

this act is effective July 1, 1977.

Approved April 21, 1977.

CHAPTER 36—S.F.No.1072

[Not Coded]

An act relating to appropriations; appropriating money for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1977.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

Section 1. **APPROPRIATIONS, DEFICIENCY; NATURAL RESOURCES; FOREST FIRE FIGHTING.** The sums set forth in this act are appropriated from the general fund to the agencies and for the purposes indicated, to be available for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1977.

Sec. 2. Commissioner of Natural Resources

Emergency forest fire fighting \$10,403,778

Federal disaster aid money received by the state as reimbursement for fire fighting costs incurred by the state shall be deposited to the credit of the general fund.

Sec. 3. This act is effective the day following final enactment.

Approved April 27, 1977.

CHAPTER 37—H.F.No.57

[Coded in Part]

An act relating to health and safety; licensing and certification of ambulance services; amending Minnesota Statutes 1976, Chapter 144, by adding a section; Sections 144.801; 144.802; 144.803; 144.804; and 144.805.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1976, Section 144.801, is amended to read:

144.801 PUBLIC HEALTH; AMBULANCE SERVICES; LICENSES; DEFINITIONS. Subdivision 1. ~~Unless the context requires otherwise, the definitions in this section govern the construction of sections 144.801 to 144.806~~ For the purposes of sections 144.801 to 144.807 and section 6, the terms defined in this section have the

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meaning given them.

Subd. 2. "Land ambulance" means any vehicle designed or intended for and actually used in providing land transportation of wounded, injured, sick, invalid, or incapacitated persons, or expectant mothers.

Subd. 2 3. "Ambulance" means a vehicle or other form of transportation which is designed or intended to be used in providing "Air ambulance" means any vehicle which is designed or intended for and actually used in providing air transportation of wounded, injured, sick, invalid, or incapacitated human beings persons, or expectant mothers.

Subd. 3 4. "Ambulance service" means:

(a) Transportation for a wounded, injured, sick, invalid, or incapacitated human being, or expectant mother, which is regularly provided, or offered to be provided, to the public by any person or public or private agency; and

(b) Treatment which is rendered or offered to be rendered by any person employed to provide or assist in providing the transportation referred to in clause (a); whether such treatment is rendered or offered to be rendered preliminary to, during, or after such transportation.

Subd. 3a. "Non-emergency ambulance service" means transportation in an ambulance for individuals not requiring treatment while in the ambulance. "Emergency ambulance service" means transportation and treatment which is rendered or offered to be rendered preliminary to or during transportation for wounded, injured, sick, invalid, or incapacitated persons, or expectant mothers, provided by any operator.

Subd. 5. "Nonemergency ambulance service" means transportation to or from a health care facility for examination, diagnosis, treatment, therapy, or consultation for wounded, injured, sick, invalid, or incapacitated persons, or expectant mothers, provided by any operator. This service is transportation which is regularly provided, or offered to be provided, but which does not regularly necessitate treatment of the person while being transported. Nonemergency ambulance service does not include the provision of transportation services to persons for whom the need for oxygen, resuscitation or aspiration is not reasonably foreseeable during transportation.

Subd. 4 6. "License" means authority granted by the state board of health for the operation of a land emergency ambulance service, land nonemergency ambulance service, air emergency ambulance service, or air nonemergency ambulance service in the state of Minnesota.

Subd. 5 7. "Operator" means a person, firm, partnership, corporation, service club, volunteer fire department, volunteer ambulance service, municipality political subdivision or other organization which has a license from the state board of health to provide provides land emergency ambulance service, land nonemergency ambulance service, air emergency ambulance service, or air nonemergency ambulance service.

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Subd. 8. "Base of operation" means the political subdivision in which the physical plant housing ambulances, related equipment and personnel is located.

Subd. 9. "Newly established ambulance service" means an emergency ambulance service or nonemergency ambulance service which does not possess a current license to provide the specific type of ambulance service as set forth in subdivision 6 and intended to be offered from a base of operation.

Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 1976, Section 144.802, is amended to read:

144.802 LICENSING. Subdivision 1. No operator shall operate as a land emergency ambulance service, land nonemergency ambulance service, air emergency ambulance service or air nonemergency ambulance service within this state unless it possesses a valid license to do so issued by the state board of health. The license shall specify the location of the base of operations and the type or types of ambulance service for which the operator is licensed. The operator shall obtain a new license if it wishes to establish a new base of operation or provide a new type or types of service. Licenses shall not be transferable. If ownership of a service is transferred, a new license shall be issued upon the approval of the state board of health and a finding of conformance with all the requirements of Minnesota Statutes, Sections 144.801 to 144.806 and section 6. A public hearing shall not be required when there is a transfer of ownership. The cost of the license licenses shall be in an amount prescribed by the board pursuant to section 144.122. Licenses shall expire and be renewed as prescribed by the board pursuant to section 144.122.

Subd. 2. The state board of health shall not issue licenses a license for the operation of a newly established ambulance service, a new type or types of ambulance service or a new base of operation for an existing ambulance service in the state unless the service meets the standards required by sections 144.801 to 144.806 and the applicant has demonstrated to the satisfaction of the state board of health at a public hearing that the public convenience and necessity require the proposed ambulance service.

Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 1976, Section 144.803, is amended to read:

144.803 LICENSING; SUSPENSION AND REVOCATION. The state board of health may, after hearing upon reasonable notice, suspend or revoke, or refuse to renew the license of an operator upon finding that the licensee has violated sections 144.801 to 144.806 or section 6. Proceedings by the state board of health pursuant to this section and review thereof shall be subject to the provisions of chapter 15.

Sec. 4. Minnesota Statutes 1976, Section 144.804, is amended to read:

144.804 STANDARDS. Subdivision 1. No publicly or privately owned ambulance service shall be operated in the state unless the drivers and attendants possess a current advanced American Red Cross first aid certificate or an advanced first aid certificate issued by the United States bureau of mines or other first aid or emergency care certificate authorized by rules adopted by the state board of health pursuant to chapter 15

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Subd. 2. Every ambulance offering emergency service shall be equipped with a stretcher and after ~~July~~ August 1, 1975 ~~1979~~, a two-way radio communications system which is in accordance with the state board of health statewide radio communications plan and carry the minimal equipment recommended by the American College of Surgeons or the equivalent as determined by standards adopted by the state board of health pursuant to chapter 15.

Subd. 3. All land ambulances offering emergency service, whether publicly or privately owned, shall offer ambulance service 24 hours per day every day of the year and shall be staffed by a driver and an attendant. An ambulance operated by a nonprofit entity and limiting its operation exclusively to providing emergency ambulance service by contract for specific events and meetings need not offer emergency service 24 hours per day every day of the year but shall meet all other legal standards for ambulance services offering emergency service. Air ambulances shall be staffed by a pilot and an attendant. Whenever ~~on~~ a land emergency ambulance service shall find it impossible to arrange for an attendant to accompany the driver, the driver may proceed to answer an emergency call without an accompanying attendant, provided that the ambulance service shall make all reasonable efforts to arrange for an attendant to be present at the site of the emergency and enroute to a health care facility. Drivers and attendants are authorized to use only such equipment for which they are qualified by training. An ambulance service may substitute a physician, osteopath or registered nurse for the attendant in an ambulance.

All ambulances offering non-emergency service shall be equipped with oxygen and resuscitation and aspiration equipment. After July 1, 1978 the oxygen, resuscitation and aspiration equipment must meet standards as specified by rules adopted by the state board of health pursuant to chapter 15. No ambulance offering only non-emergency services shall be equipped with emergency warning lights or siren.

Subd. 4. Nothing in sections 144.801 to 144.806 shall prevent operation of a police emergency vehicle by one person nor affect any statute or regulatory authority vested in the department of ~~transportation~~ public safety concerning automotive equipment and safety requirements.

Sec. 5. Minnesota Statutes 1976, Section 144.805, is amended to read:

144.805 **CHAUFFEURS LICENSES.** Any person driving an ambulance shall have a valid class C Minnesota driver's license. ~~A chauffeur's license issued under sections 168.39 to 168.44 is not required to drive an ambulance in Minnesota except that any person other than a fireman or law enforcement officer shall be required to possess a chauffeur's license to drive an ambulance based within a city of the first class.~~

Sec. 6. Minnesota Statutes 1976, Chapter 144, is amended by adding a section to read:

[144.808] INSPECTIONS. The state board of health may inspect ambulance services as frequently as deemed necessary. These inspections shall be for the purpose of determining that the ambulance and equipment is clean and in proper working order and

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if the operator is in compliance with sections 144.801 to 144.804 and any rules that the state board of health adopts related to sections 144.801 to 144.804.

Sec. 7. [144.809] RENEWAL OF MEDICAL TECHNICIAN'S CERTIFICATE, FEE. No fee set by the state board of health for biennial renewal of an emergency medical technician's certificate by a member of a volunteer ambulance service or volunteer fire department shall exceed \$2.

Approved April 28, 1977.

CHAPTER 38—H.F.No.61

[Not Coded]

An act relating to the city of Cottage Grove; authorizing the rendering of emergency service by a physician's trained mobile intensive care paramedic; authorizing reasonable charges for the services; granting limited immunity from civil liability for paramedics and physicians advising or instructing paramedics.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

Section 1. COTTAGE GROVE, CITY OF; PARAMEDIC MOBILE UNIT; DEFINITIONS. As used in sections 1 to 6, "physician's trained mobile intensive care paramedic" means a person who:

- (a) Is an employee of the city of Cottage Grove;
- (b) Has been specially trained in emergency cardiac and noncardiac care by a licensed physician in a training program certified by the state board of health or the state board of medical examiners and is certified by the state board of health or the state board of medical examiners as qualified to render the emergency lifesaving services enumerated herein.

Sec. 2. The city of Cottage Grove is authorized to maintain a staff of physician's trained mobile intensive care paramedics.

Sec. 3. Subdivision 1. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, physician's trained mobile intensive care paramedics may do any of the following:

- (a) Render rescue, first aid and resuscitation services;
- (b) During training, administer parenteral medications under the direct supervision of a licensed physician or a registered nurse;
- (c) Perform cardiopulmonary resuscitation and defibrillation in a pulseless, nonbreathing patient;

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