

IN THE SENATE

SENATE BILL NO. 1328

BY HEALTH AND WELFARE COMMITTEE

AN ACT

RELATING TO EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES; AMENDING SECTION 56-1012, IDAHO  
CODE, TO REVISE THE DEFINITION OF EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Idaho:

SECTION 1. That Section 56-1012, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby  
amended to read as follows:

56-1012. DEFINITIONS. As used in sections 56-1011 through 56-1023,  
Idaho Code:

(1) "Advanced emergency medical technician" means a person who has met  
the qualifications for licensure as set forth in sections 56-1011 through  
56-1023, Idaho Code, is licensed by the EMS bureau under sections 56-1011  
through 56-1023, Idaho Code, carries out the practice of emergency care  
within the scope of practice determined by the commission and practices un-  
der the supervision of an Idaho licensed physician.

(2) "Agency" means any organization licensed by the EMS bureau that op-  
erates an air medical service, ambulance service or nontransport service.

(3) "Air ambulance" means any privately or publicly owned fixed wing  
aircraft or rotary wing aircraft used for, or intended to be used for, the  
transportation of persons experiencing physiological or psychological ill-  
ness or injury who may need medical attention during transport. This may  
include dual or multipurpose vehicles which otherwise comply with sections  
56-1011 through 56-1023, Idaho Code, and specifications established by  
board rule.

(4) "Air medical service" means an agency licensed by the EMS bureau  
that responds to requests for patient care and transportation from hospitals  
and EMS agencies using a fixed wing aircraft or rotary wing aircraft.

(5) "Ambulance" means any privately or publicly owned motor vehicle  
or nautical vessel used for, or intended to be used for, the transportation  
of sick or injured persons who may need medical attention during transport.  
This may include dual or multipurpose vehicles which otherwise comply with  
sections 56-1011 through 56-1023, Idaho Code, and specifications estab-  
lished by board rule.

(6) "Ambulance service" means an agency licensed by the EMS bureau op-  
erated with the intent to provide personnel and equipment for medical treat-  
ment at an emergency scene, during transportation or during transfer of per-  
sons experiencing physiological or psychological illness or injury who may  
need medical attention during transport.

(7) "Applicant" means any organization that is requesting an agency li-  
cense under this chapter and includes the following:

(a) An organization seeking a new license;

(b) An existing agency that intends to change the level of licensed per-  
sonnel it utilizes;

1 (c) An existing agency that intends to change its geographic coverage  
2 area, except by agency annexation;

3 (d) An existing nontransport service that intends to provide ambulance  
4 service;

5 (e) An existing ambulance service that intends to discontinue trans-  
6 port and become a nontransport service.

7 (8) "Board" means the Idaho board of health and welfare.

8 (9) "Commission" means the Idaho emergency medical services physician  
9 commission.

10 (10) "Department" means the Idaho department of health and welfare.

11 (11) "Emergency medical responder" means a person who has met the qual-  
12 ifications for licensure as set forth in sections 56-1011 through 56-1023,  
13 Idaho Code, is licensed by the EMS bureau under sections 56-1011 through  
14 56-1023, Idaho Code, carries out the practice of emergency care within the  
15 scope of practice determined by the commission and practices under the su-  
16 pervision of an Idaho licensed physician.

17 (12) "Emergency medical services" or "EMS" means ~~the system utilized in~~  
18 ~~responding to a perceived individual need for immediate care in order to pre-~~  
19 ~~vent loss of life or aggravation of physiological or psychological illness~~  
20 ~~or injury aid rendered by an individual or group of individuals who do the~~  
21 ~~following:~~

22 (a) Respond to a perceived need for medical care in order to prevent  
23 loss of life or aggravation of physiological or psychological illness  
24 or injury;

25 (b) Are prepared to provide interventions that are within the scope of  
26 practice as defined by the commission;

27 (c) Use an alerting mechanism to initiate a response to requests for  
28 medical care; and

29 (d) Offer, advertise or attempt to respond as described in paragraphs  
30 (a) through (c) of this subsection.

31 Aid rendered by a ski patroller, as described in section 54-1804(1)(h),  
32 Idaho Code, is not EMS.

33 (13) "EMS bureau" means the bureau of emergency medical services of the  
34 department.

35 (14) "Emergency medical technician" means a person who has met the qual-  
36 ifications for licensure as set forth in sections 56-1011 through 56-1023,  
37 Idaho Code, is licensed by the EMS bureau under sections 56-1011 through  
38 56-1023, Idaho Code, carries out the practice of emergency care within the  
39 scope of practice determined by the commission and practices under the su-  
40 pervision of an Idaho licensed physician.

41 (15) "Licensed personnel" means those individuals who are emergency  
42 medical responders, emergency medical technicians, advanced emergency med-  
43 ical technicians and paramedics.

44 (16) "National emergency medical services information system techni-  
45 cal assistance center" means an organization that validates software for  
46 compliance with the EMS data set defined by the United States department of  
47 transportation national highway traffic safety administration.

48 (17) "Nontransport service" means an agency licensed by the EMS bureau,  
49 operated with the intent to provide personnel or equipment for medical sta-

1     bilization at an emergency scene, but not intended to be the service that  
2     will actually transport sick or injured persons.

3     (18) "Nontransport vehicle" means any vehicle operated by an agency  
4     with the intent to provide personnel or equipment for medical stabilization  
5     at an emergency scene, but not intended as the vehicle that will actually  
6     transport sick or injured persons.

7     (19) "Paramedic" means a person who has met the qualifications for li-  
8     censure as set forth in sections 56-1011 through 56-1023, Idaho Code, is li-  
9     censed by the EMS bureau under sections 56-1011 through 56-1023, Idaho Code,  
10    carries out the practice of emergency care within the scope of practice de-  
11    termined by the commission and practices under the supervision of an Idaho  
12    licensed physician.

13    (20) "Supervision" means the medical direction by a licensed physician  
14    of activities provided by licensed personnel affiliated with a licensed  
15    ambulance, air medical or nontransport service, including, but not limited  
16    to: establishing standing orders and protocols, reviewing performance of  
17    licensed personnel, providing instructions for patient care via radio or  
18    telephone, and other oversight.

19    (21) "Transfer" means the transportation of a patient from one (1) medi-  
20    cal care facility to another.