

HOUSE BILL NO. 5249

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A bill to amend 1978 PA 368, entitled
"Public health code,"
by amending section 20920 (MCL 333.20920), as amended by 2014 PA
413.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Sec. 20920. (1) A person shall not establish, operate, or
2 cause to be operated an ambulance operation unless the ambulance
3 operation is licensed under this section.

4 (2) Upon proper application and payment of a \$100.00 fee, the
5 department shall issue a license as an ambulance operation to a

1 person who meets the requirements of this part and the rules
2 promulgated under this part.

3 (3) An applicant shall specify in the application each
4 ambulance to be operated.

5 (4) An ambulance operation license shall specify the
6 ambulances licensed to be operated.

7 (5) An ambulance operation license shall state the highest
8 level of life support the ambulance operation is licensed to
9 provide. An ambulance operation shall operate in accordance with
10 this part, rules promulgated under this part, and approved medical
11 control authority protocols and, except as provided in section
12 20921a(2), shall not provide life support at a level that exceeds
13 its license and available licensed personnel or violates approved
14 medical control authority protocols.

15 (6) An ambulance operation license may be renewed annually
16 upon application to the department and payment of a \$100.00 renewal
17 fee. Before issuing a renewal license, the department shall
18 determine that the ambulance operation is in compliance with this
19 part, the rules promulgated under this part, and medical control
20 authority protocols.

21 (7) Beginning on July 22, 1997, an ambulance operation that
22 meets all of the following requirements may apply for an ambulance
23 operation upgrade license under subsection (8):

24 (a) On or before July 22, 1997, holds an ambulance operation
25 license that designates the ambulance operation either as a
26 transporting basic life support service or as a transporting
27 limited advanced life support service.

28 (b) Is a transporting basic life support service, that is able
29 to staff and equip 1 or more ambulances for the transport of

1 emergency patients at a life support level higher than basic life
2 support, or is a transporting limited advanced life support
3 service, that is able to staff and equip 1 or more ambulances for
4 the transport of emergency patients at the life support level of
5 advanced life support.

6 (c) Is owned or operated by or under contract to a local
7 **governmental** unit ~~of government~~ and providing first-line emergency
8 medical response to that local **governmental** unit ~~of government~~ on
9 or before July 22, 1997.

10 (d) Will provide the services described in subdivision (b)
11 only to the local **governmental** unit ~~of government~~ described in
12 subdivision (c), and only in response to a ~~911~~**9-1-1** call or other
13 call for emergency transport.

14 (8) An ambulance operation meeting the requirements of
15 subsection (7) that applies for an ambulance operation upgrade
16 license shall include all of the following information in the
17 application provided by the department:

18 (a) Verification of all of the requirements of subsection (7)
19 including, but not limited to, a description of the staffing and
20 equipment to be used in providing the higher level of life support
21 services.

22 (b) If the applicant is a transporting basic life support
23 service, a plan of action to upgrade from providing basic life
24 support to providing limited advanced life support or advanced life
25 support to take place over a period of not more than 2 years. If
26 the applicant is a transporting limited advanced life support
27 service, a plan of action to upgrade from providing limited
28 advanced life support to providing advanced life support to take
29 place over a period of not more than 2 years.

1 (c) The medical control authority protocols for the ambulance
2 operation upgrade license, along with a recommendation from the
3 medical control authority under which the ambulance operation
4 operates that the ambulance operation upgrade license be issued by
5 the department.

6 (d) Other information required by the department.

7 (9) The statewide emergency medical services coordination
8 committee shall review the information described in subsection
9 (8)(c) and make a recommendation to the department as to whether or
10 not an ambulance operation upgrade license should be granted to the
11 applicant.

12 (10) Upon receipt of a completed application as required under
13 subsection (8), a positive recommendation under subsection (9), and
14 payment of a \$100.00 fee, the department shall issue to the
15 applicant an ambulance operation upgrade license. Subject to
16 subsection (12), the license is valid for 2 years from the date of
17 issuance and is renewable for 1 additional 2-year period. An
18 application for renewal of an ambulance operation upgrade license
19 ~~shall~~**must** contain documentation of the progress made on the plan
20 of action described in subsection (8)(b). In addition, the medical
21 control authority under which the ambulance operation operates
22 shall annually file with the statewide emergency medical services
23 coordination committee a written report on the progress made by the
24 ambulance operation on the plan of action described in subsection
25 (8)(b), including, but not limited to, information on training,
26 equipment, and personnel.

27 (11) If an ambulance operation is designated by its regular
28 license as providing basic life support services, then an ambulance
29 operation upgrade license issued under this section allows the

1 ambulance operation to provide limited advanced life support
2 services or advanced life support services when the ambulance
3 operation is able to staff and equip 1 or more ambulances to
4 provide services at the higher levels. If an ambulance operation is
5 designated by its regular license as providing limited advanced
6 life support services, then an ambulance operation upgrade license
7 issued under this section allows the ambulance operation to provide
8 advanced life support services when the ambulance operation is able
9 to staff and equip 1 or more ambulances to provide services at the
10 higher level. An ambulance operation shall not provide services
11 under an ambulance operation upgrade license unless the medical
12 control authority under which the ambulance operation operates has
13 adopted protocols for the ambulance operation upgrade license
14 regarding quality monitoring procedures, use and protection of
15 equipment, and patient care.

16 (12) The department may revoke or fail to renew an ambulance
17 operation upgrade license for a violation of this part or a rule
18 promulgated under this part or for failure to comply with the plan
19 of action filed under subsection (8)(b). An ambulance operation
20 that obtains an ambulance operation upgrade license must annually
21 renew its regular license under subsections (2) to (6). An
22 ambulance operation's regular license is not affected by the
23 following:

24 (a) The fact that the ambulance operation has obtained or
25 renewed an ambulance operation upgrade license.

26 (b) The fact that an ambulance operation's ambulance operation
27 upgrade license is revoked or is not renewed under this subsection.

28 (c) The fact that the ambulance operation's ambulance
29 operation upgrade license expires at the end of the second 2-year

1 period prescribed by subsection (10).

2 (13) Beginning 6 months after the effective date of the
3 amendatory act that added this subsection, an ambulance operation
4 that meets all of the following requirements may apply for an
5 ambulance operation adaptive care license under subsection (14):

6 (a) Holds an ambulance operation license that designates the
7 ambulance operation as a transporting basic life support service.

8 (b) Is a transporting basic life support service that is able
9 to staff and equip 1 or more ambulances for the transport of
10 emergency patients at a life support level higher than basic life
11 support on or before January 1, 2025.

12 (c) Is owned or operated by or under contract to a local
13 governmental unit and is designated by that local governmental unit
14 as the ambulance operation providing transporting service to that
15 local governmental unit.

16 (d) Will provide the services described in subdivision (b)
17 only to the local governmental unit described in subdivision (c),
18 and only in response to a 9-1-1 call or other call for emergency
19 transport.

20 (14) An ambulance operation meeting the requirements of
21 subsection (13) that applies for an ambulance operation adaptive
22 care license shall include all of the following information in the
23 application provided by the department:

24 (a) Verification of all of the requirements of subsection
25 (13), including, but not limited to, a description of the staffing
26 and equipment to be used in providing the higher level of life
27 support services.

28 (b) The medical control authority protocols for the ambulance
29 operation adaptive care license, along with a recommendation from

1 the medical control authority under which the ambulance operation
2 operates that the ambulance operation adaptive care license be
3 issued by the department.

4 (c) Other information required by the department.

5 (15) The statewide emergency medical services coordination
6 committee shall review the information described in subsection (14)
7 and make a recommendation to the department as to whether or not an
8 ambulance operation adaptive care license should be granted to the
9 applicant.

10 (16) Upon receipt of a completed application as required under
11 subsection (14) and a positive recommendation under subsection
12 (15), the department shall issue to the applicant an ambulance
13 operation adaptive care license. Subject to subsection (18), the
14 ambulance operation adaptive care license is valid for 4 years from
15 the date of issuance.

16 (17) An ambulance operation adaptive care license issued under
17 this section allows the ambulance operation to provide limited
18 advanced life support services when the ambulance operation is able
19 to staff and equip 1 or more ambulances to provide services at the
20 limited advanced life support level. An ambulance operation shall
21 not provide services under an ambulance operation adaptive care
22 license unless the medical control authority under which the
23 ambulance operation operates has adopted protocols for the
24 ambulance operation adaptive care license regarding quality
25 monitoring procedures, use and protection of equipment, and patient
26 care.

27 (18) The department may revoke or fail to renew an ambulance
28 operation adaptive care license for a violation of this part or a
29 rule promulgated under this part. An ambulance operation that

1 obtains an ambulance operation adaptive care license must annually
2 renew its regular license under subsections (2) to (6). An
3 ambulance operation's regular license is not affected by the
4 following:

5 (a) The fact that the ambulance operation has obtained or
6 renewed an ambulance operation adaptive care license.

7 (b) The fact that an ambulance operation's ambulance operation
8 adaptive care license is revoked or is not renewed under this
9 subsection.

10 (c) The fact that the ambulance operation's ambulance
11 operation adaptive care license expires as prescribed under
12 subsection (16).