

**COMMITTEE AMENDMENT**  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
State of Oklahoma

SPEAKER:

CHAIR:

I move to amend HB2742 \_\_\_\_\_  
Of the printed Bill  
Page \_\_\_\_\_ Section \_\_\_\_\_ Lines \_\_\_\_\_  
Of the Engrossed Bill

By striking the Title, the Enacting Clause, the entire bill, and by inserting in lieu thereof the following language:

**AMEND TITLE TO CONFORM TO AMENDMENTS**

Adopted: \_\_\_\_\_

Amendment submitted by: Doug Cox \_\_\_\_\_

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Reading Clerk

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 2nd Session of the 55th Legislature (2016)

3 PROPOSED COMMITTEE  
4 SUBSTITUTE  
5 FOR  
6 HOUSE BILL NO. 2742

By: Cox

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8 PROPOSED COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE

9 An Act relating to public health and safety; amending  
10 63 O.S. 2011, Section 1-2503, as last amended by  
11 Section 65, Chapter 229, O.S.L. 2013 (63 O.S. Supp.  
12 2015, Section 1-2503), which relates to definitions;  
13 modifying and adding certain definitions; amending 63  
14 O.S. 2011, Section 1-2504, as amended by Section 2,  
15 Chapter 23, O.S.L. 2013 (63 O.S. Supp. 2015, Section  
16 1-2504), which relates to the utilization of  
17 emergency medical personnel; adding certain personnel  
18 that may be utilized; amending 63 O.S. 2011, Section  
19 1-2505, as amended by Section 3, Chapter 23, O.S.L.  
20 2013 (63 O.S. Supp. 2015, Section 1-2505), which  
21 relates to levels of care; adding certain definition;  
22 requiring State Board of Health to promulgate certain  
23 rules; providing for codification; and providing an  
24 effective date.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 63 O.S. 2011, Section 1-2503, as  
last amended by Section 65, Chapter 229, O.S.L. 2013 (63 O.S. Supp.  
2015, Section 1-2503), is amended to read as follows:

Section 1-2503. As used in the Oklahoma Emergency Response  
Systems Development Act:

1           1. "Ambulance" means any ground, air or water vehicle which is  
2 or should be approved by the Commissioner of Health, designed and  
3 equipped to transport a patient or patients and to provide  
4 appropriate on-scene and en route patient stabilization and care as  
5 required. Vehicles used as ambulances shall meet such standards as  
6 may be required by the State Board of Health for approval, and shall  
7 display evidence of such approval at all times;

8           2. "Ambulance authority" means any public trust or nonprofit  
9 corporation established by the state or any unit of local government  
10 or combination of units of government for the express purpose of  
11 providing, directly or by contract, emergency medical services in a  
12 specified area of the state;

13           3. "Ambulance patient" or "patient" means any person who is or  
14 will be transported in a reclining position to or from a health care  
15 facility in an ambulance;

16           4. "Ambulance service" means any private firm or governmental  
17 agency which is or should be licensed by the State Department of  
18 Health to provide levels of medical care, including but not limited  
19 to comprehensive integrated medical care in emergency and  
20 nonemergency settings under the supervision of a physician, based on  
21 certification standards promulgated by the Board;

22           5. "Ambulance service district" means any county, group of  
23 counties or parts of counties formed together to provide, operate  
24 and finance emergency medical services as provided by Section 9C of

1 Article X of the Oklahoma Constitution or Sections 1201 through 1221  
2 of Title 19 of the Oklahoma Statutes;

3 6. "Board" means the State Board of Health;

4 7. "Certified emergency medical responder" means an individual  
5 certified by the Department to perform emergency medical services in  
6 accordance with the Oklahoma Emergency Response Systems Development  
7 Act and in accordance with the rules and standards promulgated by  
8 the Board;

9 8. "Certified emergency medical response agency" means an  
10 organization of any type certified by the Department to provide  
11 emergency medical care, but not transport. Certified emergency  
12 medical response agencies may utilize certified emergency medical  
13 responders or licensed emergency medical personnel; provided,  
14 however, that all personnel so utilized shall function under the  
15 direction of and consistent with guidelines for medical control;

16 9. "Classification" means an inclusive standardized  
17 identification of stabilizing and definitive emergency services  
18 provided by each hospital that treats emergency patients;

19 10. "CoAEMSP" means the Committee on Accreditation of  
20 Educational Programs for the Emergency Medical Services Professions;

21 11. "Commissioner" means the State Commissioner of Health;

22 12. "Community paramedic" means a licensed paramedic who meets  
23 the requirements of Section 1-2505 of this title;

1        13. "Community paramedic services" means services that include  
2 interventions intended to prevent avoidable ambulance transportation  
3 or hospital emergency department use.

4        a. Community paramedic services must be part of a care  
5 plan ordered by a primary health care provider in  
6 consultation with the medical director of an ambulance  
7 service. Such care plan must ensure that the services  
8 provided by a community paramedic are coordinated with  
9 other community health providers and local public  
10 health agencies and that community paramedic services  
11 do not duplicate services already provided to the  
12 patient, including home health and waiver services.

13        b. Community paramedic services shall include health  
14 assessment, chronic disease monitoring and education,  
15 medication compliance, immunizations and vaccinations,  
16 laboratory specimen collection, hospital discharge  
17 follow-up care and minor medical procedures approved  
18 by the ambulance medical director;

19        14. "Council" means the Trauma and Emergency Response Advisory  
20 Council created in Section 44 ~~1-103a.1~~ of this act title;

21        ~~13.~~ 15. "Critical care paramedic" or "CCP" means a licensed  
22 paramedic who has successfully completed critical care training and  
23 testing requirements in accordance with the Oklahoma Emergency  
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1 Response Systems Development Act and in accordance with the rules  
2 and standards promulgated by the Board;

3 ~~14.~~ 16. "Department" means the State Department of Health;

4 ~~15.~~ 17. "Emergency medical services system" means a system  
5 which provides for the organization and appropriate designation of  
6 personnel, facilities and equipment for the effective and  
7 coordinated local, regional and statewide delivery of health care  
8 services primarily under emergency conditions;

9 ~~16.~~ 18. "Letter of review" means the official designation from  
10 CoAEMSP to a paramedic program that is in the "becoming accredited"  
11 process;

12 ~~17.~~ 19. "Licensed emergency medical personnel" means an  
13 emergency medical technician (EMT), an intermediate emergency  
14 medical technician (IEMT), an advanced emergency medical technician  
15 (AEMT), or a paramedic licensed by the Department to perform  
16 emergency medical services in accordance with the Oklahoma Emergency  
17 Response Systems Development Act and the rules and standards  
18 promulgated by the Board;

19 ~~18.~~ 20. "Licensure" means the licensing of emergency medical  
20 care providers and ambulance services pursuant to rules and  
21 standards promulgated by the Board at one or more of the following  
22 levels:

- 23 a. basic life support,
- 24 b. intermediate life support,

- 1 c. paramedic life support,
- 2 d. advanced life support,
- 3 e. stretcher aid van, and
- 4 f. specialty care, which shall be used solely for
- 5 interhospital transport of patients requiring
- 6 specialized en route medical monitoring and advanced
- 7 life support which exceed the capabilities of the
- 8 equipment and personnel provided by paramedic life
- 9 support.

10 Requirements for each level of care shall be established by the  
11 Board. Licensure at any level of care includes a license to operate  
12 at any lower level, with the exception of licensure for specialty  
13 care; provided, however, that the highest level of care offered by  
14 an ambulance service shall be available twenty-four (24) hours each  
15 day, three hundred sixty-five (365) days per year.

16 Licensure shall be granted or renewed for such periods and under  
17 such terms and conditions as may be promulgated by the Board;

18 ~~19.~~ 21. "Medical control" means local, regional or statewide  
19 medical direction and quality assurance of health care delivery in  
20 an emergency medical service system. On-line medical control is the  
21 medical direction given to licensed emergency medical personnel,  
22 certified emergency medical responders and stretcher aid van  
23 personnel by a physician via radio or telephone. Off-line medical  
24 control is the establishment and monitoring of all medical

1 components of an emergency medical service system, which is to  
2 include stretcher aid van service including, but not limited to,  
3 protocols, standing orders, educational programs, and the quality  
4 and delivery of on-line control;

5 ~~20.~~ 22. "Medical director" means a physician, fully licensed  
6 without restriction, who acts as a paid or volunteer medical advisor  
7 to a licensed ambulance service and who monitors and directs the  
8 care so provided. Such physicians shall meet such qualifications  
9 and requirements as may be promulgated by the Board;

10 ~~21.~~ 23. "Region" or "emergency medical service region" means  
11 two or more municipalities, counties, ambulance districts or other  
12 political subdivisions exercising joint control over one or more  
13 providers of emergency medical services and stretcher aid van  
14 service through common ordinances, authorities, boards or other  
15 means;

16 ~~22.~~ 24. "Regional emergency medical services system" means a  
17 network of organizations, individuals, facilities and equipment  
18 which serves a region, subject to a unified set of regional rules  
19 and standards which may exceed, but may not be in contravention of,  
20 those required by the state, which is under the medical direction of  
21 a single regional medical director, and which participates directly  
22 in the delivery of the following services:

- 23 a. medical call-taking and emergency medical services  
24 dispatching, emergency and routine, including priority



1            dispatching of first response agencies, stretcher aid  
2            van and ambulances,

3            b.    emergency medical responder services provided by  
4            emergency medical response agencies,

5            c.    ambulance services, both emergency, routine and  
6            stretcher aid van including, but not limited to, the  
7            transport of patients in accordance with transport  
8            protocols approved by the regional medical director,  
9            and

10           d.    directions given by physicians directly via radio or  
11           telephone, or by written protocol, to emergency  
12           medical response agencies, stretcher aid van or  
13           ambulance personnel at the scene of an emergency or  
14           while en route to a hospital;

15           ~~23.~~ 25. "Regional medical director" means a licensed physician,  
16           who meets or exceeds the qualifications of a medical director as  
17           defined by the Oklahoma Emergency Response Systems Development Act,  
18           chosen by an emergency medical service region to provide external  
19           medical oversight, quality control and related services to that  
20           region;

21           ~~24.~~ 26. "Registration" means the listing of an ambulance  
22           service in a registry maintained by the Department; provided,  
23           however, registration shall not be deemed to be a license;

1       ~~25.~~ 27. "Stretcher aid van" means any ground vehicle which is  
2 or should be approved by the State Commissioner of Health, which is  
3 designed and equipped to transport individuals on a stretcher or  
4 gurney type apparatus. Vehicles used as stretcher aid vans shall  
5 meet such standards as may be required by the State Board of Health  
6 for approval and shall display evidence of such approval at all  
7 times. Stretcher aid van services shall only be permitted and  
8 approved by the Commissioner in emergency medical service regions,  
9 ambulance service districts, or counties with populations in excess  
10 of three hundred thousand (300,000) people. Notwithstanding the  
11 provisions of this paragraph, stretcher aid van transports may be  
12 made to and from any federal or state veterans facility;

13       ~~26.~~ 28. "Stretcher aid van patient" means any person who is or  
14 will be transported in a reclining position on a stretcher or  
15 gurney, who is medically stable, nonemergent and does not require  
16 any medical monitoring equipment or assistance during transport; and

17       ~~27.~~ 29. "Transport protocol" means the written instructions  
18 governing decision-making at the scene of a medical emergency by  
19 ambulance personnel regarding the selection of the hospital to which  
20 the patient shall be transported. Transport protocols shall be  
21 developed by the regional medical director for a regional emergency  
22 medical services system or by the Department if no regional  
23 emergency medical services system has been established. Such  
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1 transport protocols shall adhere to, at a minimum, the following  
2 guidelines:

- 3 a. nonemergency, routine transport shall be to the  
4 facility of the patient's choice,
- 5 b. urgent or emergency transport not involving life-  
6 threatening medical illness or injury shall be to the  
7 nearest facility, or, subject to transport  
8 availability and system area coverage, to the facility  
9 of the patient's choice, and
- 10 c. life-threatening medical illness or injury shall  
11 require transport to the nearest health care facility  
12 appropriate to the needs of the patient as established  
13 by regional or state guidelines.

14 SECTION 2. AMENDATORY 63 O.S. 2011, Section 1-2504, as  
15 amended by Section 2, Chapter 23, O.S.L. 2013 (63 O.S. Supp. 2015,  
16 Section 1-2504), is amended to read as follows:

17 Section 1-2504. A. Any hospital or health care facility  
18 operating within the state may utilize ~~Emergency Medical Technician,~~  
19 ~~Intermediate, Advanced Emergency Medical Technician or Paramedic or~~  
20 ~~Critical Care Paramedic~~ emergency medical technician, intermediate  
21 emergency medical technician, advanced emergency medical technician  
22 or paramedic, community paramedic or critical care paramedic  
23 personnel for the delivery of emergency medical patient care within  
24 the hospital or health care facility. All licensed ambulance

1 services shall use ~~Emergency Medical Technician, Intermediate,~~  
2 ~~Advanced Emergency Medical Technician~~ emergency medical technician,  
3 intermediate emergency medical technician, advanced emergency  
4 medical technician or ~~Paramedic~~ paramedic personnel for on-scene  
5 patient care and stabilization and the delivery of prehospital and  
6 en route emergency medical care.

7 B. Any hospital or health care facility operating within the  
8 state may utilize community paramedic personnel for the delivery of  
9 community paramedic services for residents within the emergency  
10 medical services system coverage area.

11 C. While participating in an ~~Emergency Medical Technician,~~  
12 ~~Intermediate, Advanced Emergency Medical Technician~~ emergency  
13 medical technician, intermediate emergency medical technician,  
14 advanced emergency medical technician, community paramedic or  
15 ~~Paramedic~~ paramedic training course approved by the State Department  
16 of Health, the student shall be allowed to perform in the hospital,  
17 clinic or prehospital setting, while under the direct supervision of  
18 a physician, registered nurse, or licensed emergency medical  
19 personnel who are licensed at a level equal to or above the level of  
20 training of the student, or other allied health preceptor, any of  
21 the skills determined to be appropriate for the training level of  
22 the student by the Department.

23 ~~C.~~ D. The student shall be allowed to perform any of the skills  
24 determined to be appropriate by the Department for the training

1 level of the student while performing community paramedic services  
2 under the direct supervision of a physician, registered nurse or  
3 emergency medical personnel who are licensed at a level equal to or  
4 above the level of training of the student, or other allied health  
5 preceptor.

6 E. A registered nurse or licensed practical nurse may be used  
7 in the back of an ambulance during an interhospital transfer to  
8 supplement the skills of licensed emergency medical personnel. A  
9 registered nurse or licensed practical nurse functioning in this  
10 fashion must be following written orders of a physician or be in  
11 direct radio or telephone contact with a physician.

12 SECTION 3. AMENDATORY 63 O.S. 2011, Section 1-2505, as  
13 amended by Section 3, Chapter 23, O.S.L. 2013 (63 O.S. Supp. 2015,  
14 Section 1-2505), is amended to read as follows:

15 Section 1-2505. Personnel licensed in the following levels of  
16 care may perform as designated under their classification:

17 1. "~~Emergency Medical Technician~~ medical technician (EMT)"  
18 means an individual licensed by the State Department of Health  
19 following completion of a standard ~~Basic Emergency Medical~~  
20 ~~Technician~~ basic emergency medical technician training program  
21 approved by the Department, who has met such other standards of  
22 competence and character as may be required, and who has passed a  
23 standard licensing examination of knowledge and skill, administered  
24 by the Department or other entity designated by the Department. The

1 licensed ~~Emergency Medical Technician~~ emergency medical technician  
2 is allowed to perform such skills as may be designated by the  
3 Department;

4 2. "Intermediate emergency medical technician (IEMT)" means an  
5 individual licensed as an EMT, who has completed an intermediate  
6 training program approved by the Department, who has met such other  
7 standards of competence and character as may be required, and who  
8 has passed a standard licensing examination of knowledge and skill  
9 administered by the Department or other entity designated by the  
10 Department. The ~~Intermediate~~ intermediate emergency medical  
11 technician is allowed to perform such skills as may be designated by  
12 the Department;

13 3. "Advanced ~~Emergency Medical Technician~~ emergency medical  
14 technician (AEMT)" means an individual licensed as an ~~Emergency~~  
15 ~~Medical Technician~~ emergency medical technician or ~~Intermediate~~  
16 intermediate emergency medical technician who has completed an AEMT  
17 training program approved by the Department, who has met such other  
18 standards of competence and character as may be required, and who  
19 has passed a standard licensing examination of knowledge and skills  
20 administered by the Department or other entity designated by the  
21 Department. The ~~Advanced Emergency Medical Technician~~ advanced  
22 emergency medical technician is allowed to perform such skills as  
23 may be designated by the Department; ~~and~~

1 4. "Community paramedic" means an individual who meets the  
2 provisions of paragraph 5 of this section and:

- 3 a. possesses two (2) years of full-time service as a  
4 paramedic or its part-time equivalent, and  
5 b. completes a training program from an entity approved  
6 by the Department, which training shall require, at a  
7 minimum, three hundred (300) hours of classroom and  
8 clinical experience provided under the supervision of  
9 a medical director, advanced practice registered  
10 nurse, physician assistant or registered nurse; and

11 5. "Paramedic", including community paramedic, means an  
12 individual licensed as an EMT, ~~Intermediate~~ IEMT or AEMT, who has  
13 completed a standard ~~Paramedic~~ paramedic training program, who has  
14 met such other standards of competence and character as may be  
15 required, and who has passed a standard licensing examination of  
16 knowledge and skill administered by the Department or other entity  
17 designated by the Department. The ~~Paramedic~~ paramedic is allowed to  
18 perform such skills as may be designated by the Department.

19 SECTION 4. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified  
20 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1-2509.1 of Title 63, unless  
21 there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

22 The State Board of Health shall promulgate rules to implement  
23 the provisions of the Oklahoma Emergency Response Systems  
24 Development Act.

1 SECTION 5. This act shall become effective November 1, 2016.

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