

State of Wisconsin



2023 Senate Bill 526

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2023 WISCONSIN ACT 181

AN ACT *to renumber and amend* 15.195 (8); and *to create* 15.195 (8) (b) of the statutes; **relating to:** adding rural emergency medical services providers to the Emergency Medical Services Board.

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

SECTION 1. 15.195 (8) of the statutes is renumbered 15.195 (8) (a) and amended to read:

15.195 (8) (a) There is created an emergency medical services board, which is attached to the department of health services under s. 15.03. The board shall consist of ~~11~~ **13** voting members, appointed for 3-year terms, who have an interest and expertise in emergency medical services issues, who represent the various geographical areas of the state, and, subject to par. (b), who include representatives of the various types of emergency medical services providers.

(c) In addition to the ~~11~~ **13** voting members, the secretary of health services, the secretary of transportation, the director of the technical college system board and the state medical director for emergency medical services or their designees shall serve as nonvoting members of the board.

SECTION 2. 15.195 (8) (b) of the statutes is created to read:

15.195 (8) (b) At least 2 of the voting members of the board shall satisfy all of the following:

1. Be an emergency medical responder, as defined in s. 256.01 (4p), an emergency medical technician, as defined in s. 256.01 (6), an advanced emergency medical technician, as defined in s. 256.01 (1k), or an emergency medical technician – intermediate, as defined in s. 256.01 (7).

2. Have a local credentialing agreement solely with a volunteer department that serves a rural area or multiple volunteer departments that serve a rural area. For purposes of this subdivision, “rural area” means an area for which the population of the largest single municipality, as defined in s. 5.02 (11), in the volunteer department’s service area is less than 10,000.

SECTION 3. Nonstatutory provisions.

(1) EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES BOARD MEMBERS. The 2 additional members of the emergency medical services board under s. 15.195 (8) that are appointed on or after the effective date of this subsection shall meet the criteria required under s. 15.195 (8) (b).

* Section 991.11, WISCONSIN STATUTES: Effective date of acts. “Every act and every portion of an act enacted by the legislature over the governor’s partial veto which does not expressly prescribe the time when it takes effect shall take effect on the day after its date of publication.”