

**House Health Reported Substitute for HB417**



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A BILL  
TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

Relating to the State Board of Health and emergency medical services; to amend Section 22-18-1, Code of Alabama 1975, to further provide for the requirements for a licensure as a community paramedic; and to prohibit the State Board of Health from requiring a college degree for licensure as a community paramedic.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

Section 1. Section 22-18-1 of the Code of Alabama 1975, is amended to read as follows:

"§22-18-1

For the purposes of this article, the following terms shall have the meanings respectively ascribed to them by this section:

(1) ADVANCED EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIAN. Any individual who is an emergency medical services personnel, is 18 years of age or older, and who satisfies all of the following:

a. Has successfully completed the advanced emergency medical technician course of instruction, or its equivalent, as approved by the board.



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29           b. Has passed the state Advanced EMT examination, as  
30 well as having met the requirements for becoming a licensed  
31 emergency medical technician.

32           c. Has been granted a license by the board.

33           (2) ADVANCED LIFE SUPPORT (ALS). The treatment of  
34 potentially life-threatening medical emergencies through the  
35 use of invasive medical techniques specified as advanced life  
36 support techniques by the board, which ordinarily would be  
37 performed or provided by licensed physicians, but which may be  
38 performed by emergency medical service personnel during  
39 emergencies under constraints specified by rule of the board.

40           (3) AIR AMBULANCE. An aircraft that is intended to be  
41 used for and is maintained or operated for transportation to a  
42 medical care facility of persons who are sick or injured. For  
43 the purposes of this chapter, fixed-wing aircraft that do not  
44 conduct scene flights shall not be considered air ambulances.

45           (4) BASIC LIFE SUPPORT (BLS). Prehospital care  
46 involving non-invasive life support measures as specified by  
47 the board.

48           (5) BOARD or BOARD OF HEALTH. The State Board of  
49 Health.

50           (6) COMMUNITY PARAMEDIC. An individual who is an  
51 emergency medical services personnel, is 18 years of age or  
52 older, and who satisfies all of the following:

53           a. Is currently licensed as a paramedic.

54           b. Has at least two years of full-time service as a  
55 paramedic.

56           c. **Has successfully completed a community paramedic**



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57 training program and obtained a postsecondary or equivalent  
58 award from an accredited college or university a paramedic  
59 course of instruction approved by the board.

60 d. Has passed the state community paramedic examination  
61 and has met the requirements for becoming a licensed community  
62 paramedic.

63 e. Has been granted a license by the board.

64 (7) COMMUNITY PARAMEDICINE PROGRAM. The provision of  
65 episodic care, patient evaluation, advice, and treatment  
66 directed at preventing or improving a particular medical  
67 condition, within the scope of practice of the emergency  
68 medical services personnel.

69 (8) DEFINITIVE CARE FACILITY. A facility that has the  
70 capability to render care to conclusively manage a patient's  
71 current medical condition. The term includes, but is not  
72 limited to, urgent care facilities, family practice  
73 facilities, doctor's offices, and emergency departments.

74 (9) DEPARTMENT. The Alabama Department of Public  
75 Health.

76 (10) EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES (EMS). A system of  
77 coordinated medical assistance and care provided by emergency  
78 medical services personnel, including:

79 a. The transportation and medical care provided to sick  
80 or injured individuals before arrival at a definitive care  
81 facility.

82 b. Continuation of care within a definitive care  
83 facility subject to the approval from that facility.

84 c. Integrated medical care with the oversight of a



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85 medical director.

86 (11) EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES PERSONNEL (EMSP). The  
87 collective term used to refer to all recognized National  
88 Highway Traffic Safety Administration levels of personnel  
89 licensed by the board, who have met all primary and renewal  
90 educational requirements, and who provide emergency or  
91 non-emergency medical services within the level of their scope  
92 of practice and in accordance with the applicable EMS Patient  
93 Care Protocols.

94 (12) EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIAN (EMT). An individual  
95 who is an emergency medical services personnel, is 18 years of  
96 age or older, and who satisfies all of the following:

97 a. Has successfully completed the basic emergency  
98 medical technician course of instruction, or its equivalent,  
99 as approved by the board.

100 b. Has passed the state EMT examination.

101 c. Has been granted a license by the board.

102 (13) EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIAN-INTERMEDIATE. An  
103 individual who is an emergency medical services personnel, is  
104 18 years of age or older, and who, prior to December 31, 2002,  
105 satisfied all of the following:

106 a. Successfully completed the intermediate emergency  
107 medical technician course of instruction, or its equivalent,  
108 as approved by the board.

109 b. Passed the state EMT Intermediate examination and  
110 has met the requirements for becoming a licensed emergency  
111 medical technician.

112 c. Was granted a license by the board.





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141 the physical location of a sick or injured individual.

142 (22) TRANSPORT VEHICLE. An air or ground ambulance."

143 Section 2. This act shall become effective on the first  
144 day of the third month following its passage and approval by  
145 the Governor, or its otherwise becoming law.