

CERTIFICATION OF ENROLLMENT

**ENGROSSED SENATE BILL 6033**

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**President of the Senate**

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**Speaker of the  
House of Representatives**

Approved March 31, 1992

BOOTH GARDNER

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**Governor of the State of Washington**

CERTIFICATE

I, Gordon Golob, Secretary of the Senate of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is **ENGROSSED SENATE BILL 6033** as passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives on the dates hereon set forth.

GORDON A. GOLOB

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**Secretary**

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**By** Senators West and Johnson

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1            AN ACT Relating to emergency service medical personnel; amending  
2 RCW 18.71.205, 18.73.130, 18.73.140, 18.73.150, and 18.130.040; and  
3 adding a new section to chapter 18.73 RCW.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

5            **Sec. 1.** RCW 18.71.205 and 1990 c 269 s 18 are each amended to read  
6 as follows:

7            (1) The secretary of the department of health, in conjunction with  
8 the advice and assistance of the emergency medical services licensing  
9 and certification advisory committee as prescribed in RCW 18.73.050,  
10 and the board of medical examiners, shall prescribe:

11            (a) Minimum standards and performance requirements for the  
12 certification and recertification of physician's trained intravenous  
13 therapy technicians, airway management technicians, and mobile  
14 intensive care paramedics; and

1 (b) Procedures for certification, recertification, and  
2 decertification of physician's trained intravenous therapy technicians,  
3 airway management technicians, and mobile intensive care paramedics.

4 (2) Initial certification shall be for a period of (~~two~~) three  
5 years.

6 (3) Recertification shall be granted upon proof of continuing  
7 satisfactory performance and education, and shall be for a period of  
8 (~~two~~) three years.

9 (4) As used in chapters 18.71 and 18.73 RCW, "approved medical  
10 program director" means a person who:

11 (a) Is licensed to practice medicine and surgery pursuant to  
12 chapter 18.71 RCW or osteopathy and surgery pursuant to chapter 18.57  
13 RCW; and

14 (b) Is qualified and knowledgeable in the administration and  
15 management of emergency care and services; and

16 (c) Is so certified by the department of health for a county, group  
17 of counties, or cities with populations over four hundred thousand in  
18 coordination with the recommendations of the local medical community  
19 and local emergency medical services and trauma care council.

20 (5) The uniform disciplinary act, chapter 18.130 RCW, governs  
21 uncertified practice, the issuance and denial of certificates, and the  
22 disciplining of certificate holders under this section. The secretary  
23 shall be the disciplining authority under this section. Disciplinary  
24 action shall be initiated against a person credentialed under this  
25 chapter in a manner consistent with the responsibilities and duties of  
26 the medical program director under whom such person is responsible.

27 **Sec. 2.** RCW 18.73.130 and 1990 c 269 s 25 are each amended to read  
28 as follows:

1 An ambulance operator, ambulance director, aid vehicle operator or  
2 aid director may not operate a service in the state of Washington  
3 without holding a license for such operation, issued by the secretary  
4 when such operation is consistent with the state-wide and regional  
5 emergency medical services and trauma care plans established pursuant  
6 to chapter 70.168 RCW, indicating the general area to be served and the  
7 number of vehicles to be used, with the following exceptions:

8 (1) The United States government;

9 (2) Ambulance operators and ambulance directors providing service  
10 in other states when bringing patients into this state;

11 (3) Owners of businesses in which ambulance or aid vehicles are  
12 used exclusively on company property but occasionally in emergencies  
13 may transport patients to hospitals not on company property; and

14 (4) Operators of vehicles pressed into service for transportation  
15 of patients in emergencies when licensed ambulances are not available  
16 or cannot meet overwhelming demand.

17 The license shall be valid for a period of (~~three~~) two years and  
18 shall be renewed on request provided the holder has consistently  
19 complied with the regulations of the department and the department of  
20 licensing and provided also that the needs of the area served have been  
21 met satisfactorily. The license shall not be transferable.

22 **Sec. 3.** RCW 18.73.140 and 1987 c 214 s 11 are each amended to read  
23 as follows:

24 The secretary shall issue an ambulance or aid vehicle license for  
25 each vehicle so designated. The license shall be for a period of  
26 (~~one~~) two years and may be reissued on expiration if the vehicle and  
27 its equipment meet requirements in force at the time of expiration of  
28 the license period. The license may be revoked if the ambulance or aid  
29 vehicle is found to be operating in violation of the regulations

1 promulgated by the department or without required equipment. The  
2 license shall be terminated automatically if the vehicle is sold or  
3 transferred to the control of anyone not currently licensed as an  
4 ambulance or aid vehicle operator or director. The license number  
5 shall be prominently displayed on each vehicle.

6 **Sec. 4.** RCW 18.73.150 and 1979 ex.s. c 261 s 15 are each amended  
7 to read as follows:

8 Any ambulance operated as such shall operate with sufficient  
9 personnel for adequate patient care, at least one of whom shall be an  
10 emergency medical technician under standards promulgated by the  
11 secretary. The emergency medical technician shall have responsibility  
12 for its operation and for the care of patients both before they are  
13 placed aboard the vehicle and during transit. If there are two or more  
14 emergency medical technicians operating the ambulance, a nondriving  
15 medical technician shall be in command of the vehicle. The emergency  
16 medical technician in command of the vehicle shall be in the patient  
17 compartment and in attendance to the patient.

18 The driver of the ambulance shall have at least a certificate of  
19 advance first aid qualification recognized by the secretary pursuant to  
20 RCW 18.73.120 unless there are at least two certified emergency medical  
21 technicians in attendance of the patient, in which case the driver  
22 shall not be required to have such certificate.

23 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 5.** A new section is added to chapter 18.73 RCW  
24 to read as follows:

25 The uniform disciplinary act, chapter 18.130 RCW, shall govern the  
26 issuance and denial of credentials, unauthorized practice, and the  
27 discipline of persons credentialed under this chapter. The secretary  
28 shall act as the disciplinary authority under this chapter.

1 Disciplinary action shall be initiated against a person credentialed  
2 under this chapter in a manner consistent with the responsibilities and  
3 duties of the medical program director under whom such person is  
4 responsible.

5 **Sec. 6.** RCW 18.130.040 and 1990 c 3 s 810 are each amended to read  
6 as follows:

7 (1) This chapter applies only to the secretary and the boards  
8 having jurisdiction in relation to the professions licensed under the  
9 chapters specified in this section. This chapter does not apply to any  
10 business or profession not licensed under the chapters specified in  
11 this section.

12 (2)(a) The secretary has authority under this chapter in relation  
13 to the following professions:

14 (i) Dispensing opticians licensed under chapter 18.34 RCW;

15 (ii) Naturopaths licensed under chapter 18.36A RCW;

16 (iii) Midwives licensed under chapter 18.50 RCW;

17 (iv) Ocularists licensed under chapter 18.55 RCW;

18 (v) Massage operators and businesses licensed under chapter 18.108  
19 RCW;

20 (vi) Dental hygienists licensed under chapter 18.29 RCW;

21 (vii) Acupuncturists certified under chapter 18.06 RCW;

22 (viii) Radiologic technologists certified under chapter 18.84 RCW;

23 (ix) Respiratory care practitioners certified under chapter 18.89  
24 RCW;

25 (x) Persons registered or certified under chapter 18.19 RCW;

26 (xi) Persons registered as nursing pool operators;

27 (xii) Nursing assistants registered or certified under chapter  
28 18.52B RCW;

1 (xiii) Dietitians and nutritionists certified under chapter 18.138  
2 RCW; (~~and~~)  
3 (xiv) Sex offender treatment providers certified under chapter  
4 18.155 RCW; and  
5 (xv) Persons licensed and certified under chapter 18.73 RCW or RCW  
6 18.71.205.  
7 (b) The boards having authority under this chapter are as follows:  
8 (i) The (~~podiatry~~) podiatric medical board as established in  
9 chapter 18.22 RCW;  
10 (ii) The chiropractic disciplinary board as established in chapter  
11 18.26 RCW governing licenses issued under chapter 18.25 RCW;  
12 (iii) The dental disciplinary board as established in chapter 18.32  
13 RCW;  
14 (iv) The council on hearing aids as established in chapter 18.35  
15 RCW;  
16 (v) The board of funeral directors and embalmers as established in  
17 chapter 18.39 RCW;  
18 (vi) The board of examiners for nursing home administrators as  
19 established in chapter 18.52 RCW;  
20 (vii) The optometry board as established in chapter 18.54 RCW  
21 governing licenses issued under chapter 18.53 RCW;  
22 (viii) The board of osteopathic medicine and surgery as established  
23 in chapter 18.57 RCW governing licenses issued under chapters 18.57 and  
24 18.57A RCW;  
25 (ix) The medical disciplinary board as established in chapter 18.72  
26 RCW governing licenses and registrations issued under chapters 18.71  
27 and 18.71A RCW;  
28 (x) The board of physical therapy as established in chapter 18.74  
29 RCW;

1 (xi) The board of occupational therapy practice as established in  
2 chapter 18.59 RCW;

3 (xii) The board of practical nursing as established in chapter  
4 18.78 RCW;

5 (xiii) The examining board of psychology and its disciplinary  
6 committee as established in chapter 18.83 RCW;

7 (xiv) The board of nursing as established in chapter 18.88 RCW; and

8 (xv) The veterinary board of governors as established in chapter  
9 18.92 RCW.

10 (3) In addition to the authority to discipline license holders, the  
11 disciplining authority has the authority to grant or deny licenses  
12 based on the conditions and criteria established in this chapter and  
13 the chapters specified in subsection (2) of this section. However, the  
14 board of chiropractic examiners has authority over issuance and denial  
15 of licenses provided for in chapter 18.25 RCW, the board of dental  
16 examiners has authority over issuance and denial of licenses provided  
17 for in RCW 18.32.040, and the board of medical examiners has authority  
18 over issuance and denial of licenses and registrations provided for in  
19 chapters 18.71 and 18.71A RCW. This chapter also governs any  
20 investigation, hearing, or proceeding relating to denial of licensure  
21 or issuance of a license conditioned on the applicant's compliance with  
22 an order entered pursuant to RCW 18.130.160 by the disciplining  
23 authority.

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