



2022 South Dakota Legislature

House Bill 1121

Introduced by: **Representative** Rehfeldt

1 **An Act to revise certain provisions related to advanced life support personnel.**

2 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA:

3 **Section 1. That § 36-4B-1 be AMENDED:**

4 **36-4B-1.** Terms used in this chapter mean:

- 5 (1) "Advanced life support," a level of ~~prehospital and interhospital~~ emergency care
 6 consisting of basic life support procedures and definitive therapy including the use
 7 of invasive procedures and may include the use of drugs and manual defibrillation;
- 8 (2) "Advanced life support personnel," any person other than a physician who has
 9 completed a department and board approved program and is licensed as an
 10 emergency medical technician-intermediate/85; emergency medical technician-
 11 intermediate/99; emergency medical technician-advanced; or emergency medical
 12 technician-paramedic as set forth in this chapter, or its equivalent;
- 13 (3) "Board," the South Dakota Board of Medical and Osteopathic Examiners;
- 14 (4) "Department," the South Dakota State Department of Health;
- 15 (5) "Direct medical control," communications between field personnel and a physician
 16 during an emergency run;
- 17 (6) "Emergency medical services," health care provided to the patient ~~at the scene,~~
 18 ~~during transportation to a medical facility, between medical facilities and upon~~
 19 ~~entry at the medical facility~~ by advanced life support personnel licensed pursuant
 20 to this chapter;
- 21 (7) "Emergency medical technician-advanced," any person who has successfully
 22 completed a program of study approved by the department and the board in all
 23 areas of training and skills set forth in the advanced emergency medical technician
 24 instructional guidelines and standards, including placement of esophageal and
 25 supraglottic airways, intravenous cannulation, shock management, administration

- 1 of specific medications, and other advanced skills approved by the board, and who
2 is licensed by the board to perform such advanced skills;
- 3 (8) "Emergency medical technician/EMT," any person trained in emergency medical
4 care in accordance with standards prescribed by rules and regulations promulgated
5 pursuant to § 34-11-6, who provides emergency medical services, including
6 automated external defibrillation under indirect medical control, in accordance with
7 the person's level of training;
- 8 (9) "Emergency medical technician-intermediate/85," any person who has successfully
9 completed a department_ and board_--approved program of instruction in basic life
10 support and advanced life support skills in shock and fluid therapy, placement of
11 esophageal airways, and other advanced life support skills approved by board
12 action, and who is licensed by the board to perform such skills, including automated
13 external defibrillation;
- 14 (10) "Emergency medical technician-paramedic," any person who has successfully
15 completed a program of study approved by the department and the board and is
16 licensed as an emergency medical technician-paramedic, which includes all training
17 and skills set forth herein for emergency medical technician-intermediate/85 and
18 emergency medical technician-intermediate/99, and other advanced skills
19 programs approved by board action, and who is licensed by the board to perform
20 such intermediate, special, and advanced skills;
- 21 (11) "Emergency medical technician-intermediate/99," any person who has successfully
22 completed a department_ and board_--approved program of instruction in all areas
23 of emergency medical technician-intermediate/85 curriculum plus other specific
24 areas of emergency medical care in the following areas: manual and automated
25 external defibrillation, telemetered electrocardiography, administration of cardiac
26 drugs, administration of specific medications and solutions, use of adjunctive
27 breathing devices, advanced trauma care, tracheotomy suction, esophageal
28 airways and endotracheal intubation, intraosseous infusion, or other special skills
29 programs approved by board action, and who is licensed by the board to perform
30 intermediate skills plus such special skills;
- 31 (12) "Epinephrine auto-injector," a spring-loaded needle and syringe with a single dose
32 of epinephrine that will automatically release and inject the medicine, any similar
33 automatic pre-filled cartridge injector, or any similar automatic injectable
34 equipment;
- 35 (13) "Good faith," honesty, in fact, in the conduct, or transaction concerned;

- 1 (14) "Gross negligence," the intentional failure to perform a manifest duty in reckless
2 disregard of the consequences as affecting the life or health of another;
- 3 (15) "Hour of advanced life support studies," fifty minutes of training;
- 4 (16) "Indirect medical control," the establishment and implementation of system policies
5 and procedures, such as medical treatment protocols, quality assurance programs
6 and case reviews by a physician licensed in South Dakota;
- 7 (17) "Local government," any county, municipality, township, or village in this state;
- 8 (18) "Medical community," the physicians and medical resources located and available
9 within a geographic area;
- 10 (19) "Medical emergency," an event affecting an individual in such a manner that a need
11 for immediate medical care is created;
- 12 (20) "Patient," an individual who, as a result of illness or injury, ~~needs immediate medical~~
13 ~~attention, whose physical or mental condition is such that the individual is in~~
14 ~~imminent danger of loss of life or significant health impairment, or who may be~~
15 ~~otherwise incapacitated or helpless as a result of a physical or mental condition;~~
16 and
- 17 (21) "Prehospital care," those emergency medical services rendered to ~~emergency~~
18 ~~patients in an out-of-hospital setting, administered for analytic, stabilizing, or~~
19 ~~preventive purposes, precedent to and during transportation of such patients to~~
20 ~~emergency treatment facilities.~~

21 **Section 2. That § 36-4B-15 be AMENDED:**

22 **36-4B-15.** Advanced life support personnel shall be supervised by a physician who
23 ~~will observe, direct, review~~ directs and reviews the work records and practice permitted
24 by §§ 36-4B-16 and 36-4B-17, to ensure that the patient is given proper treatment.