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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 §§ 450B.170, 450B.193 (repealed); § 450B.____ (new); §§ 41.137, 41.505, 200.5093, 244.1605, 432B.220, 450.480, 450B.020, 450B.070, 450B.150, 450B.190, 450B.1905, 450B.191, 450B.1915,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 Resources may issue an emergency care license to an attendant or a fireman employed by or serving as a volunteer with a firefighting agency. Under Chapter 800, an applicant for this license must file a certificate as proof of completion of a training program in emergency medical technology. Existing law establishes the requirements for a training program in emergency medical care. Chapter 800 permits the State Board of Health (Board) to promulgate further requirements for receiving and maintaining certification in basic emergency care. Chapter 800 expands existing law by requiring that a program of training in intermediate emergency care be conducted by a licensed physician. Additionally, Chapter 800 requires intermediate emergency medical technicians 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).
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).

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...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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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. 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).
¹⁸. Id. § 450B.1915 (amended by 1987 Nev. Stat. ch. 800, sec. 12, at —).