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ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 158—ASSEMBLYMEN O’NEILL, GRAY, KASAMA; DELONG, DICKMAN, GALLANT, GURR, HANSEN, HIBBETTS AND KOENIG

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Referred to Committee on Commerce and Labor

SUMMARY—Revises provisions relating to emergency medical services. (BDR 40-511)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: May have Fiscal Impact. Effect on the State: Yes.

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EXPLANATION – Matter in *bolded italics* is new; matter between brackets ~~omitted material~~ is material to be omitted.

AN ACT relating to emergency medical services; ratifying the Recognition of Emergency Medical Services Personnel Licensure Interstate Compact; making an appropriation; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel’s Digest:

1 Existing law generally provides for the certification and regulation of advanced
2 emergency medical technicians, emergency medical technicians and paramedics in
3 this State. (Chapter 450B of NRS) **Section 2** of this bill ratifies the Recognition of
4 Emergency Medical Services Personnel Licensure Interstate Compact. The
5 Compact authorizes: (1) emergency medical service personnel who are certified in
6 this State to perform their professional duties in any other state that has ratified the
7 Compact; and (2) emergency medical service personnel who are certified in another
8 state that has ratified the Compact to perform their professional duties in this State.
9 **Sections 1, 3-7 and 9-21** of this bill make various changes to clarify that a person
10 who is authorized to practice as an emergency medical technician, advanced
11 emergency medical technician or paramedic under the Compact, including by
12 serving as an attendant on an ambulance or air ambulance: (1) is not prohibited
13 from doing so because he or she is not licensed or certified in this State; and (2) is
14 legally equivalent to an emergency medical technician, advanced emergency
15 medical technician or paramedic who is certified in this State for certain purposes.
16 **Section 8** of this bill provides that a person who is authorized to practice as an
17 emergency medical technician, advanced emergency medical technician or
18 paramedic under the Compact is not eligible for an endorsement to provide
19 community paramedicine services. **Section 21.5** of this bill makes an appropriation
20 to the Division of Public and Behavioral Health of the Department of Health and
21 Human Services to cover certain fees related to the coordinated database
22 established under the Compact.



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THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, REPRESENTED IN
SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

1 **Section 1.** NRS 441A.195 is hereby amended to read as
2 follows:

3 441A.195 1. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 259.047, a
4 law enforcement officer, correctional officer, emergency medical
5 attendant, firefighter, county coroner or medical examiner or any of
6 their employees or volunteers, any other person who is employed by
7 or is a volunteer for an agency of criminal justice or any other public
8 employee or volunteer for a public agency who, in the course of his
9 or her official duties, comes into contact with human blood or
10 bodily fluids, or the employer of such a person or the public agency
11 for which the person volunteers, may petition a court for an order
12 requiring the testing of a person or decedent for exposure to a
13 communicable disease if:

14 (a) The officer, emergency medical attendant, firefighter, county
15 coroner or medical examiner or their employee or volunteer, other
16 person employed by or volunteering for an agency of criminal
17 justice or other public employee or volunteer for a public agency
18 was likely exposed to a communicable disease; and

19 (b) Testing of the person or decedent is necessary to determine
20 the appropriate treatment for the officer, emergency medical
21 attendant, firefighter, county coroner, medical examiner, employee
22 or volunteer.

23 2. When possible, before filing a petition pursuant to
24 subsection 1, the person, employer or public agency for which the
25 person volunteers, and who is petitioning shall submit information
26 concerning the likely exposure to a communicable disease to the
27 designated health care officer for the employer or public agency or,
28 if there is no designated health care officer, the person designated by
29 the employer or public agency to document and verify likely
30 exposure to communicable diseases, for verification that there was
31 substantial exposure. Each designated health care officer or person
32 designated by an employer or public agency to document and verify
33 likely exposure to communicable diseases shall establish guidelines
34 based on current scientific information to determine substantial
35 exposure.

36 3. A court shall promptly hear a petition filed pursuant to
37 subsection 1 and determine whether there is probable cause to
38 believe that a likely transfer of blood or other bodily fluids occurred
39 between the person who filed the petition or on whose behalf the
40 petition was filed and the person or decedent who likely exposed
41 him or her to a communicable disease. If the court determines that
42 such probable cause exists, the court shall:



1 (a) Order the person who likely exposed the petitioner, or the
2 person on whose behalf the petition was filed, to a communicable
3 disease to submit two appropriate specimens to a local hospital or
4 medical laboratory for testing for exposure to a communicable
5 disease; or

6 (b) Order that two appropriate specimens be taken from the
7 decedent who likely exposed the petitioner, or the person on whose
8 behalf the petition was filed, to a communicable disease and be
9 submitted to a local hospital or medical laboratory for testing for
10 exposure to the communicable disease.

11 ➤ The local hospital or medical laboratory shall perform the test in
12 accordance with generally accepted medical practices and shall
13 disclose the results of the test in the manner set forth in
14 NRS 629.069.

15 4. If a judge or a justice of the peace enters an order pursuant to
16 this section, the judge or justice of the peace may authorize the
17 designated health care officer or the person designated by the
18 employer or public agency to document and verify likely exposure
19 to a communicable disease to sign the name of the judge or justice
20 of the peace on a duplicate order. Such a duplicate order shall be
21 deemed to be an order of the court. As soon as practicable after the
22 duplicate order is signed, the duplicate order must be returned to the
23 judge or justice of the peace who authorized the signing of it and
24 must indicate on its face the judge or justice of the peace to whom it
25 is to be returned. The judge or justice of the peace, upon receiving
26 the returned order, shall endorse the order with his or her name and
27 enter the date on which the order was returned. Any failure of the
28 judge or justice of the peace to make such an endorsement and entry
29 does not in and of itself invalidate the order.

30 5. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 629.069, all records
31 submitted to the court in connection with a petition filed pursuant to
32 this section and any proceedings concerning the petition are
33 confidential and the judge or justice of the peace shall order the
34 records and any record of the proceedings to be sealed and to be
35 opened for inspection only upon an order of the court for good cause
36 shown.

37 6. A court may establish rules to allow a judge or justice of the
38 peace to conduct a hearing or issue an order pursuant to this section
39 by electronic or telephonic means.

40 7. The employer of a person or the public agency for which the
41 person volunteers, who files a petition or on whose behalf a petition
42 is filed pursuant to this section or the insurer of the employer or
43 public agency, shall pay the cost of performing the test pursuant to
44 subsection 3.

45 8. As used in this section:



1 (a) "Agency of criminal justice" has the meaning ascribed to it
2 in NRS 179A.030.

3 (b) "Emergency medical attendant" means a person ~~[Licensed]~~
4 *who is:*

5 (1) *Licensed* as an attendant or certified as an emergency
6 medical technician, advanced emergency medical technician or
7 paramedic pursuant to chapter 450B of NRS ~~[]~~; or

8 (2) *Authorized to practice as an emergency medical*
9 *technician, advanced emergency medical technician or paramedic*
10 *in this State under the Recognition of Emergency Medical*
11 *Services Personnel Licensure Interstate Compact ratified by*
12 *section 2 of this act.*

13 **Sec. 2.** Chapter 450B of NRS is hereby amended by adding
14 thereto a new section to read as follows:

15 *The Recognition of Emergency Medical Services Personnel*
16 *Licensure Interstate Compact is hereby ratified and entered into*
17 *with all other jurisdictions legally joining the Compact, in*
18 *substantially the form set forth in this section:*

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20 **RECOGNITION OF EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES**
21 **PERSONNEL LICENSURE INTERSTATE COMPACT**

22
23 **SECTION 1. PURPOSE**

24
25 *In order to protect the public through verification of*
26 *competency and ensure accountability for patient care related*
27 *activities all states license emergency medical services (EMS)*
28 *personnel, such as emergency medical technicians (EMTs),*
29 *advanced EMTs and paramedics. This Compact is intended to*
30 *facilitate the day-to-day movement of EMS personnel across state*
31 *boundaries in the performance of their EMS duties as assigned by*
32 *an appropriate authority and authorize state EMS offices to afford*
33 *immediate legal recognition to EMS personnel licensed in a*
34 *member state. This Compact recognizes that states have a vested*
35 *interest in protecting the public's health and safety through their*
36 *licensing and regulation of EMS personnel and that such state*
37 *regulation shared among the member states will best protect*
38 *public health and safety. This Compact is designed to achieve the*
39 *following purposes and objectives:*

- 40 1. *Increase public access to EMS personnel;*
41 2. *Enhance the states' ability to protect the public's health*
42 *and safety, especially patient safety;*
43 3. *Encourage the cooperation of member states in the areas*
44 *of EMS personnel licensure and regulation;*



1 *I. "Medical director" means a physician licensed in a*
2 *member state who is accountable for the care delivered by EMS*
3 *personnel.*

4 *J. "Member state" means a state that has enacted this*
5 *Compact.*

6 *K. "Privilege to practice" means an individual's authority to*
7 *deliver emergency medical services in remote states as authorized*
8 *under this Compact.*

9 *L. "Paramedic" means an individual licensed with cognitive*
10 *knowledge and a scope of practice that corresponds to that level in*
11 *the National EMS Education Standards and National EMS Scope*
12 *of Practice Model.*

13 *M. "Remote state" means a member state in which an*
14 *individual is not licensed.*

15 *N. "Restricted" means the outcome of an adverse action that*
16 *limits a license or the privilege to practice.*

17 *O. "Rule" means a written statement by the Commission*
18 *promulgated pursuant to Section 12 of this Compact that is of*
19 *general applicability, implements, interprets, or prescribes a policy*
20 *or provision of the Compact, or is an organizational, procedural or*
21 *practice requirement of the Commission and has the force and*
22 *effect of statutory law in a member state and includes the*
23 *amendment, repeal or suspension of an existing rule.*

24 *P. "Scope of practice" means defined parameters of various*
25 *duties or services that may be provided by an individual with*
26 *specific credentials. Whether regulated by rule, statute or court*
27 *decision, it tends to represent the limits of services an individual*
28 *may perform.*

29 *Q. "Significant investigatory information" means:*

30 *1. Investigative information that a state EMS authority,*
31 *after a preliminary inquiry that includes notification and an*
32 *opportunity to respond if required by state law, has reason to*
33 *believe, if proved true, would result in the imposition of an adverse*
34 *action on a license or privilege to practice; or*

35 *2. Investigative information that indicates that the*
36 *individual represents an immediate threat to public health and*
37 *safety regardless of whether the individual has been notified and*
38 *had an opportunity to respond.*

39 *R. "State" means any state, commonwealth, district or*
40 *territory of the United States.*

41 *S. "State EMS authority" means the board, office or other*
42 *agency with the legislative mandate to license EMS personnel.*



1 **SECTION 3. HOME STATE LICENSURE**

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3 A. *Any member state in which an individual holds a current*
4 *license shall be deemed a home state for purposes of this Compact.*

5 B. *Any member state may require an individual to obtain and*
6 *retain a license to be authorized to practice in the member state*
7 *under circumstances not authorized by the privilege to practice*
8 *under the terms of this Compact.*

9 C. *A home state's license authorizes an individual to practice*
10 *in a remote state under the privilege to practice only if the home*
11 *state:*

12 1. *Currently requires the use of the National Registry of*
13 *Emergency Medical Technicians (NREMT) examination as a*
14 *condition of issuing initial licenses at the EMT and paramedic*
15 *levels;*

16 2. *Has a mechanism in place for receiving and*
17 *investigating complaints about individuals;*

18 3. *Notifies the Commission, in compliance with the terms*
19 *herein, of any adverse action or significant investigatory*
20 *information regarding an individual;*

21 4. *Not later than 5 years after activation of the Compact,*
22 *requires a criminal background check of all applicants for initial*
23 *licensure, including the use of the results of fingerprint or other*
24 *biometric data checks compliant with the requirements of the*
25 *Federal Bureau of Investigation with the exception of federal*
26 *employees who have suitability determination in accordance with*
27 *5 C.F.R. § 731.202 and submit documentation of such as*
28 *promulgated in the rules of the Commission; and*

29 5. *Complies with the rules of the Commission.*

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31 **SECTION 4. COMPACT PRIVILEGE TO PRACTICE**

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33 A. *Member states shall recognize the privilege to practice of*
34 *an individual licensed in another member state that is in*
35 *conformance with Section 3.*

36 B. *To exercise the privilege to practice under the terms and*
37 *provisions of this Compact, an individual must:*

38 1. *Be at least 18 years of age;*

39 2. *Possess a current unrestricted license in a member state*
40 *as an EMT, AEMT, paramedic or state recognized and licensed*
41 *level with a scope of practice and authority between EMT and*
42 *paramedic; and*

43 3. *Practice under the supervision of a medical director.*

44 C. *An individual providing patient care in a remote state*
45 *under the privilege to practice shall function within the scope of*



1 *practice authorized by the home state unless and until modified by*
2 *an appropriate authority in the remote state as may be defined in*
3 *the rules of the Commission.*

4 *D. Except as provided in Section 4, subsection C, an*
5 *individual practicing in a remote state will be subject to the remote*
6 *state's authority and laws. A remote state may, in accordance with*
7 *due process and that state's laws, restrict, suspend or revoke an*
8 *individual's privilege to practice in the remote state and may take*
9 *any other necessary actions to protect the health and safety of its*
10 *citizens. If a remote state takes action it shall promptly notify the*
11 *home state and the Commission.*

12 *E. If an individual's license in any home state is restricted or*
13 *suspended, the individual shall not be eligible to practice in a*
14 *remote state under the privilege to practice until the individual's*
15 *home state license is restored.*

16 *F. If an individual's privilege to practice in any remote state*
17 *is restricted, suspended or revoked the individual shall not be*
18 *eligible to practice in any remote state until the individual's*
19 *privilege to practice is restored.*

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21 **SECTION 5. CONDITIONS OF PRACTICE**
22 **IN A REMOTE STATE**

23
24 *An individual may practice in a remote state under a privilege*
25 *to practice only in the performance of the individual's EMS duties*
26 *as assigned by an appropriate authority, as defined in the rules of*
27 *the Commission, and under the following circumstances:*

28 *1. The individual originates a patient transport in a home*
29 *state and transports the patient to a remote state;*

30 *2. The individual originates in the home state and enters a*
31 *remote state to pick up a patient and provide care and transport of*
32 *the patient to the home state;*

33 *3. The individual enters a remote state to provide patient care*
34 *and/or transport within that remote state;*

35 *4. The individual enters a remote state to pick up a patient*
36 *and provide care and transport to a third member state; and*

37 *5. Other conditions as determined by rules promulgated by*
38 *the Commission.*

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40 **SECTION 6. RELATIONSHIP TO EMERGENCY**
41 **MANAGEMENT ASSISTANCE COMPACT**

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43 *Upon a member state's governor's declaration of a state of*
44 *emergency or disaster that activates the Emergency Management*
45 *Assistance Compact (EMAC), all relevant terms and provisions of*



1 *EMAC shall apply, and to the extent any terms or provisions of*
2 *this Compact conflict with EMAC, the terms of EMAC shall*
3 *prevail with respect to any individual practicing in the remote state*
4 *in response to such declaration.*

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6 **SECTION 7. VETERANS, SERVICE MEMBERS**
7 **SEPARATING FROM ACTIVE DUTY**
8 **MILITARY, AND THEIR SPOUSES**
9

10 *A. Member states shall consider a veteran, active military*
11 *service member and member of the National Guard and Reserves*
12 *separating from an active duty tour, and a spouse thereof, who*
13 *holds a current valid and unrestricted NREMT certification at or*
14 *above the level of the state license being sought as satisfying the*
15 *minimum training and examination requirements for such*
16 *licensure.*

17 *B. Member states shall expedite the processing of licensure*
18 *applications submitted by veterans, active military service*
19 *members, and members of the National Guard and Reserves*
20 *separating from an active duty tour, and their spouses.*

21 *C. All individuals functioning with a privilege to practice*
22 *under this Section remain subject to the adverse actions provisions*
23 *of Section 8.*

24
25 **SECTION 8. ADVERSE ACTIONS**
26

27 *A. A home state shall have exclusive power to impose adverse*
28 *action against an individual's license issued by the home state.*

29 *B. If an individual's license in any home state is restricted or*
30 *suspended, the individual shall not be eligible to practice in a*
31 *remote state under the privilege to practice until the individual's*
32 *home state license is restored.*

33 *1. All home state adverse action orders shall include a*
34 *statement that the individual's Compact privileges are inactive.*
35 *The order may allow the individual to practice in remote states*
36 *with prior written authorization from both the home state and*
37 *remote state's EMS authority.*

38 *2. An individual currently subject to adverse action in the*
39 *home state shall not practice in any remote state without prior*
40 *written authorization from both the home state and remote state's*
41 *EMS authority.*

42 *C. A member state shall report adverse actions and any*
43 *occurrences that the individual's Compact privileges are*
44 *restricted, suspended or revoked to the Commission in accordance*
45 *with the rules of the Commission.*



1 *D. A remote state may take adverse action on an individual's*
2 *privilege to practice within that state.*

3 *E. Any member state may take adverse action against an*
4 *individual's privilege to practice in that state based on the factual*
5 *findings of another member state, so long as each state follows its*
6 *own procedures for imposing such adverse action.*

7 *F. A home state's EMS authority shall investigate and take*
8 *appropriate action with respect to reported conduct in a remote*
9 *state as it would if such conduct had occurred within the home*
10 *state. In such cases, the home state's law shall control in*
11 *determining the appropriate adverse action.*

12 *G. Nothing in this Compact shall override a member state's*
13 *decision that participation in an alternative program may be used*
14 *in lieu of adverse action and that such participation shall remain*
15 *nonpublic if required by the member state's laws. Member states*
16 *must require individuals who enter any alternative programs to*
17 *agree not to practice in any other member state during the term of*
18 *the alternative program without prior authorization from such*
19 *other member state.*

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21 **SECTION 9. ADDITIONAL POWERS INVESTED**
22 **IN A MEMBER STATE'S EMS AUTHORITY**

23
24 *A member state's EMS authority, in addition to any other*
25 *powers granted under state law, is authorized under this Compact*
26 *to:*

27 *1. Issue subpoenas for both hearings and investigations that*
28 *require the attendance and testimony of witnesses and the*
29 *production of evidence. Subpoenas issued by a member state's*
30 *EMS authority for the attendance and testimony of witnesses*
31 *and/or the production of evidence from another member state,*
32 *shall be enforced in the remote state by any court of competent*
33 *jurisdiction, according to that court's practice and procedure in*
34 *considering subpoenas issued in its own proceedings. The issuing*
35 *state EMS authority shall pay any witness fees, travel expenses,*
36 *mileage and other fees required by the service statutes of the state*
37 *where the witnesses and/or evidence are located; and*

38 *2. Issue cease and desist orders to restrict, suspend or revoke*
39 *an individual's privilege to practice in the state.*



1 **SECTION 10. ESTABLISHMENT OF THE INTERSTATE**
2 **COMMISSION FOR EMS PERSONNEL PRACTICE**

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4 A. *The Compact states hereby create and establish a joint*
5 *public agency known as the Interstate Commission for EMS*
6 *Personnel Practice.*

7 1. *The Commission is a body politic and an instrumentality*
8 *of the Compact states.*

9 2. *Venue is proper and judicial proceedings by or against*
10 *the Commission shall be brought solely and exclusively in a court*
11 *of competent jurisdiction where the principal office of the*
12 *Commission is located. The Commission may waive venue and*
13 *jurisdictional defenses to the extent it adopts or consents to*
14 *participate in alternative dispute resolution proceedings.*

15 3. *Nothing in this Compact shall be construed to be a*
16 *waiver of sovereign immunity.*

17 B. *Membership, Voting and Meetings*

18 1. *Each member state shall have and be limited to one*
19 *delegate. The responsible official of the state EMS authority or his*
20 *or her designee shall be the delegate to this Compact for each*
21 *member state. Any delegate may be removed or suspended from*
22 *office as provided by the law of the state from which the delegate*
23 *is appointed. Any vacancy occurring in the Commission shall be*
24 *filled in accordance with the laws of the member state in which the*
25 *vacancy exists. In the event that more than one board, office or*
26 *other agency with the legislative mandate to license EMS*
27 *personnel at and above the level of EMT exists, the governor of*
28 *the state will determine which entity will be responsible for*
29 *assigning the delegate.*

30 2. *Each delegate shall be entitled to one vote with regard to*
31 *the promulgation of rules and creation of bylaws and shall*
32 *otherwise have an opportunity to participate in the business and*
33 *affairs of the Commission. A delegate shall vote in person or by*
34 *such other means as provided in the bylaws. The bylaws may*
35 *provide for delegates' participation in meetings by telephone or*
36 *other means of communication.*

37 3. *The Commission shall meet at least once during each*
38 *calendar year. Additional meetings shall be held as set forth in the*
39 *bylaws.*

40 4. *All meetings shall be open to the public, and public*
41 *notice of meetings shall be given in the same manner as required*
42 *under the rulemaking provisions in Section 12.*

43 5. *The Commission may convene in a closed, nonpublic*
44 *meeting if the Commission must discuss:*



1 a. *Noncompliance of a member state with its obligations*
2 *under the Compact;*

3 b. *The employment, compensation, discipline or other*
4 *personnel matters, practices or procedures related to specific*
5 *employees or other matters related to the Commission's internal*
6 *personnel practices and procedures;*

7 c. *Current, threatened or reasonably anticipated*
8 *litigation;*

9 d. *Negotiation of contracts for the purchase or sale of*
10 *goods, services or real estate;*

11 e. *Accusing any person of a crime or formally censuring*
12 *any person;*

13 f. *Disclosure of trade secrets or commercial or financial*
14 *information that is privileged or confidential;*

15 g. *Disclosure of information of a personal nature where*
16 *disclosure would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of*
17 *personal privacy;*

18 h. *Disclosure of investigatory records compiled for law*
19 *enforcement purposes;*

20 i. *Disclosure of information related to any investigatory*
21 *reports prepared by or on behalf of or for use of the Commission*
22 *or other committee charged with responsibility of investigation or*
23 *determination of compliance issues pursuant to the Compact; or*

24 j. *Matters specifically exempted from disclosure by*
25 *federal or member state statute.*

26 6. *If a meeting, or portion of a meeting, is closed pursuant*
27 *to this provision, the Commission's legal counsel or designee shall*
28 *certify that the meeting may be closed and shall reference each*
29 *relevant exempting provision. The Commission shall keep minutes*
30 *that fully and clearly describe all matters discussed in a meeting*
31 *and shall provide a full and accurate summary of actions taken,*
32 *and the reasons therefore, including a description of the views*
33 *expressed. All documents considered in connection with an action*
34 *shall be identified in such minutes. All minutes and documents of*
35 *a closed meeting shall remain under seal, subject to release by a*
36 *majority vote of the Commission or order of a court of competent*
37 *jurisdiction.*

38 C. *The Commission shall, by a majority vote of the delegates,*
39 *prescribe bylaws and/or rules to govern its conduct as may be*
40 *necessary or appropriate to carry out the purposes and exercise*
41 *the powers of the Compact, including, but not limited to, bylaws*
42 *and/or rules:*

43 1. *Establishing the fiscal year of the Commission;*

44 2. *Providing reasonable standards and procedures;*



1 a. For the establishment and meetings of other
2 committees; and

3 b. Governing any general or specific delegation of any
4 authority or function of the Commission;

5 3. Providing reasonable procedures for calling and
6 conducting meetings of the Commission, ensuring reasonable
7 advance notice of all meetings and providing an opportunity for
8 attendance of such meetings by interested parties, with
9 enumerated exceptions designed to protect the public's interest,
10 the privacy of individuals and proprietary information, including
11 trade secrets. The Commission may meet in closed session only
12 after a majority of the membership votes to close a meeting in
13 whole or in part. As soon as practicable, the Commission must
14 make public a copy of the vote to close the meeting revealing the
15 vote of each member with no proxy votes allowed;

16 4. Establishing the titles, duties and authority, and
17 reasonable procedures for the election of the officers of the
18 Commission;

19 5. Providing reasonable standards and procedures for the
20 establishment of the personnel policies and programs of the
21 Commission. Notwithstanding any civil service or other similar
22 laws of any member state, the bylaws shall exclusively govern the
23 personnel policies and programs of the Commission;

24 6. Promulgating a code of ethics to address permissible and
25 prohibited activities of Commission members and employees; and

26 7. Providing a mechanism for winding up the operations of
27 the Commission and the equitable disposition of any surplus funds
28 that may exist after the termination of the Compact after the
29 payment and/or reserving of all of its debts and obligations.

30 D. The Commission shall publish its bylaws and file a copy
31 thereof, and a copy of any amendment thereto, with the
32 appropriate agency or officer in each of the member states, if any.

33 E. The Commission shall maintain its financial records in
34 accordance with the bylaws.

35 F. The Commission shall meet and take such actions as are
36 consistent with the provisions of this Compact and the bylaws.

37 G. The Commission shall have the following powers:

38 1. The authority to promulgate uniform rules to facilitate
39 and coordinate implementation and administration of this
40 Compact. The rules shall have the force and effect of law and
41 shall be binding in all member states;

42 2. To bring and prosecute legal proceedings or actions in
43 the name of the Commission, provided that the standing of any
44 state EMS authority or other regulatory body responsible for EMS



1 *personnel licensure to sue or be sued under applicable law shall*
2 *not be affected;*

3 *3. To purchase and maintain insurance and bonds;*

4 *4. To borrow, accept or contract for services of personnel,*
5 *including, but not limited to, employees of a member state;*

6 *5. To hire employees, elect or appoint officers, fix*
7 *compensation, define duties, grant such individuals appropriate*
8 *authority to carry out the purposes of the Compact, and to*
9 *establish the Commission's personnel policies and programs*
10 *relating to conflicts of interest, qualifications of personnel and*
11 *other related personnel matters;*

12 *6. To accept any and all appropriate donations and grants*
13 *of money, equipment, supplies, materials and services, and to*
14 *receive, utilize and dispose of the same, provided that at all times*
15 *the Commission shall strive to avoid any appearance of*
16 *impropriety and/or conflict of interest;*

17 *7. To lease, purchase, accept appropriate gifts or donations*
18 *of, or otherwise to own, hold, improve or use, any property, real,*
19 *personal or mixed, provided that at all times the Commission shall*
20 *strive to avoid any appearance of impropriety;*

21 *8. To sell, convey, mortgage, pledge, lease, exchange,*
22 *abandon or otherwise dispose of any property, real, personal or*
23 *mixed;*

24 *9. To establish a budget and make expenditures;*

25 *10. To borrow money;*

26 *11. To appoint committees, including advisory committees*
27 *comprised of members, state regulators, state legislators or their*
28 *representatives, and consumer representatives, and such other*
29 *interested persons as may be designated in this Compact and the*
30 *bylaws;*

31 *12. To provide and receive information from, and to*
32 *cooperate with, law enforcement agencies;*

33 *13. To adopt and use an official seal; and*

34 *14. To perform such other functions as may be necessary or*
35 *appropriate to achieve the purposes of this Compact consistent*
36 *with the state regulation of EMS personnel licensure and practice.*

37 *H. Financing of the Commission*

38 *1. The Commission shall pay, or provide for the payment*
39 *of, the reasonable expenses of its establishment, organization and*
40 *ongoing activities.*

41 *2. The Commission may accept any and all appropriate*
42 *revenue sources, donations and grants of money, equipment,*
43 *supplies, materials and services.*

44 *3. The Commission may levy on and collect an annual*
45 *assessment from each member state or impose fees on other*



1 *parties to cover the cost of the operations and activities of the*
2 *Commission and its staff, which must be in a total amount*
3 *sufficient to cover its annual budget as approved each year for*
4 *which revenue is not provided by other sources. The aggregate*
5 *annual assessment amount shall be allocated based upon a*
6 *formula to be determined by the Commission, which shall*
7 *promulgate a rule binding upon all member states.*

8 *4. The Commission shall not incur obligations of any kind*
9 *prior to securing the funds adequate to meet the same, nor shall*
10 *the Commission pledge the credit of any of the member states,*
11 *except by and with the authority of the member state.*

12 *5. The Commission shall keep accurate accounts of all*
13 *receipts and disbursements. The receipts and disbursements of the*
14 *Commission shall be subject to the audit and accounting*
15 *procedures established under its bylaws. However, all receipts and*
16 *disbursements of funds handled by the Commission shall be*
17 *audited yearly by a certified or licensed public accountant, and the*
18 *report of the audit shall be included in and become part of the*
19 *annual report of the Commission.*

20 *I. Qualified Immunity, Defense and Indemnification*

21 *1. The members, officers, executive director, employees and*
22 *representatives of the Commission shall be immune from suit and*
23 *liability, either personally or in their official capacity, for any*
24 *claim for damage to or loss of property or personal injury or other*
25 *civil liability caused by or arising out of any actual or alleged act,*
26 *error or omission that occurred, or that the person against whom*
27 *the claim is made had a reasonable basis for believing occurred*
28 *within the scope of Commission employment, duties or*
29 *responsibilities, provided that nothing in this paragraph shall be*
30 *construed to protect any such person from suit and/or liability for*
31 *any damage, loss, injury or liability caused by the intentional or*
32 *willful or wanton misconduct of that person.*

33 *2. The Commission shall defend any member, officer,*
34 *executive director, employee or representative of the Commission*
35 *in any civil action seeking to impose liability arising out of any*
36 *actual or alleged act, error or omission that occurred within the*
37 *scope of Commission employment, duties or responsibilities, or*
38 *that the person against whom the claim is made had a reasonable*
39 *basis for believing occurred within the scope of Commission*
40 *employment, duties or responsibilities, provided that nothing*
41 *herein shall be construed to prohibit that person from retaining*
42 *his or her own counsel, and provided further, that the actual or*
43 *alleged act, error or omission did not result from that person's*
44 *intentional or willful or wanton misconduct.*



1 3. *The Commission shall indemnify and hold harmless any*
2 *member, officer, executive director, employee or representative of*
3 *the Commission for the amount of any settlement or judgment*
4 *obtained against that person arising out of any actual or alleged*
5 *act, error or omission that occurred within the scope of*
6 *Commission employment, duties or responsibilities, or that such*
7 *person had a reasonable basis for believing occurred within the*
8 *scope of Commission employment, duties or responsibilities,*
9 *provided that the actual or alleged act, error or omission did not*
10 *result from the intentional or willful or wanton misconduct of that*
11 *person.*

12
13 **SECTION 11. COORDINATED DATABASE**

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15 A. *The Commission shall provide for the development and*
16 *maintenance of a coordinated database and reporting system*
17 *containing licensure, adverse action and significant investigatory*
18 *information on all licensed individuals in member states.*

19 B. *Notwithstanding any other provision of state law to the*
20 *contrary, a member state shall submit a uniform data set to the*
21 *coordinated database on all individuals to whom this Compact is*
22 *applicable as required by the rules of the Commission, including:*

- 23 1. *Identifying information;*
24 2. *Licensure data;*
25 3. *Significant investigatory information;*
26 4. *Adverse actions against an individual's license;*
27 5. *An indicator that an individual's privilege to practice is*
28 *restricted, suspended or revoked;*
29 6. *Nonconfidential information related to alternative*
30 *program participation;*
31 7. *Any denial of application for licensure and the reasons*
32 *for such denial; and*
33 8. *Other information that may facilitate the administration*
34 *of this Compact, as determined by the rules of the Commission.*

35 C. *The coordinated database administrator shall promptly*
36 *notify all member states of any adverse action taken against, or*
37 *significant investigative information on, any individual in a*
38 *member state.*

39 D. *Member states contributing information to the coordinated*
40 *database may designate information that may not be shared with*
41 *the public without the express permission of the contributing state.*

42 E. *Any information submitted to the coordinated database*
43 *that is subsequently required to be expunged by the laws of the*
44 *member state contributing the information shall be removed from*
45 *the coordinated database.*



SECTION 12. RULEMAKING

A. The Commission shall exercise its rulemaking powers pursuant to the criteria set forth in this Section and the rules adopted thereunder. Rules and amendments shall become binding as of the date specified in each rule or amendment.

B. If a majority of the legislatures of the member states rejects a rule, by enactment of a statute or resolution in the same manner used to adopt the Compact, then such rule shall have no further force and effect in any member state.

C. Rules or amendments to the rules shall be adopted at a regular or special meeting of the Commission.

D. Prior to promulgation and adoption of a final rule or rules by the Commission, and at least 60 days in advance of the meeting at which the rule will be considered and voted upon, the Commission shall file a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking:

1. On the website of the Commission; and

2. On the website of each member state EMS authority or the publication in which each state would otherwise publish proposed rules.

E. The Notice of Proposed Rulemaking shall include:

1. The proposed time, date and location of the meeting in which the rule will be considered and voted upon;

2. The text of the proposed rule or amendment and the reason for the proposed rule;

3. A request for comments on the proposed rule from any interested person; and

4. The manner in which interested persons may submit notice to the Commission of their intention to attend the public hearing and any written comments.

F. Prior to adoption of a proposed rule, the Commission shall allow persons to submit written data, facts, opinions and arguments, which shall be made available to the public.

G. The Commission shall grant an opportunity for a public hearing before it adopts a rule or amendment if a hearing is requested by:

1. At least 25 persons;

2. A governmental subdivision or agency; or

3. An association having at least 25 members.

H. If a hearing is held on the proposed rule or amendment, the Commission shall publish the place, time and date of the scheduled public hearing.

1. All persons wishing to be heard at the hearing shall notify the executive director of the Commission or other designated member in writing of their desire to appear and testify



1 *at the hearing not less than 5 business days before the scheduled*
2 *date of the hearing.*

3 *2. Hearings shall be conducted in a manner providing each*
4 *person who wishes to comment a fair and reasonable opportunity*
5 *to comment orally or in writing.*

6 *3. No transcript of the hearing is required, unless a written*
7 *request for a transcript is made, in which case the person*
8 *requesting the transcript shall bear the cost of producing the*
9 *transcript. A recording may be made in lieu of a transcript under*
10 *the same terms and conditions as a transcript. This subsection*
11 *shall not preclude the Commission from making a transcript or*
12 *recording of the hearing if it so chooses.*

13 *4. Nothing in this Section shall be construed as requiring a*
14 *separate hearing on each rule. Rules may be grouped for the*
15 *convenience of the Commission at hearings required by this*
16 *Section.*

17 *I. Following the scheduled hearing date, or by the close of*
18 *business on the scheduled hearing date if the hearing was not*
19 *held, the Commission shall consider all written and oral comments*
20 *received.*

21 *J. The Commission shall, by majority vote of all members,*
22 *take final action on the proposed rule and shall determine the*
23 *effective date of the rule, if any, based on the rulemaking record*
24 *and the full text of the rule.*

25 *K. If no written notice of intent to attend the public hearing*
26 *by interested parties is received, the Commission may proceed with*
27 *promulgation of the proposed rule without a public hearing.*

28 *L. Upon determination that an emergency exists, the*
29 *Commission may consider and adopt an emergency rule without*
30 *prior notice, opportunity for comment or hearing, provided that*
31 *the usual rulemaking procedures provided in the Compact and in*
32 *this Section shall be retroactively applied to the rule as soon as*
33 *reasonably possible, in no event later than 90 days after the*
34 *effective date of the rule. For the purposes of this provision, an*
35 *emergency rule is one that must be adopted immediately in order*
36 *to:*

37 *1. Meet an imminent threat to public health, safety or*
38 *welfare;*

39 *2. Prevent a loss of Commission member state funds;*

40 *3. Meet a deadline for the promulgation of an*
41 *administrative rule that is established by federal law or rule; or*

42 *4. Protect public health and safety.*

43 *M. The Commission or an authorized committee of the*
44 *Commission may direct revisions to a previously adopted rule or*
45 *amendment for purposes of correcting typographical errors, errors*



1 *in format, errors in consistency or grammatical errors. Public*
2 *notice of any revisions shall be posted on the website of the*
3 *Commission. The revision shall be subject to challenge by any*
4 *person for a period of 30 days after posting. The revision may be*
5 *challenged only on grounds that the revision results in a material*
6 *change to a rule. A challenge shall be made in writing and*
7 *delivered to the chair of the Commission prior to the end of the*
8 *notice period. If no challenge is made, the revision will take effect*
9 *without further action. If the revision is challenged, the revision*
10 *may not take effect without the approval of the Commission.*

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12 **SECTION 13. OVERSIGHT, DISPUTE**
13 **RESOLUTION AND ENFORCEMENT**
14

15 **A. Oversight**

16 1. *The executive, legislative and judicial branches of state*
17 *government in each member state shall enforce this Compact and*
18 *take all actions necessary and appropriate to effectuate the*
19 *Compact's purposes and intent. The provisions of this Compact*
20 *and the rules promulgated hereunder shall have standing as*
21 *statutory law.*

22 2. *All courts shall take judicial notice of the Compact and*
23 *the rules in any judicial or administrative proceeding in a member*
24 *state pertaining to the subject matter of this Compact which may*
25 *affect the powers, responsibilities or actions of the Commission.*

26 3. *The Commission shall be entitled to receive service of*
27 *process in any such proceeding, and shall have standing to*
28 *intervene in such a proceeding for all purposes. Failure to provide*
29 *service of process to the Commission shall render a judgment or*
30 *order void as to the Commission, this Compact or promulgated*
31 *rules.*

32 **B. Default, Technical Assistance and Termination**

33 1. *If the Commission determines that a member state has*
34 *defaulted in the performance of its obligations or responsibilities*
35 *under this Compact or the promulgated rules, the Commission*
36 *shall:*

37 a. *Provide written notice to the defaulting state and*
38 *other member states of the nature of the default, the proposed*
39 *means of curing the default and/or any other action to be taken by*
40 *the Commission; and*

41 b. *Provide remedial training and specific technical*
42 *assistance regarding the default.*

43 2. *If a state in default fails to cure the default, the*
44 *defaulting state may be terminated from the Compact upon an*
45 *affirmative vote of a majority of the member states, and all rights,*



1 *privileges and benefits conferred by this Compact may be*
2 *terminated on the effective date of termination. A cure of the*
3 *default does not relieve the offending state of obligations or*
4 *liabilities incurred during the period of default.*

5 *3. Termination of membership in the Compact shall be*
6 *imposed only after all other means of securing compliance have*
7 *been exhausted. Notice of intent to suspend or terminate shall be*
8 *given by the Commission to the governor and the majority and*
9 *minority leaders of the defaulting state's legislature, and each of*
10 *the member states.*

11 *4. A state that has been terminated is responsible for all*
12 *assessments, obligations and liabilities incurred through the*
13 *effective date of termination, including obligations that extend*
14 *beyond the effective date of termination.*

15 *5. The Commission shall not bear any costs related to a*
16 *state that is found to be in default or that has been terminated*
17 *from the Compact, unless agreed upon in writing between the*
18 *Commission and the defaulting state.*

19 *6. The defaulting state may appeal the action of the*
20 *Commission by petitioning the United States District Court for the*
21 *District of Columbia or the federal district where the Commission*
22 *has its principal offices. The prevailing member shall be awarded*
23 *all costs of such litigation, including reasonable attorney's fees.*

24 *C. Dispute Resolution*

25 *1. Upon request by a member state, the Commission shall*
26 *attempt to resolve disputes related to the Compact that arise*
27 *among member states and between member and nonmember*
28 *states.*

29 *2. The Commission shall promulgate a rule providing for*
30 *both mediation and binding dispute resolution for disputes as*
31 *appropriate.*

32 *D. Enforcement*

33 *1. The Commission, in the reasonable exercise of its*
34 *discretion, shall enforce the provisions and rules of this Compact.*

35 *2. By majority vote, the Commission may initiate legal*
36 *action in the United States District Court for the District of*
37 *Columbia or the federal district where the Commission has its*
38 *principal offices against a member state in default to enforce*
39 *compliance with the provisions of the Compact and its*
40 *promulgated rules and bylaws. The relief sought may include both*
41 *injunctive relief and damages. In the event judicial enforcement is*
42 *necessary, the prevailing member shall be awarded all costs of*
43 *such litigation, including reasonable attorney's fees.*



1 3. *The remedies herein shall not be the exclusive remedies*
2 *of the Commission. The Commission may pursue any other*
3 *remedies available under federal or state law.*
4

5 **SECTION 14. DATE OF IMPLEMENTATION OF**
6 **THE INTERSTATE COMMISSION FOR EMS**
7 **PERSONNEL PRACTICE AND ASSOCIATED**
8 **RULES, WITHDRAWAL AND AMENDMENT**
9

10 A. *The Compact shall come into effect on the date on which*
11 *the Compact statute is enacted into law in the tenth member state.*
12 *The provisions, which become effective at that time, shall be*
13 *limited to the powers granted to the Commission relating to*
14 *assembly and the promulgation of rules. Thereafter, the*
15 *Commission shall meet and exercise rulemaking powers necessary*
16 *to the implementation and administration of the Compact.*

17 B. *Any state that joins the Compact subsequent to the*
18 *Commission's initial adoption of the rules shall be subject to the*
19 *rules as they exist on the date on which the Compact becomes law*
20 *in that state. Any rule that has been previously adopted by the*
21 *Commission shall have the full force and effect of law on the day*
22 *the Compact becomes law in that state.*

23 C. *Any member state may withdraw from this Compact by*
24 *enacting a statute repealing the same.*

25 1. *A member state's withdrawal shall not take effect until 6*
26 *months after enactment of the repealing statute.*

27 2. *Withdrawal shall not affect the continuing requirement*
28 *of the withdrawing state's EMS authority to comply with the*
29 *investigative and adverse action reporting requirements of this act*
30 *prior to the effective date of withdrawal.*

31 D. *Nothing contained in this Compact shall be construed to*
32 *invalidate or prevent any EMS personnel licensure agreement or*
33 *other cooperative arrangement between a member state and a*
34 *nonmember state that does not conflict with the provisions of this*
35 *Compact.*

36 E. *This Compact may be amended by the member states. No*
37 *amendment to this Compact shall become effective and binding*
38 *upon any member state until it is enacted into the laws of all*
39 *member states.*
40

41 **SECTION 15. CONSTRUCTION AND SEVERABILITY**
42

43 *This Compact shall be liberally construed so as to effectuate*
44 *the purposes thereof. If this Compact shall be held contrary to the*
45 *constitution of any state member thereto, the Compact shall*



1 *remain in full force and effect as to the remaining member states.*
2 *Nothing in this Compact supersedes state law or rules related to*
3 *licensure of EMS agencies.*

4 **Sec. 3.** NRS 450B.025 is hereby amended to read as follows:

5 450B.025 “Advanced emergency medical technician” means a
6 person ~~[certified]~~ *who is:*

7 *1. Certified* by the health officer as having satisfactorily
8 completed a program of training for certification as an advanced
9 emergency medical technician pursuant to NRS 450B.191 ~~[]~~; *or*

10 *2. Practicing as an advanced emergency medical technician*
11 *in this State under the Recognition of Emergency Medical*
12 *Services Personnel Licensure Interstate Compact ratified by*
13 *section 2 of this act.*

14 **Sec. 4.** NRS 450B.065 is hereby amended to read as follows:

15 450B.065 “Emergency medical technician” means a person
16 ~~[certified]~~ *who is:*

17 *1. Certified* by the health officer as having satisfactorily
18 completed a program of training for certification as an emergency
19 medical technician pursuant to NRS 450B.1905 ~~[]~~; *or*

20 *2. Practicing as an emergency medical technician in this*
21 *State under the Recognition of Emergency Medical Services*
22 *Personnel Licensure Interstate Compact ratified by section 2 of*
23 *this act.*

24 **Sec. 5.** NRS 450B.095 is hereby amended to read as follows:

25 450B.095 “Paramedic” means a person ~~[certified]~~ *who is:*

26 *1. Certified* by the health officer as having satisfactorily
27 completed a program of training for certification as a paramedic
28 pursuant to NRS 450B.195 ~~[]~~; *or*

29 *2. Practicing as a paramedic in this State under the*
30 *Recognition of Emergency Medical Services Personnel Licensure*
31 *Interstate Compact ratified by section 2 of this act.*

32 **Sec. 6.** NRS 450B.191 is hereby amended to read as follows:

33 450B.191 1. A program of training for certification as an
34 advanced emergency medical technician must be supervised by a
35 licensed physician and approved by the health authority.

36 2. A program of training for certification as an advanced
37 emergency medical technician must include an approved curriculum
38 in intravenous therapy and the management of a passage for air to
39 the lungs. Only a certified emergency medical technician with
40 experience as established by the board is eligible for this training.

41 3. In order to maintain certification, each advanced emergency
42 medical technician must annually:

43 (a) Comply with the requirements established by the board for
44 continuing medical education; and



1 (b) Demonstrate his or her skills as required by regulation of the
2 board.

3 4. The board may by regulation prescribe the curriculum and
4 other requirements for training and maintaining certification as an
5 advanced emergency medical technician. The curriculum must be at
6 least equivalent to any curriculum or educational standards prepared
7 by the United States Department of Transportation as a national
8 standard for advanced emergency medical technicians.

9 5. A person shall not represent himself or herself to be an
10 advanced emergency medical technician unless the person has on
11 file with the health authority a currently valid certificate
12 demonstrating successful completion of the program of training
13 required by this section ***H or is practicing under the Recognition***
14 ***of Emergency Medical Services Personnel Licensure Interstate***
15 ***Compact ratified by section 2 of this act.***

16 6. Except as authorized by subsection 7 of NRS 450B.160 ***H***
17 ***and the Recognition of Emergency Medical Services Personnel***
18 ***Licensure Interstate Compact ratified by section 2 of this act,***
19 an attendant or firefighter shall not perform, and the owner, operator,
20 director or chief officer of an ambulance or a fire-fighting agency
21 shall not offer, emergency care as an advanced emergency medical
22 technician without fulfilling the requirements established by the
23 board.

24 **Sec. 7.** NRS 450B.195 is hereby amended to read as follows:

25 450B.195 1. Only a certified emergency medical technician
26 with experience as established by the board is eligible for training as
27 a paramedic.

28 2. A program of training for certification as a paramedic must
29 be supervised by a licensed physician and approved by the health
30 authority.

31 3. To maintain certification, each paramedic must annually:

32 (a) Comply with the requirements established by the board for
33 continuing medical education; and

34 (b) Demonstrate his or her skills as required by regulation of the
35 board.

36 4. The board may by regulation prescribe the curriculum and
37 other requirements for training and maintaining certification as a
38 paramedic. The curriculum must be at least equivalent to any
39 curriculum or educational standards prepared by the United States
40 Department of Transportation as a national standard for paramedics.

41 5. A person shall not represent himself or herself to be a
42 paramedic unless the person has on file with the health authority a
43 currently valid certificate evidencing the person's successful
44 completion of the program of training required by this section ***H or***
45 ***is practicing under the Recognition of Emergency Medical***



1 *Services Personnel Licensure Interstate Compact ratified by*
2 *section 2 of this act.*

3 6. Except as authorized by subsection 7 of NRS 450B.160 ~~§~~
4 *and the Recognition of Emergency Medical Services Personnel*
5 *Licensure Interstate Compact ratified by section 2 of this act*, an
6 attendant or firefighter shall not perform, and the owner, operator,
7 director or chief officer of an ambulance or a fire-fighting agency
8 shall not offer, emergency care as a paramedic without fulfilling the
9 requirements established by the board.

10 **Sec. 8.** NRS 450B.199 is hereby amended to read as follows:

11 450B.199 As used in this section and NRS 450B.1993 and
12 450B.1996, unless the context otherwise requires, “emergency
13 medical provider” means an emergency medical technician,
14 advanced emergency medical technician or paramedic ~~§~~ *who is*
15 *certified pursuant to this chapter.*

16 **Sec. 9.** NRS 450B.225 is hereby amended to read as follows:

17 450B.225 1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2 ~~§~~
18 *or as otherwise authorized by the Recognition of Emergency*
19 *Medical Services Personnel Licensure Interstate Compact ratified*
20 *by section 2 of this act*, during any period in which an air
21 ambulance is used to provide medical transportation services for
22 which a permit is required, the air ambulance must be staffed with,
23 at a minimum:

24 (a) One primary attendant who:

25 (1) Is an emergency medical services registered nurse who
26 has at least 3 years of critical care nursing experience;

27 (2) Has successfully completed an air ambulance attendant
28 course which includes didactic and clinical components and is
29 approved or in compliance with requirements set by the board; and

30 (3) Has demonstrated proficiency in basic prehospital skills
31 and advance procedures as specified by the board; and

32 (b) One secondary attendant who meets the same qualifications
33 as a primary attendant pursuant to paragraph (a) or:

34 (1) Is certified as a paramedic;

35 (2) Has at least 3 years of field experience as a paramedic;

36 (3) Has successfully completed an air ambulance attendant
37 course which includes didactic and clinical components and is
38 approved or in compliance with requirements set by the board; and

39 (4) Has demonstrated proficiency in basic prehospital skills
40 and advance procedures as specified by the board.

41 2. If, as determined by the pilot and medical director of the air
42 ambulance, the weight of the secondary attendant could compromise
43 the performance of the air ambulance, safety or patient care, an air
44 ambulance providing medical transportation services may be staffed



1 with only a primary attendant as described in paragraph (a) of
2 subsection 1.

3 3. The board may adopt regulations specifying the acceptable
4 documentation of the requirements set forth in paragraph (a) or (b)
5 of subsection 1.

6 4. The health authority may issue a letter of endorsement and
7 identification card to an emergency medical services registered
8 nurse or paramedic who satisfies the requirements of paragraph (a)
9 or (b) of subsection 1.

10 **Sec. 10.** NRS 450B.255 is hereby amended to read as follows:

11 450B.255 A person shall not represent himself or herself to be
12 an emergency medical technician, advanced emergency medical
13 technician or paramedic unless the person has been issued a
14 currently valid certificate by the health authority ~~or is practicing~~
15 *under the Recognition of Emergency Medical Services Personnel*
16 *Licensure Interstate Compact ratified by section 2 of this act.*

17 **Sec. 11.** NRS 450B.260 is hereby amended to read as follows:

18 450B.260 1. Except as otherwise provided in this section ~~or~~
19 *or as authorized by the Recognition of Emergency Medical*
20 *Services Personnel Licensure Interstate Compact ratified by*
21 *section 2 of this act*, the public or private owner of an ambulance or
22 air ambulance or a fire-fighting agency which owns a vehicle used
23 in providing medical care to sick or injured persons at the scene of
24 an emergency or while transporting those persons to a medical
25 facility shall not permit its operation and use by any person not
26 licensed under this chapter.

27 2. An ambulance carrying a sick or injured patient must be
28 occupied by a driver and an attendant, each of whom is licensed as
29 an attendant pursuant to this chapter, ~~or~~ exempt from licensing
30 pursuant to subsection 7 of NRS 450B.160 ~~or~~ *or authorized to*
31 *practice in this State under the Recognition of Emergency Medical*
32 *Services Personnel Licensure Interstate Compact ratified by*
33 *section 2 of this act*, except as otherwise provided in subsection 5 or
34 in geographic areas which may be designated by the board and for
35 which the board may prescribe lesser qualifications.

36 3. An air ambulance carrying a sick or injured patient must be
37 occupied by a licensed attendant, ~~or~~ a person exempt from
38 licensing pursuant to subsection 7 of NRS 450B.160 ~~or~~ *or a person*
39 *authorized to practice in this State under the Recognition of*
40 *Emergency Medical Services Personnel Licensure Interstate*
41 *Compact ratified by section 2 of this act*, in addition to the pilot of
42 the aircraft.

43 4. The pilot of an air ambulance is not required to have a
44 license under this chapter.



1 5. A person who operates or uses a vehicle owned by a fire-
2 fighting agency is not required to be licensed under this chapter,
3 except that such a vehicle may not be used to provide the level of
4 medical care provided by an advanced emergency medical
5 technician or paramedic to sick or injured persons:

6 (a) At the scene of an emergency unless at least one person in
7 the vehicle is licensed to provide the care; or

8 (b) While transporting those persons to a medical facility unless
9 at least two persons in the vehicle are licensed to provide the care.

10 6. Nothing in this section precludes the operation of an aircraft
11 in this State in a manner other than as an air ambulance.

12 **Sec. 12.** NRS 450B.655 is hereby amended to read as follows:

13 450B.655 “Dedicated advanced life support ambulance” means
14 an ambulance equipped to provide advanced life support that:

15 1. Is capable of transporting a patient from a special event to a
16 hospital but, upon delivering the patient, immediately returns to the
17 site of the special event; and

18 2. Is staffed by:

19 (a) At least one licensed attendant who is an emergency medical
20 technician and one licensed attendant who is a paramedic; or

21 (b) At least two other attendants, each with an equivalent or a
22 higher level of skill than the levels described in paragraph (a) and
23 each of whom is licensed pursuant to this chapter, ~~or~~ exempt from
24 licensure pursuant to subsection 7 of NRS 450B.160 ~~or~~ *or*
25 *authorized to practice in this State under the Recognition of*
26 *Emergency Medical Services Personnel Licensure Interstate*
27 *Compact ratified by section 2 of this act.*

28 **Sec. 13.** NRS 450B.660 is hereby amended to read as follows:

29 450B.660 “First-aid station” means a fixed location at the site
30 of a special event that is staffed by:

31 1. At least one licensed attendant who is an emergency medical
32 technician, advanced emergency medical technician or paramedic;
33 or

34 2. A person with a higher level of skill than the levels
35 described in subsection 1 who is capable of providing emergency
36 medical care within his or her scope of practice and is licensed
37 pursuant to this chapter, ~~or~~ exempt from licensure pursuant to
38 subsection 7 of NRS 450B.160 ~~or~~ *or authorized to practice in this*
39 *State under the Recognition of Emergency Medical Services*
40 *Personnel Licensure Interstate Compact ratified by section 2 of*
41 *this act.*

42 **Sec. 14.** NRS 450B.670 is hereby amended to read as follows:

43 450B.670 “Roving emergency medical technician team” means
44 a team at the site of a special event that:



1 1. Consists of two or more ~~licensed attendants who are~~
2 emergency medical technicians, advanced emergency medical
3 technicians or paramedics ~~;~~ *who are licensed attendants or*
4 *authorized to serve as attendants under the Recognition of*
5 *Emergency Medical Services Personnel Licensure Interstate*
6 *Compact ratified by section 2 of this act; and*

7 2. Has the medical supplies necessary to provide emergency
8 medical care.

9 **Sec. 15.** NRS 450B.675 is hereby amended to read as follows:

10 450B.675 “Roving intermediate emergency medical technician
11 team” means a roving emergency medical team that consists of two
12 or more ~~licensed attendants who are~~ advanced emergency medical
13 technicians or paramedics ~~;~~ *who are licensed attendants or*
14 *authorized to serve as attendants under the Recognition of*
15 *Emergency Medical Services Personnel Licensure Interstate*
16 *Compact ratified by section 2 of this act.*

17 **Sec. 16.** NRS 450B.712 is hereby amended to read as follows:

18 450B.712 1. An authorized entity may obtain an order for
19 auto-injectable epinephrine from a physician, osteopathic physician,
20 physician assistant or advanced practice registered nurse, pursuant
21 to NRS 630.374, 632.239 or 633.707 to be maintained by the
22 authorized entity at any location under control of the authorized
23 entity where allergens capable of causing anaphylaxis may be
24 present. If a dose of auto-injectable epinephrine maintained by the
25 authorized entity is used or expires, the authorized entity may obtain
26 an additional dose of auto-injectable epinephrine to replace the used
27 or expired dose.

28 2. Auto-injectable epinephrine maintained by an authorized
29 entity pursuant to this section may be provided to a person for self-
30 administration or may be administered to any person reasonably
31 believed to be experiencing anaphylaxis by:

32 (a) An owner, employee or agent of the authorized entity who
33 has received the training required pursuant to NRS 450B.714; or

34 (b) A person, other than an owner, employee or agent of the
35 authorized entity, who is trained to recognize the symptoms of
36 anaphylaxis and to administer auto-injectable epinephrine, who may
37 include, without limitation, a provider of health care, a provider of
38 emergency medical services, an athletic trainer or a family member
39 of a person who suffers from allergies capable of causing
40 anaphylaxis.

41 3. An authorized entity shall:

42 (a) Store auto-injectable epinephrine in a designated, secure
43 location that is easily accessible and in compliance with the
44 instructions provided by the manufacturer of the auto-injectable
45 epinephrine and any requirements prescribed by the board; and



1 (b) Designate one or more employees or agents who have
2 received the training described in NRS 450B.714 to be responsible
3 for the storage, maintenance and oversight of the auto-injectable
4 epinephrine maintained by the authorized entity.

5 4. Not later than 30 days after a dose of auto-injectable
6 epinephrine maintained by an authorized entity is administered, the
7 authorized entity shall report, on a form prescribed by the board, the
8 circumstances surrounding such administration. The board shall
9 publish an annual report summarizing and analyzing the information
10 reported by authorized entities pursuant to this subsection.

11 5. As used in this section:

12 (a) "Provider of emergency medical services" means a person
13 ~~licensed~~ who is:

14 (1) *Licensed* as an attendant or certified as an emergency
15 medical technician, advanced emergency medical technician or
16 paramedic pursuant to this chapter ~~1~~; or

17 (2) *Authorized to practice as an emergency medical*
18 *technician, advanced emergency medical technician or paramedic*
19 *in this State under the Recognition of Emergency Medical*
20 *Services Personnel Licensure Interstate Compact ratified by*
21 *section 2 of this act.*

22 (b) "Provider of health care" means a physician, nurse or
23 physician assistant registered or licensed in this State.

24 **Sec. 17.** NRS 41.139 is hereby amended to read as follows:

25 41.139 1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2, a
26 peace officer, firefighter or emergency medical attendant may bring
27 and maintain an action for damages for personal injury caused by
28 the willful act of another person, or by another person's lack of
29 ordinary care or skill in the management of the person's property, if
30 the conduct causing the injury:

31 (a) Occurred after the person who caused the injury knew or
32 should have known of the presence of the peace officer, firefighter
33 or emergency medical attendant;

34 (b) Was intended to injure the peace officer, firefighter or
35 emergency medical attendant;

36 (c) Violated a statute, ordinance or regulation:

37 (1) Intended to protect the peace officer, firefighter or
38 emergency medical attendant; or

39 (2) Prohibiting resistance to or requiring compliance with an
40 order of a peace officer or firefighter; or

41 (d) Was arson.

42 2. This section does not impose liability on the employer of the
43 peace officer, firefighter or emergency medical attendant.

44 3. As used in this section:



1 (a) "Emergency medical attendant" means a person ~~[licensed]~~
2 *who is:*

3 (1) *Licensed* as an attendant or certified as an emergency
4 medical technician, advanced emergency medical technician or
5 paramedic pursuant to chapter 450B of NRS ~~[]~~; or

6 (2) *Authorized to practice as an emergency medical*
7 *technician, advanced emergency medical technician or paramedic*
8 *in this State under the Recognition of Emergency Medical*
9 *Services Personnel Licensure Interstate Compact ratified by*
10 *section 2 of this act.*

11 (b) "Peace officer" has the meaning ascribed to it in
12 NRS 169.125.

13 **Sec. 18.** NRS 41.504 is hereby amended to read as follows:

14 41.504 1. Any physician, physician assistant or registered
15 nurse who in good faith gives instruction or provides supervision to
16 an emergency medical attendant, physician assistant or registered
17 nurse, at the scene of an emergency or while transporting an ill or
18 injured person from the scene of an emergency, is not liable for any
19 civil damages as a result of any act or omission, not amounting to
20 gross negligence, in giving that instruction or providing that
21 supervision.

22 2. An emergency medical attendant, physician assistant,
23 registered nurse or licensed practical nurse who obeys an instruction
24 given by a physician, physician assistant, registered nurse or
25 licensed practical nurse and thereby renders emergency care, at the
26 scene of an emergency or while transporting an ill or injured person
27 from the scene of an emergency, is not liable for any civil damages
28 as a result of any act or omission, not amounting to gross
29 negligence, in rendering that emergency care.

30 3. As used in this section, "emergency medical attendant"
31 means a person ~~[licensed]~~ *who is:*

32 (a) *Licensed* as an attendant or certified as an emergency
33 medical technician, advanced emergency medical technician or
34 paramedic pursuant to chapter 450B of NRS ~~[]~~; or

35 (b) *Authorized to practice as an emergency medical*
36 *technician, advanced emergency medical technician or paramedic*
37 *in this State under the Recognition of Emergency Medical*
38 *Services Personnel Licensure Interstate Compact ratified by*
39 *section 2 of this act.*

40 **Sec. 19.** NRS 432B.220 is hereby amended to read as follows:

41 432B.220 1. Any person who is described in subsection 4
42 and who, in his or her professional or occupational capacity, knows
43 or has reasonable cause to believe that a child has been abused or
44 neglected shall:



1 (a) Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2, report the
2 abuse or neglect of the child to an agency which provides child
3 welfare services or to a law enforcement agency; and

4 (b) Make such a report as soon as reasonably practicable but not
5 later than 24 hours after the person knows or has reasonable cause to
6 believe that the child has been abused or neglected.

7 2. If a person who is required to make a report pursuant to
8 subsection 1 knows or has reasonable cause to believe that the abuse
9 or neglect of the child involves an act or omission of:

10 (a) A person directly responsible or serving as a volunteer for or
11 an employee of a public or private home, institution or facility
12 where the child is receiving child care outside of the home for a
13 portion of the day, the person shall make the report to a law
14 enforcement agency.

15 (b) An agency which provides child welfare services or a law
16 enforcement agency, the person shall make the report to an agency
17 other than the one alleged to have committed the act or omission,
18 and the investigation of the abuse or neglect of the child must be
19 made by an agency other than the one alleged to have committed the
20 act or omission.

21 3. Any person who is described in paragraph (a) of subsection
22 4 who delivers or provides medical services to a newborn infant and
23 who, in his or her professional or occupational capacity, knows or
24 has reasonable cause to believe that the newborn infant has been
25 affected by a fetal alcohol spectrum disorder or prenatal substance
26 use disorder or has withdrawal symptoms resulting from prenatal
27 substance exposure shall, as soon as reasonably practicable but not
28 later than 24 hours after the person knows or has reasonable cause to
29 believe that the newborn infant is so affected or has such symptoms,
30 notify an agency which provides child welfare services of the
31 condition of the infant and refer each person who is responsible for
32 the welfare of the infant to an agency which provides child welfare
33 services for appropriate counseling, training or other services. A
34 notification and referral to an agency which provides child welfare
35 services pursuant to this subsection shall not be construed to require
36 prosecution for any illegal action.

37 4. A report must be made pursuant to subsection 1 by the
38 following persons:

39 (a) A person providing services licensed or certified in this State
40 pursuant to, without limitation, chapter 450B, 630, 630A, 631, 632,
41 633, 634, 634A, 635, 636, 637, 637B, 639, 640, 640A, 640B, 640C,
42 640D, 640E, 641, 641A, 641B, 641C, 641D or 653 of NRS **or**
43 *practicing as an emergency medical technician, advanced*
44 *emergency medical technician or paramedic in this State under*



1 *the Recognition of Emergency Medical Services Personnel*
2 *Licensure Interstate Compact ratified by section 2 of this act.*

3 (b) Any personnel of a medical facility licensed pursuant to
4 chapter 449 of NRS who are engaged in the admission, examination,
5 care or treatment of persons or an administrator, manager or other
6 person in charge of such a medical facility upon notification of
7 suspected abuse or neglect of a child by a member of the staff of the
8 medical facility.

9 (c) A coroner.

10 (d) A member of the clergy, practitioner of Christian Science or
11 religious healer, unless the person has acquired the knowledge of the
12 abuse or neglect from the offender during a confession.

13 (e) A person employed by a public school or private school and
14 any person who serves as a volunteer at such a school.

15 (f) Any person who maintains or is employed by a facility or
16 establishment that provides care for children, children's camp or
17 other public or private facility, institution or agency furnishing care
18 to a child.

19 (g) Any person licensed pursuant to chapter 424 of NRS to
20 conduct a foster home.

21 (h) Any officer or employee of a law enforcement agency or an
22 adult or juvenile probation officer.

23 (i) Except as otherwise provided in NRS 432B.225, an attorney.

24 (j) Any person who maintains, is employed by or serves as a
25 volunteer for an agency or service which advises persons regarding
26 abuse or neglect of a child and refers them to persons and agencies
27 where their requests and needs can be met.

28 (k) Any person who is employed by or serves as a volunteer for
29 a youth shelter. As used in this paragraph, "youth shelter" has the
30 meaning ascribed to it in NRS 244.427.

31 (l) Any adult person who is employed by an entity that provides
32 organized activities for children, including, without limitation, a
33 person who is employed by a school district or public school.

34 (m) Any person who is enrolled with the Division of Health
35 Care Financing and Policy of the Department of Health and Human
36 Services to provide doula services to recipients of Medicaid
37 pursuant to NRS 422.27177.

38 (n) A peer recovery support specialist, as defined in NRS
39 433.627, or peer recovery support specialist supervisor, as defined
40 in NRS 433.629.

41 5. A report may be made by any other person.

42 6. If a person who is required to make a report pursuant to
43 subsection 1 knows or has reasonable cause to believe that a child
44 has died as a result of abuse or neglect, the person shall, as soon as
45 reasonably practicable, report this belief to an agency which



1 provides child welfare services or a law enforcement agency. If such
2 a report is made to a law enforcement agency, the law enforcement
3 agency shall notify an agency which provides child welfare services
4 and the appropriate medical examiner or coroner of the report. If
5 such a report is made to an agency which provides child welfare
6 services, the agency which provides child welfare services shall
7 notify the appropriate medical examiner or coroner of the report.
8 The medical examiner or coroner who is notified of a report
9 pursuant to this subsection shall investigate the report and submit
10 his or her written findings to the appropriate agency which provides
11 child welfare services, the appropriate district attorney and a law
12 enforcement agency. The written findings must include, if
13 obtainable, the information required pursuant to the provisions of
14 subsection 2 of NRS 432B.230.

15 7. The agency, board, bureau, commission, department,
16 division or political subdivision of the State responsible for the
17 licensure, certification or endorsement of a person who is described
18 in subsection 4 and who is required in his or her professional or
19 occupational capacity to be licensed, certified or endorsed in this
20 State shall, at the time of initial licensure, certification or
21 endorsement:

22 (a) Inform the person, in writing or by electronic
23 communication, of his or her duty as a mandatory reporter pursuant
24 to this section;

25 (b) Obtain a written acknowledgment or electronic record from
26 the person that he or she has been informed of his or her duty
27 pursuant to this section; and

28 (c) Maintain a copy of the written acknowledgment or electronic
29 record for as long as the person is licensed, certified or endorsed in
30 this State.

31 8. The employer of a person who is described in subsection 4
32 and who is not required in his or her professional or occupational
33 capacity to be licensed, certified or endorsed in this State must, upon
34 initial employment of the person:

35 (a) Inform the person, in writing or by electronic
36 communication, of his or her duty as a mandatory reporter pursuant
37 to this section;

38 (b) Obtain a written acknowledgment or electronic record from
39 the person that he or she has been informed of his or her duty
40 pursuant to this section; and

41 (c) Maintain a copy of the written acknowledgment or electronic
42 record for as long as the person is employed by the employer.

43 9. Before a person may serve as a volunteer at a public school
44 or private school, the school must:



1 (a) Inform the person, in writing or by electronic
2 communication, of his or her duty as a mandatory reporter pursuant
3 to this section and NRS 392.303;

4 (b) Obtain a written acknowledgment or electronic record from
5 the person that he or she has been informed of his or her duty
6 pursuant to this section and NRS 392.303; and

7 (c) Maintain a copy of the written acknowledgment or electronic
8 record for as long as the person serves as a volunteer at the school.

9 10. *The provisions of subsection 8 do not apply to the*
10 *employer of a person practicing as an emergency medical*
11 *technician, advanced emergency medical technician or paramedic*
12 *in this State under the Recognition of Emergency Medical*
13 *Services Personnel Licensure Interstate Compact ratified by*
14 *section 2 of this act.*

15 **11.** As used in this section:

16 (a) "Private school" has the meaning ascribed to it in
17 NRS 394.103.

18 (b) "Public school" has the meaning ascribed to it in
19 NRS 385.007.

20 **Sec. 20.** NRS 484B.767 is hereby amended to read as follows:

21 484B.767 1. Except as otherwise provided in this section, a
22 peace officer, a firefighter, an emergency medical technician, an
23 advanced emergency medical technician or a paramedic certified
24 pursuant to chapter 450B of NRS *or authorized to practice in this*
25 *State under the Recognition of Emergency Medical Services*
26 *Personnel Licensure Interstate Compact ratified by section 2 of*
27 *this act* or an employee of a pedestrian mall, who operates a bicycle,
28 an electric bicycle or an electric scooter while on duty, is not
29 required to comply with any provision of NRS or any ordinance of a
30 local government relating to the operation of a bicycle, an electric
31 bicycle or an electric scooter while on duty if he or she:

32 (a) Is responding to an emergency call or the peace officer is in
33 pursuit of a suspected violator of the law; or

34 (b) Determines that noncompliance with any such provision is
35 necessary to carry out his or her duties.

36 2. The provisions of this section do not:

37 (a) Relieve a peace officer, firefighter, emergency medical
38 technician, advanced emergency medical technician, paramedic or
39 employee of a pedestrian mall from the duty to operate a bicycle, an
40 electric bicycle or an electric scooter with due regard for the safety
41 of others.

42 (b) Protect such a person from the consequences of the person's
43 disregard for the safety of others.

44 3. As used in this section, "pedestrian mall" has the meaning
45 ascribed to it in NRS 268.811.



1 **Sec. 21.** NRS 629.031 is hereby amended to read as follows:
2 629.031 Except as otherwise provided by a specific statute:

3 1. "Provider of health care" means:

4 (a) A physician licensed pursuant to chapter 630, 630A or 633
5 of NRS;

6 (b) A physician assistant;

7 (c) A dentist;

8 (d) A licensed nurse;

9 (e) A person who holds a license as an attendant or who is
10 certified as an emergency medical technician, advanced emergency
11 medical technician or paramedic pursuant to chapter 450B of NRS

12 ***†*** ***or authorized to practice as an emergency medical technician,***
13 ***advanced emergency medical technician or paramedic in this State***
14 ***under the Recognition of Emergency Medical Services Personnel***
15 ***Licensure Interstate Compact ratified by section 2 of this act;***

16 (f) A dispensing optician;

17 (g) An optometrist;

18 (h) A speech-language pathologist;

19 (i) An audiologist;

20 (j) A practitioner of respiratory care;

21 (k) A licensed physical therapist;

22 (l) An occupational therapist;

23 (m) A podiatric physician;

24 (n) A licensed psychologist;

25 (o) A licensed marriage and family therapist;

26 (p) A licensed clinical professional counselor;

27 (q) A music therapist;

28 (r) A chiropractic physician;

29 (s) An athletic trainer;

30 (t) A perfusionist;

31 (u) A doctor of Oriental medicine in any form;

32 (v) A medical laboratory director or technician;

33 (w) A pharmacist;

34 (x) A licensed dietitian;

35 (y) An associate in social work, a social worker, a master social
36 worker, an independent social worker or a clinical social worker
37 licensed pursuant to chapter 641B of NRS;

38 (z) An alcohol and drug counselor or a problem gambling
39 counselor who is certified pursuant to chapter 641C of NRS;

40 (aa) An alcohol and drug counselor or a clinical alcohol and
41 drug counselor who is licensed pursuant to chapter 641C of NRS;

42 (bb) A behavior analyst, assistant behavior analyst or registered
43 behavior technician; or

44 (cc) A medical facility as the employer of any person specified
45 in this subsection.



2. For the purposes of NRS 629.400 to 629.490, inclusive, the term includes:

(a) A person who holds a license or certificate issued pursuant to chapter 631 of NRS; and

(b) A person who holds a current license or certificate to practice his or her respective discipline pursuant to the applicable provisions of law of another state or territory of the United States.

Sec. 21.5. 1. There is hereby appropriated from the State General Fund to the Division of Public and Behavioral Health of the Department of Health and Human Services for maintenance fees and software licenses to connect to the coordinated database established under the Recognition of Emergency Medical Services Personnel Licensure Interstate Compact the following sums:

For the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 \$5,000

For the Fiscal Year 2024-2025 \$5,000

2. Any balance of the sums appropriated by subsection 1 remaining at the end of the respective fiscal years must not be committed for expenditure after June 30 of the respective fiscal years by the entity to which the appropriation is made or any entity to which money from the appropriation is granted or otherwise transferred in any manner, and any portion of the appropriated money remaining must not be spent for any purpose after September 20, 2024, and September 19, 2025, respectively, by either the entity to which the money was appropriated or the entity to which the money was subsequently granted or transferred, and must be reverted to the State General Fund on or before September 20, 2024, and September 19, 2025, respectively.

Sec. 22. The provisions of NRS 354.599 do not apply to any additional expenses of a local government that are related to the provisions of this act.

Sec. 23. 1. This section becomes effective upon passage and approval.

2. Section 21.5 of this act becomes effective on July 1, 2023.

3. Sections 1 to 21, inclusive, and 22 of this act become effective:

(a) Upon passage and approval for the purpose of adopting any regulations and performing any other preparatory administrative tasks that are necessary to carry out the provisions of this act; and

(b) On October 1, 2023, for all other purposes.

