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NEV. REV. STAT. §§ 450B.170, 450B.193 (repealed); § 450B.____ (new); §§ 41.137, 41.505, 200.5093, 244.1605, 432B.220, 450.480, 450B.020, 450B.070, 450B.150, 450B.160, 450B.190, 450B.1905, 450B.191, 450B.1915, 450B.195, 450B.197, 450B.200, 450B.265, 450B.290, 453.375, 453.510, 454.213, 454.316, 484.393 (amended). SB 310 (Committee on Human Resources and Facilities); 1987 STAT. Ch 800

Existing law provides that the Department of Human Resources¹ may issue an emergency care license² to an attendant³ or a fireman⁴ employed by or serving as a volunteer⁵ with a firefighting agency.⁶ Under Chapter 800, an applicant for this license must file a certificate⁷ as proof of completion of a training program in emergency medical technology.⁸ Existing law establishes the requirements for a training program in emergency medical care.⁹ Chapter 800 permits the State Board of Health¹⁰ (Board) to promulgate further requirements for receiving and maintaining certification in basic emergency care.¹¹ Chapter 800 expands existing law by requiring that a program of training in intermediate emergency care be conducted by a licensed physician.¹² Additionally, Chapter 800 requires intermediate emergency medical technicians¹³ to meet requirements for continuing med-

1. NEV. REV. STAT. § 450B.080 (health division).

2. *Id.* § 450B.090 (definition of license).

3. *Id.* § 450B.050 (attendant means a person responsible for a sick or injured person in an ambulance).

4. *Id.* § 450B.073 (definition of fireman).

5. *Id.* § 450B.110 (volunteer attendant is a person who does not receive the majority of yearly income from such employment).

6. NEV. REV. STAT. § 450B.160. *Id.* § 450B.072 (definition of firefighting agency).

7. *Id.* § 450B.070 (an emergency medical technician certificate as issued by the health division of the Department of Human Resources after completion of an approved course).

8. *Id.* § 450B.160 3(a) (amended by 1987 Nev. Stat. ch. 800, sec. 8, at ____ (if applying for a license as an attendant)).

9. NEV. REV. STAT. § 450B.160. Training must be supervised by a physician and approved by the health division or by the State Board of Health (Board). NEV. REV. STAT. § 450B.1905. The training must include procedures to maintain open airways in a patient, administration of oxygen, cardiopulmonary resuscitation, shock treatment, splint application, poison treatment, childbirth, and rescue. *Id.*

10. *Id.* § 450B.120 (the Board must establish rules, regulations, and standards).

11. *Id.* § 450B.1905 (6) (amended by 1987 Nev. Stat. ch. 800, sec. 10, at ____ (the training curriculum must be at the level of advanced first aid or at least meet the standards set forth by the Department of Transportation as a national standard for emergency medical technicians)).

12. 1987 Nev. Stat. ch. 800, sec. 11, at ____ (amending NEV. REV. STAT. § 450B.191).

13. *Id.* § 450B.085 (intermediate emergency medical technician means a person trained in intermediate emergency care in a training program approved by the Board and certified).

ical education and demonstrate skills required by Board regulations in order to maintain certification.¹⁴

Existing law limits eligibility for training as an advanced emergency medical technician to persons who are certified as emergency medical technicians and who are either licensed attendants¹⁵ or firemen who meet Board requirements.¹⁶ With the enactment of Chapter 800, the training curriculum prescribed by the Board must be at least equivalent to any curriculum prepared by the Department of Transportation as a national standard for advanced emergency medical technicians.¹⁷ Furthermore, Chapter 800 provides immunity from civil liability for damages that result from physicians or registered nurses who give instructions or supervision to an emergency medical attendant.¹⁸ Existing law permits an intermediate emergency medical technician to render certain enumerated services in the event of an emergency.¹⁹ Chapter 800 extends the scope of authority of an intermediate emergency medical technician to include performing any procedure and administering any drug approved by the Board.²⁰

Finally, prior law permitted unlicensed relatives of a sick or injured person to ride in an ambulance²¹ if there were two licensed attendants on board.²² Under Chapter 800, unlicensed relatives are no longer allowed to ride in an ambulance.²³

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14. 1987 Nev. Stat. ch. 800, sec. 11, at ____ (amending NEV. REV. STAT. § 450B.191).

15. *Id.* § 41.137(1) (amended by 1987 Nev. Stat. ch. 800, sec. 24, at ____) (emergency medical attendant means a person licensed as an attendant or certified as an emergency medical technician, intermediate medical technician, or advanced emergency medical technician).

16. *Id.* § 450B.195 (amended by 1987 Nev. Stat. ch. 800, sec. 13, at ____).

17. 1987 Nev. Stat. ch. 800, sec. 13, at ____ (amending NEV. REV. STAT. § 450B.195).

18. 1987 Nev. Stat. ch. 800, sec. 25, at ____ (amending NEV. REV. STAT. § 41.505) (this includes the scene of an emergency, or en route from the scene of an emergency, if the act or omission does not amount to gross negligence).

19. *Id.* § 450B.1915 (amended by 1987 Nev. Stat. ch. 800, sec. 12, at ____).

20. 1987 Nev. Stat. ch. 800, sec. 12, at ____ (amending NEV. REV. STAT. § 450B.1915).

21. NEV. REV. STAT. § 450B.040 (ambulance defined).

22. 1973 Nev. Stat. ch. 649, sec. 18, at 1143.

23. 1987 Nev. Stat. ch. 800, sec. 29, at ____ (repealing NEV. REV. STAT. § 450B.170).