.** 341.14 (6r) (g) 2. of the statutes is amended to read:

23          341.14 (6r) (g) 2. If an individual in possession of special plates under par. (f)  
24 33., 33m., 34., 48., or 48m. or of personalized plates under s. 341.145 (1) (c) of the  
25 same color and design as special plates under par. (f) 33., 33m., 34., 48., or 48m.

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1 suffers an injury in the course of his or her job duties as a fire fighter, rescue squad  
2 member, or emergency medical technician services practitioner, as defined in s.  
3 256.01 (5), and the injury prevents the individual from subsequently performing  
4 such job duties, the individual may retain these special plates.

5 **SECTION 156.** 343.23 (2) (a) 1. of the statutes is amended to read:

6 343.23 (2) (a) 1. The person's employment as a law enforcement officer as  
7 defined in s. 165.85 (2) (c), fire fighter as defined in s. 102.475 (8) (b), or emergency  
8 medical technician services practitioner as defined in s. 256.01 (5).

9 **SECTION 157.** 343.23 (2) (a) 3. of the statutes is amended to read:

10 343.23 (2) (a) 3. The licensee's performance of duties as ~~a first~~ an emergency  
11 medical responder, as defined in s. 256.01 (9) (4p).

12 **SECTION 158.** 440.9805 (1) of the statutes is amended to read:

13 440.9805 (1) "Health care provider" means a health care provider, as defined  
14 in s. 146.81 (1) (a) to (p), a person licensed or issued a training permit as an  
15 emergency medical technician services practitioner under s. 256.15, or a person  
16 certified as ~~a first~~ an emergency medical responder under s. 256.15 (8) (a).

17 **SECTION 159.** 891.453 (1) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

18 891.453 (1) (b) "Emergency medical service provider" means a person employed  
19 by the state or by a county or municipality and who is an emergency medical  
20 technician services practitioner under s. 256.01 (5) or ~~a first~~ an emergency medical  
21 responder under s. 256.01 (9) (4p).

22 **SECTION 160.** 895.35 (2) (a) 2. of the statutes is amended to read:

23 895.35 (2) (a) 2. "Protective services officer" means an emergency medical  
24 technician services practitioner, as defined in s. 256.01 (5), ~~first~~ an emergency

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1 medical responder, as defined in s. 256.01 (9) (4p), a fire fighter, or a law enforcement  
2 or correctional officer.

3 **SECTION 161.** 895.48 (1m) (a) (intro.) of the statutes is amended to read:

4 895.48 (1m) (a) (intro.) Except as provided in par. (b), any physician, physician  
5 assistant, podiatrist, or athletic trainer licensed under ch. 448, chiropractor licensed  
6 under ch. 446, dentist licensed under ch. 447, emergency medical technician services  
7 practitioner licensed under s. 256.15, ~~first~~ emergency medical responder certified  
8 under s. 256.15 (8), registered nurse licensed under ch. 441, or a massage therapist  
9 or bodywork therapist licensed under ch. 460 who renders voluntary health care to  
10 a participant in an athletic event or contest sponsored by a nonprofit corporation, as  
11 defined in s. 66.0129 (6) (b), a private school, as defined in s. 115.001 (3r), a tribal  
12 school, as defined in s. 115.001 (15m), a public agency, as defined in s. 46.856 (1) (b),  
13 or a school, as defined in s. 609.655 (1) (c), is immune from civil liability for his or her  
14 acts or omissions in rendering that care if all of the following conditions exist:

15 **SECTION 162.** 895.48 (1m) (a) 2. of the statutes is amended to read:

16 895.48 (1m) (a) 2. The physician, podiatrist, athletic trainer, chiropractor,  
17 dentist, emergency medical technician, ~~first~~ services practitioner, as defined in s.  
18 256.01 (5), emergency medical responder, as defined in s. 256.01 (4p), physician  
19 assistant, registered nurse, massage therapist or bodywork therapist does not  
20 receive compensation for the health care, other than reimbursement for expenses.

21 **SECTION 163.** 895.48 (4) (am) (intro.) of the statutes is amended to read:

22 895.48 (4) (am) (intro.) Any of the following, other than an emergency medical  
23 ~~technician~~ services practitioner or ~~a first~~ an emergency medical responder —  
24 defibrillation, is immune from civil liability for the acts or omissions of a person in

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1 rendering in good faith emergency care by use of an automated external defibrillator  
2 to an individual who appears to be in cardiac arrest:

3 **SECTION 164.** 895.484 (2) (d) of the statutes is amended to read:

4 895.484 (2) (d) The actor remained with the person or domestic animal until  
5 a law enforcement officer, emergency medical service provider, animal control officer,  
6 or other first emergency medical responder, as defined in s. 256.01 (4p), arrived at  
7 the scene.

8 **SECTION 165.** 940.20 (7) (a) 1e. of the statutes is amended to read:

9 940.20 (7) (a) 1e. "Ambulance" has the meaning given in s. 256.01 (1) (1t).

10 **SECTION 166.** 940.20 (7) (a) 2g. of the statutes is amended to read:

11 940.20 (7) (a) 2g. "Emergency medical ~~technician~~ services practitioner" has the  
12 meaning given in s. 256.01 (5).

13 **SECTION 167.** 940.20 (7) (a) 2m. of the statutes is renumbered 940.20 (7) (a) 2d.  
14 and amended to read:

15 940.20 (7) (a) 2d. "~~First~~ Emergency medical responder" has the meaning given  
16 in s. 256.01 (9) (4p).

17 **SECTION 168.** 940.20 (7) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

18 940.20 (7) (b) Whoever intentionally causes bodily harm to an emergency  
19 department worker, an emergency medical ~~technician~~, ~~a first~~ services practitioner,  
20 an emergency medical responder, or an ambulance driver who is acting in an official  
21 capacity and who the person knows or has reason to know is an emergency  
22 department worker, an emergency medical ~~technician~~, ~~a first~~ services practitioner,  
23 an emergency medical responder, or an ambulance driver, by an act done without the  
24 consent of the person so injured, is guilty of a Class H felony.

25 **SECTION 169.** 941.20 (1m) (a) 1. of the statutes is amended to read:

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1 941.20 (1m) (a) 1. "Ambulance" has the meaning given in s. 256.01 ~~(1)~~ (1t).

2 **SECTION 170.** 941.20 (1m) (a) 2. of the statutes is amended to read:

3 941.20 (1m) (a) 2. "Emergency medical ~~technician~~ services practitioner" has  
4 the meaning given in s. 256.01 (5).

5 **SECTION 171.** 941.20 (1m) (a) 3. of the statutes is renumbered 941.20 (1m) (a)  
6 1t. and amended to read:

7 941.20 (1m) (a) 1t. "~~First~~ Emergency medical responder" has the meaning  
8 given in s. 256.01 ~~(9)~~ (4p).

9 **SECTION 172.** 941.20 (1m) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

10 941.20 (1m) (b) Whoever intentionally points a firearm at or towards a law  
11 enforcement officer, a fire fighter, an emergency medical ~~technician~~, ~~a first~~ services  
12 practitioner, an emergency medical responder, an ambulance driver, or a commission  
13 warden who is acting in an official capacity and who the person knows or has reason  
14 to know is a law enforcement officer, a fire fighter, an emergency medical ~~technician~~,  
15 ~~a first~~ services practitioner, an emergency medical responder, an ambulance driver,  
16 or a commission warden is guilty of a Class H felony.

17 **SECTION 173.** 941.37 (1) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

18 941.37 (1) (a) "Ambulance" has the meaning specified in s. 256.01 ~~(1)~~ (1t).

19 **SECTION 174.** 941.37 (1) (c) of the statutes is amended to read:

20 941.37 (1) (c) "Emergency medical personnel" means an emergency medical  
21 ~~technician~~ services practitioner licensed under s. 256.15, ~~first~~ emergency medical  
22 responder certified under s. 256.15 (8), peace officer or fire fighter, or other person  
23 operating or staffing an ambulance or an authorized emergency vehicle.

24 **SECTION 175.** 941.375 (1) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

25 941.375 (1) (a) "Ambulance" has the meaning specified in s. 256.01 ~~(1)~~ (1t).

