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1 AN ACT Relating to emergency medical service personnel; and
2 reenacting and amending RCW 18.71.205.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 18.71.205 and 1996 c 191 s 55 and 1996 c 178 s 6 are
5 each reenacted and amended to read as follows:

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

10 (a) Practice parameters, training standards for, and levels of,
11 physician trained emergency medical service intermediate life support
12 technicians and paramedics;

13 (b) Minimum standards and performance requirements for the
14 certification and recertification of physician's trained emergency
15 medical service intermediate life support technicians and paramedics;
16 and

17 (c) Procedures for certification, recertification, and
18 decertification of physician's trained emergency medical service
19 intermediate life support technicians and paramedics.

1 (2) Initial certification shall be for a period established by the
2 secretary pursuant to RCW 43.70.250 and 43.70.280.

3 (3) Recertification shall be granted upon proof of continuing
4 satisfactory performance and education, and shall be for a period
5 established by the secretary pursuant to RCW 43.70.250 and 43.70.280.

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

8 (a) Is licensed to practice medicine and surgery pursuant to
9 chapter 18.71 RCW or osteopathic medicine and surgery pursuant to
10 chapter 18.57 RCW; and

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

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

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

24 (6) Such activities of physician's trained emergency medical
25 service intermediate life support technicians and paramedics shall be
26 limited to actions taken under the express written or oral order of
27 medical program directors and shall not be construed at any time to
28 include free standing or nondirected actions, for actions not
29 presenting an emergency or life-threatening condition.

30 (7) Any person who is convicted of theft from any ambulance or
31 ambulance service licensed under chapter 18.73 RCW is disqualified from
32 being licensed as emergency medical service personnel. A person who
33 has been charged with theft under chapter 9A.56 RCW from any ambulance
34 or ambulance service licensed under chapter 18.73 RCW is presumptively
35 disqualified, but may file an appeal with the secretary, and may be
36 licensed upon showing by a preponderance of the evidence that the

1 person did not commit the act charged.

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