

CERTIFICATION OF ENROLLMENT  
**ENGROSSED SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 5751**

Chapter 70, Laws of 2017

65th Legislature  
2017 Regular Session

AMBULANCE SERVICES--DRIVER QUALIFICATIONS

EFFECTIVE DATE: 7/23/2017

Passed by the Senate March 1, 2017  
Yeas 49 Nays 0

CYRUS HABIB

**President of the Senate**

Passed by the House April 6, 2017  
Yeas 97 Nays 0

FRANK CHOPP

**Speaker of the House of Representatives**

Approved April 19, 2017 11:43 AM

JAY INSLEE

**Governor of the State of Washington**

CERTIFICATE

I, Hunter G. Goodman, Secretary of the Senate of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is **ENGROSSED SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 5751** as passed by Senate and the House of Representatives on the dates hereon set forth.

HUNTER G. GOODMAN

**Secretary**

FILED

April 19, 2017

**Secretary of State  
State of Washington**

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By Senate Health Care (originally sponsored by Senator Schoesler)

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1 AN ACT Relating to personnel requirements for municipal ambulance  
2 services; and amending RCW 18.73.150.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 18.73.150 and 1992 c 128 s 4 are each amended to  
5 read as follows:

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

16 (b) Except as provided in subsection (2) of this section, the  
17 driver of the ambulance shall have at least a certificate of advance  
18 first aid qualification recognized by the secretary pursuant to RCW  
19 18.73.120 unless there are at least two certified emergency medical  
20 technicians in attendance of the patient, in which case the driver  
21 shall not be required to have such certificate.

1       (2) With approval from the department, an ambulance service  
2 established by volunteer or municipal corporations in a rural area  
3 with insufficient personnel may use a driver without any medical or  
4 first aid training so long as the driver is at least eighteen years  
5 old, successfully passes a background check issued or approved by the  
6 department, possesses a valid driver's license with no restrictions,  
7 is accompanied by a nondriving emergency medical technician while  
8 operating the ambulance during a response or transport of a patient,  
9 and only provides medical care to patients to the level that they are  
10 trained.

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