

1.1 moves to amend H.F. No. 621 as follows:

1.2 Page 1, after line 4, insert:

1.3 "Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 144E.101, subdivision 6, is amended to read:

1.4 Subd. 6. **Basic life support.** (a) Except as provided in paragraph (e), a basic life-support
1.5 ambulance shall be staffed by at least two EMTs, one of whom must accompany the patient
1.6 and provide a level of care so as to ensure that:

1.7 (1) life-threatening situations and potentially serious injuries are recognized;

1.8 (2) patients are protected from additional hazards;

1.9 (3) basic treatment to reduce the seriousness of emergency situations is administered;

1.10 and

1.11 (4) patients are transported to an appropriate medical facility for treatment.

1.12 (b) A basic life-support service shall provide basic airway management.

1.13 (c) A basic life-support service shall provide automatic defibrillation.

1.14 (d) A basic life-support service licensee's medical director may authorize ambulance
1.15 service personnel to perform intravenous infusion and use equipment that is within the
1.16 licensure level of the ambulance service, ~~including~~. A basic life-support licensee's medical
1.17 director must authorize ambulance service personnel to perform administration of an opiate
1.18 antagonist. Ambulance service personnel must be properly trained. Documentation of
1.19 authorization for use, guidelines for use, continuing education, and skill verification must
1.20 be maintained in the licensee's files.

1.21 (e) For emergency ambulance calls and interfacility transfers, an ambulance service may
1.22 staff its basic life-support ambulances with one EMT, who must accompany the patient,
1.23 and one registered emergency medical responder driver. For purposes of this paragraph,

2.1 "ambulance service" means either an ambulance service whose primary service area is
2.2 mainly located outside the metropolitan counties listed in section 473.121, subdivision 4,
2.3 and outside the cities of Duluth, Mankato, Moorhead, Rochester, and St. Cloud; or an
2.4 ambulance service based in a community with a population of less than 2,500.

2.5 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 144E.101, subdivision 7, is amended to read:

2.6 Subd. 7. **Advanced life support.** (a) Except as provided in paragraphs (f) and (g), an
2.7 advanced life-support ambulance shall be staffed by at least:

2.8 (1) one EMT or one AEMT and one paramedic;

2.9 (2) one EMT or one AEMT and one registered nurse who is an EMT or an AEMT, is
2.10 currently practicing nursing, and has passed a paramedic practical skills test approved by
2.11 the board and administered by an education program; or

2.12 (3) one EMT or one AEMT and one physician assistant who is an EMT or an AEMT,
2.13 is currently practicing as a physician assistant, and has passed a paramedic practical skills
2.14 test approved by the board and administered by an education program.

2.15 (b) An advanced life-support service shall provide basic life support, as specified under
2.16 subdivision 6, paragraph (a), advanced airway management, manual defibrillation, ~~and~~
2.17 administration of intravenous fluids and pharmaceuticals, and administration of opiate
2.18 antagonists.

2.19 (c) In addition to providing advanced life support, an advanced life-support service may
2.20 staff additional ambulances to provide basic life support according to subdivision 6 and
2.21 section 144E.103, subdivision 1.

2.22 (d) An ambulance service providing advanced life support shall have a written agreement
2.23 with its medical director to ensure medical control for patient care 24 hours a day, seven
2.24 days a week. The terms of the agreement shall include a written policy on the administration
2.25 of medical control for the service. The policy shall address the following issues:

2.26 (1) two-way communication for physician direction of ambulance service personnel;

2.27 (2) patient triage, treatment, and transport;

2.28 (3) use of standing orders; and

2.29 (4) the means by which medical control will be provided 24 hours a day.

2.30 The agreement shall be signed by the licensee's medical director and the licensee or the
2.31 licensee's designee and maintained in the files of the licensee.

3.1 (e) When an ambulance service provides advanced life support, the authority of a
3.2 paramedic, Minnesota registered nurse-EMT, or Minnesota registered physician
3.3 assistant-EMT to determine the delivery of patient care prevails over the authority of an
3.4 EMT.

3.5 (f) Upon application from an ambulance service that includes evidence demonstrating
3.6 hardship, the board may grant a variance from the staff requirements in paragraph (a), clause
3.7 (1), and may authorize an advanced life-support ambulance to be staffed by a registered
3.8 emergency medical responder driver with a paramedic for all emergency calls and interfacility
3.9 transfers. The variance shall apply to advanced life-support ambulance services until the
3.10 ambulance service renews its license. When the variance expires, an ambulance service
3.11 may apply for a new variance under this paragraph. This paragraph applies only to an
3.12 ambulance service whose primary service area is mainly located outside the metropolitan
3.13 counties listed in section 473.121, subdivision 4, and outside the cities of Duluth, Mankato,
3.14 Moorhead, Rochester, and St. Cloud, or an ambulance based in a community with a
3.15 population of less than 1,000 persons.

3.16 (g) After an initial emergency ambulance call, each subsequent emergency ambulance
3.17 response, until the initial ambulance is again available, and interfacility transfers, may be
3.18 staffed by one registered emergency medical responder driver and an EMT or paramedic.
3.19 This paragraph applies only to an ambulance service whose primary service area is mainly
3.20 located outside the metropolitan counties listed in section 473.121, subdivision 4, and outside
3.21 the cities of Duluth, Mankato, Moorhead, Rochester, and St. Cloud, or an ambulance based
3.22 in a community with a population of less than 1,000 persons.

3.23 Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 144E.103, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

3.24 Subdivision 1. **General requirements.** Every ambulance in service for patient care shall
3.25 carry, at a minimum:

3.26 (1) oxygen;

3.27 (2) airway maintenance equipment in various sizes to accommodate all age groups;

3.28 (3) splinting equipment in various sizes to accommodate all age groups;

3.29 (4) dressings, bandages, commercially manufactured tourniquets, and bandaging
3.30 equipment;

3.31 (5) an emergency obstetric kit;

3.32 (6) equipment to determine vital signs in various sizes to accommodate all age groups;

- 4.1 (7) a stretcher;
- 4.2 (8) a defibrillator; ~~and~~
- 4.3 (9) a fire extinguisher; and
- 4.4 (10) opiate antagonists."
- 4.5 Renumber the sections in sequence and correct the internal references
- 4.6 Amend the title accordingly