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ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 178—ASSEMBLYMEN GURR, GRAY; DELONG, DICKMAN, GALLANT, HIBBETTS AND O’NEILL

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Referred to Committee on Health and Human Services

SUMMARY—Revises provisions governing emergency medical services. (BDR 40-730)

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; revising provisions related to permit renewals for certain operators of ambulances, air ambulances or vehicles of firefighting agencies; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel’s Digest:

1 Existing law provides that a permit must be issued by a health authority for the
2 operation of an ambulance, air ambulance or fire-fighting vehicle, which must be
3 renewed annually. (NRS 450B.200) **Section 1** of this bill extends the length of the
4 permit from 1 year to 2 years, and requires operators to notify the permitting health
5 authority about any change in ownership or control within 90 days after the change.
6 **Section 2** of this bill clarifies that any permit that is issued on or before October 1,
7 2023, expires on July 1, 2024, and any renewal of such a permit expires 2 years
8 following the date of renewal.

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

1 **Section 1.** NRS 450B.200 is hereby amended to read as
2 follows:
3 450B.200 1. The health authority may issue a permit for:
4 (a) The operation of an ambulance or an air ambulance; or
5 (b) The operation of a vehicle of a fire-fighting agency:
6 (1) At the scene of an emergency; and



1 (2) To provide community paramedicine services, but only if
2 the holder of the permit has obtained an endorsement on the permit
3 to provide such services pursuant to NRS 450B.1993.

4 2. Each permit must be evidenced by a card issued to the
5 holder of the permit.

6 3. No permit may be issued unless the applicant is qualified
7 pursuant to the regulations of the board.

8 4. An application for a permit must be made upon forms
9 prescribed by the board and in accordance with procedures
10 established by the board, and must contain the following:

11 (a) The name and address of the owner of the ambulance or air
12 ambulance or of the fire-fighting agency;

13 (b) The name under which the applicant is doing business or
14 proposes to do business, if applicable;

15 (c) A description of each ambulance, air ambulance or vehicle of
16 a fire-fighting agency, including the make, year of manufacture and
17 chassis number, and the color scheme, insignie, name, monogram or
18 other distinguishing characteristics to be used to designate the
19 applicant's ambulance, air ambulance or vehicle;

20 (d) The location and description of the places from which the
21 ambulance, air ambulance or fire-fighting agency intends to operate;
22 and

23 (e) Such other information as the board deems reasonable and
24 necessary to a fair determination of compliance with the provisions
25 of this chapter.

26 5. The board shall establish a reasonable fee for ~~annual~~
27 permits.

28 6. All permits expire ~~on July 1~~ *2 years* following the date of
29 issue, and are renewable ~~annually~~ *biennially* thereafter upon
30 payment of the fee required by subsection 5 at least 30 days before
31 the expiration date.

32 7. *If a change in ownership or control occurs, or if*
33 *operations change beyond the scope of the permit, the operator*
34 *shall notify the health authority not later than 90 days after the*
35 *change occurs.*

36 8. The health authority shall:

37 (a) Revoke, suspend or refuse to renew any permit issued
38 pursuant to this section for violation of any provision of this chapter
39 or of any regulation adopted by the board; or

40 (b) Bring an action in any court for violation of this chapter or
41 the regulations adopted pursuant to this chapter,

42 ➔ only after the holder of a permit is afforded an opportunity for a
43 public hearing pursuant to regulations adopted by the board.

44 ~~8.~~ 9. The health authority may suspend a permit if the holder
45 is using an ambulance, air ambulance or vehicle of a fire-fighting



1 agency which does not meet the minimum requirements for
2 equipment as established by the board pursuant to this chapter.

3 ~~9.1~~ 10. In determining whether to issue a permit for the
4 operation of an air ambulance pursuant to this section, the health
5 authority:

6 (a) Except as otherwise provided in paragraph (b), may consider
7 the medical aspects of the operation of an air ambulance, including,
8 without limitation, aspects related to patient care; and

9 (b) Shall not consider economic factors, including, without
10 limitation, factors related to the prices, routes or nonmedical
11 services of an air ambulance.

12 ~~10.1~~ 11. The issuance of a permit pursuant to this section or
13 NRS 450B.210 does not authorize any person or governmental
14 entity to provide those services or to operate any ambulance, air
15 ambulance or vehicle of a fire-fighting agency not in conformity
16 with any ordinance or regulation enacted by any county,
17 municipality or special purpose district.

18 ~~11.1~~ 12. A permit issued pursuant to this section is valid
19 throughout the State, whether issued by the Division or a district
20 board of health. An ambulance, air ambulance or vehicle of a fire-
21 fighting agency which has received a permit from the district board
22 of health in a county whose population is 700,000 or more is not
23 required to obtain a permit from the Division, even if the
24 ambulance, air ambulance or vehicle of a fire-fighting agency has
25 routine operations outside the county.

26 ~~12.1~~ 13. The Division shall maintain a central registry of all
27 permits issued pursuant to this section, whether issued by the
28 Division or a district board of health.

29 ~~13.1~~ 14. The board shall adopt such regulations as are
30 necessary to carry out the provisions of this section.

31 **Sec. 2.** 1. Notwithstanding the provisions of NRS 450B.200,
32 as amended by section 1 of this act, any valid permit that is issued
33 on or before October 1, 2023, pursuant to the provisions of NRS
34 450B.200, as that section existed on September 30, 2023, expires on
35 July 1, 2024. Any renewal of such a permit expires 2 years
36 following the date of renewal.

37 2. As used in this section, “permit” means a permit issued by a
38 health authority pursuant to NRS 450B.200 for:

39 (a) The operation of an ambulance or an air ambulance; or

40 (b) The operation of a vehicle of a fire-fighting agency:

41 (1) At the scene of an emergency; and



1 (2) To provide community paramedicine services, but only if
2 the holder of the permit has obtained an endorsement on the permit
3 to provide such services pursuant to NRS 450B.1993.

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