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2 ESB 6033 - H COMM AMD  
3 By Committee on Health Care

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5 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the  
6 following:

7 "Sec. 1. RCW 18.71.205 and 1990 c 269 s 18 are each amended to  
8 read as follows:

9 (1) The secretary of the department of health, in conjunction with  
10 the advice and assistance of the emergency medical services licensing  
11 and certification advisory committee as prescribed in RCW 18.73.050,  
12 and the board of medical examiners, shall prescribe:

13 (a) Minimum standards and performance requirements for the  
14 certification and recertification of physician's trained intravenous  
15 therapy technicians, airway management technicians, and mobile  
16 intensive care paramedics; and

17 (b) Procedures for certification, recertification, and  
18 decertification of physician's trained intravenous therapy technicians,  
19 airway management technicians, and mobile intensive care paramedics.

20 (2) Initial certification shall be for a period of (~~two~~) three  
21 years.

22 (3) Recertification shall be granted upon proof of continuing  
23 satisfactory performance and education, and shall be for a period of  
24 (~~two~~) three years.

25 (4) As used in chapters 18.71 and 18.73 RCW, "approved medical  
26 program director" means a person who:

27 (a) Is licensed to practice medicine and surgery pursuant to  
28 chapter 18.71 RCW or osteopathy and surgery pursuant to chapter 18.57  
29 RCW; and

1 (b) Is qualified and knowledgeable in the administration and  
2 management of emergency care and services; and

3 (c) Is so certified by the department of health for a county, group  
4 of counties, or cities with populations over four hundred thousand in  
5 coordination with the recommendations of the local medical community  
6 and local emergency medical services and trauma care council.

7 (5) The uniform disciplinary act, chapter 18.130 RCW, governs  
8 uncertified practice, the issuance and denial of certificates, and the  
9 disciplining of certificate holders under this section. The secretary  
10 shall be the disciplining authority under this section. Disciplinary  
11 action shall be initiated against a person credentialed under this  
12 chapter in a manner consistent with the responsibilities and duties of  
13 the medical program director under whom such person is responsible."

14 "Sec. 2. RCW 18.73.130 and 1990 c 269 s 25 are each amended to  
15 read as follows:

16 An ambulance operator, ambulance director, aid vehicle operator or  
17 aid director may not operate a service in the state of Washington  
18 without holding a license for such operation, issued by the secretary  
19 when such operation is consistent with the state-wide and regional  
20 emergency medical services and trauma care plans established pursuant  
21 to chapter 70.168 RCW, indicating the general area to be served and the  
22 number of vehicles to be used, with the following exceptions:

23 (1) The United States government;

24 (2) Ambulance operators and ambulance directors providing service  
25 in other states when bringing patients into this state;

26 (3) Owners of businesses in which ambulance or aid vehicles are  
27 used exclusively on company property but occasionally in emergencies  
28 may transport patients to hospitals not on company property; and

1 (4) Operators of vehicles pressed into service for transportation  
2 of patients in emergencies when licensed ambulances are not available  
3 or cannot meet overwhelming demand.

4 The license shall be valid for a period of (~~three~~) two years and  
5 shall be renewed on request provided the holder has consistently  
6 complied with the regulations of the department and the department of  
7 licensing and provided also that the needs of the area served have been  
8 met satisfactorily. The license shall not be transferable."

9 "Sec. 3. RCW 18.73.140 and 1987 c 214 s 11 are each amended to  
10 read as follows:

11 The secretary shall issue an ambulance or aid vehicle license for  
12 each vehicle so designated. The license shall be for a period of  
13 (~~one~~) two years and may be reissued on expiration if the vehicle and  
14 its equipment meet requirements in force at the time of expiration of  
15 the license period. The license may be revoked if the ambulance or aid  
16 vehicle is found to be operating in violation of the regulations  
17 promulgated by the department or without required equipment. The  
18 license shall be terminated automatically if the vehicle is sold or  
19 transferred to the control of anyone not currently licensed as an  
20 ambulance or aid vehicle operator or director. The license number  
21 shall be prominently displayed on each vehicle."

22 "Sec. 4. RCW 18.73.150 and 1979 ex.s. c 261 s 15 are each amended  
23 to read as follows:

24 Any ambulance operated as such shall operate with sufficient  
25 personnel for adequate patient care, at least one of whom shall be an  
26 emergency medical technician under standards promulgated by the  
27 secretary. The emergency medical technician shall have responsibility  
28 for its operation and for the care of patients both before they are  
29 placed aboard the vehicle and during transit. If there are two or more

1 emergency medical technicians operating the ambulance, a nondriving  
2 medical technician shall be in command of the vehicle. The emergency  
3 medical technician in command of the vehicle shall be in the patient  
4 compartment and in attendance to the patient.

5 The driver of the ambulance shall have at least a certificate of  
6 advance first aid qualification recognized by the secretary pursuant to  
7 RCW 18.73.120 unless there are at least two certified emergency medical  
8 technicians in attendance of the patient, in which case the driver  
9 shall not be required to have such certificate."

10 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 5.** A new section is added to chapter 18.73 RCW  
11 to read as follows:

12 The uniform disciplinary act, chapter 18.130 RCW, shall govern the  
13 issuance and denial of credentials, unauthorized practice, and the  
14 discipline of persons credentialed under this chapter. The secretary  
15 shall act as the disciplinary authority under this chapter.  
16 Disciplinary action shall be initiated against a person credentialed  
17 under this chapter in a manner consistent with the responsibilities and  
18 duties of the medical program director under whom such person is  
19 responsible."

20 "**Sec. 6.** RCW 18.130.040 and 1990 c 3 s 810 are each amended to  
21 read as follows:

22 (1) This chapter applies only to the secretary and the boards  
23 having jurisdiction in relation to the professions licensed under the  
24 chapters specified in this section. This chapter does not apply to any  
25 business or profession not licensed under the chapters specified in  
26 this section.

27 (2)(a) The secretary has authority under this chapter in relation  
28 to the following professions:

29 (i) Dispensing opticians licensed under chapter 18.34 RCW;

- 1 (ii) Naturopaths licensed under chapter 18.36A RCW;  
2 (iii) Midwives licensed under chapter 18.50 RCW;  
3 (iv) Ocularists licensed under chapter 18.55 RCW;  
4 (v) Massage operators and businesses licensed under chapter 18.108  
5 RCW;  
6 (vi) Dental hygienists licensed under chapter 18.29 RCW;  
7 (vii) Acupuncturists certified under chapter 18.06 RCW;  
8 (viii) Radiologic technologists certified under chapter 18.84 RCW;  
9 (ix) Respiratory care practitioners certified under chapter 18.89  
10 RCW;  
11 (x) Persons registered or certified under chapter 18.19 RCW;  
12 (xi) Persons registered as nursing pool operators;  
13 (xii) Nursing assistants registered or certified under chapter  
14 18.52B RCW;  
15 (xiii) Dietitians and nutritionists certified under chapter 18.138  
16 RCW; ((and))  
17 (xiv) Sex offender treatment providers certified under chapter  
18 18.155 RCW; and  
19 (xv) Persons licensed and certified under chapter 18.73 RCW or RCW  
20 18.71.205.

21 (b) The boards having authority under this chapter are as follows:

- 22 (i) The ((~~podiatry~~)) podiatric medical board as established in  
23 chapter 18.22 RCW;  
24 (ii) The chiropractic disciplinary board as established in chapter  
25 18.26 RCW governing licenses issued under chapter 18.25 RCW;  
26 (iii) The dental disciplinary board as established in chapter 18.32  
27 RCW;  
28 (iv) The council on hearing aids as established in chapter 18.35  
29 RCW;  
30 (v) The board of funeral directors and embalmers as established in  
31 chapter 18.39 RCW;

1 (vi) The board of examiners for nursing home administrators as  
2 established in chapter 18.52 RCW;

3 (vii) The optometry board as established in chapter 18.54 RCW  
4 governing licenses issued under chapter 18.53 RCW;

5 (viii) The board of osteopathic medicine and surgery as established  
6 in chapter 18.57 RCW governing licenses issued under chapters 18.57 and  
7 18.57A RCW;

8 (ix) The medical disciplinary board as established in chapter 18.72  
9 RCW governing licenses and registrations issued under chapters 18.71  
10 and 18.71A RCW;

11 (x) The board of physical therapy as established in chapter 18.74  
12 RCW;

13 (xi) The board of occupational therapy practice as established in  
14 chapter 18.59 RCW;

15 (xii) The board of practical nursing as established in chapter  
16 18.78 RCW;

17 (xiii) The examining board of psychology and its disciplinary  
18 committee as established in chapter 18.83 RCW;

19 (xiv) The board of nursing as established in chapter 18.88 RCW; and

20 (xv) The veterinary board of governors as established in chapter  
21 18.92 RCW.

22 (3) In addition to the authority to discipline license holders, the  
23 disciplining authority has the authority to grant or deny licenses  
24 based on the conditions and criteria established in this chapter and  
25 the chapters specified in subsection (2) of this section. However, the  
26 board of chiropractic examiners has authority over issuance and denial  
27 of licenses provided for in chapter 18.25 RCW, the board of dental  
28 examiners has authority over issuance and denial of licenses provided  
29 for in RCW 18.32.040, and the board of medical examiners has authority  
30 over issuance and denial of licenses and registrations provided for in  
31 chapters 18.71 and 18.71A RCW. This chapter also governs any

1 investigation, hearing, or proceeding relating to denial of licensure  
2 or issuance of a license conditioned on the applicant's compliance with  
3 an order entered pursuant to RCW 18.130.160 by the disciplining  
4 authority."

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8 On page 1, line 1 of the title, after "personnel;" strike the  
9 remainder of the title and insert "amending RCW 18.71.205, 18.73.130,  
10 18.73.140, 18.73.150, and 18.130.040; and adding a new section to  
11 chapter 18.73 RCW."