

1993 Assembly Bill 525

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AN ACT to amend 146.50 (1) (hm), 146.50 (2), 146.50 (8) (title), (a) to (c), (e) and (f), 146.50 (11) (f) and 146.50 (12) (a) of the statutes, relating to: changing certification of first responders to be only for the performance of certain defibrillation.

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

SECTION 1. 146.50 (1) (hm) of the statutes, as created by 1991 Wisconsin Act 238, is amended to read:

146.50 (1) (hm) “~~First responder~~” “First responder — defibrillation” means an individual who is certified by the department as a ~~first responder~~ first responder — defibrillation under sub. (8).

SECTION 2. 146.50 (2) of the statutes, as affected by 1991 Wisconsin Act 238, is amended to read:

146.50 (2) LICENSE OR CERTIFICATE REQUIRED. No person may act as or advertise for the provision of services as an ambulance service provider unless the person holds an ambulance service provider license issued under this section. No individual may act as or advertise for the provision of services as an emergency medical technician unless he or she holds an emergency medical technician license or training permit issued under sub. (5). No individual may act as or advertise for the provision of services as a ~~first responder~~ first responder — defibrillation unless he or she holds a ~~first responder~~ first responder — defibrillation certificate issued under sub. (8).

SECTION 3. 146.50 (8) (title), (a) to (c), (e) and (f) of the statutes, as created by 1991 Wisconsin Act 238, are amended to read:

146.50 (8) (title) CERTIFICATION OF FIRST RESPONDERS —DEFIBRILLATION. (a) The department shall certify qualified applicants as ~~first responders~~ first responders — defibrillation.

(b) To be eligible for initial certification as a ~~first responder~~ first responder — defibrillation, an individual shall meet requirements specified in rules promulgated by the department.

(c) To be eligible for a renewal of a certificate as a ~~first responder~~ first responder — defibrillation, the holder of the certificate shall satisfactorily complete any requirements specified in rules promulgated by the department.

(e) A certified ~~first responder~~ first responder — defibrillation is authorized to ~~perform the emergency medical procedures, including use of an automatic or semiautomatic defibrillator, that are as~~ prescribed for ~~first responders~~ first responders — defibrillation in rules promulgated by the department. The rules shall ~~include~~ set forth authorization for the use of an automatic defibrillator, a semiautomatic defibrillator or, for a defibrillator that may be operated in more than one mode, use in the automatic or semiautomatic mode only.

(f) The department may issue a certificate as a ~~first responder~~ first responder — defibrillation, without requiring satisfactory completion of any instruction or training that may be required under par. (b), to any individual who holds a current license or certificate as a first responder from another jurisdiction if the department finds that the standards for licensing or issuing certificates in the other jurisdiction are at least substantially equivalent to the standards for issuance of certificates ~~for~~ first responders — defibrillation in this state, and that the applicant is otherwise qualified.

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SECTION 4. 146.50 (11) (f) of the statutes, as created by 1991 Wisconsin Act 238, is amended to read:

146.50 (11) (f) To restrain or prevent action by a ~~first responder~~ first responder — defibrillation in violation of this section or a rule promulgated under this section.

SECTION 5. 146.50 (12) (a) of the statutes, as affected by 1991 Wisconsin Act 238, is amended to read:

146.50 (12) (a) All records made by an ambulance service provider, an emergency medical technician or a ~~first responder~~ first responder — defibrillation in administering emergency care procedures to and handling and transporting sick, disabled or injured individuals shall be maintained as confidential patient health care

records subject to ss. 146.81 to 146.84 and, if applicable, s. 146.025 (5) (a) (intro.), (6), (8) and (9). For the purposes of this paragraph, an ambulance service provider, an emergency medical technician or a ~~first responder~~ first responder — defibrillation shall be considered to be a health care provider under s. 146.81 (1). Nothing in this paragraph permits disclosure to an ambulance service provider, an emergency medical technician or a ~~first responder~~ first responder — defibrillation under s. 146.025 (5) (a), except under s. 146.025 (5) (a) 11.

SECTION 6. Effective date. This act takes effect on June 1, 1993, or on the day after publication, whichever is later.
