



State of Wisconsin  
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## 2023 SENATE BILL 526

October 16, 2023 - Introduced by Senators MARKLEIN, BALLWEG, FELZKOWSKI, NASS, TOMCZYK, STAFSHOLT and QUINN, cosponsored by Representatives TRANEL, CALLAHAN, EDMING, GREEN, MAGNAFICI, MOSES, MURSAU, NOVAK, O'CONNOR, PENTERMAN, PRONSCHINSKE, ROZAR and VANDERMEER. Referred to Committee on Health.

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

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

This bill adds two voting members to the Emergency Medical Services Board, which is attached to the Department of Health Services. The bill provides that at least two members of the board must be an emergency medical responder, emergency medical technician, advanced emergency medical technician, or emergency medical technician - intermediate and 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 that requirement, the bill defines "rural area" as an area for which the population of the largest single municipality in the volunteer department's service area is less than 10,000. The bill specifies that the two new members of the board appointed on or after the effective date of the bill must meet the new criteria established under the bill, specifically, that each is an emergency medical responder, emergency medical technician, advanced emergency medical technician, or emergency medical technician - intermediate who has a local credentialing agreement solely with a volunteer department that serves a rural area or multiple volunteer departments that serve a rural area.

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

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

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

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

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

14           15.195 (8) (b) At least 2 of the voting members of the board shall satisfy all of  
15 the following:

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

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

25           **SECTION 3. Nonstatutory provisions.**

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1           (1) EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES BOARD MEMBERS. The 2 additional members of  
2           the emergency medical services board under s. 15.195 (8) that are appointed on or  
3           after the effective date of this subsection shall meet the criteria required under s.  
4           15.195 (8) (b).

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