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To: Public Health and
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HOUSE BILL NO. 1410

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 41-59-3, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO
2 REVISE THE DEFINITION OF "FIRST RESPONDER" BY DELETING THE
3 REQUIREMENT OF CERTIFICATION; TO REPEAL SECTION 41-59-79,
4 MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, WHICH REQUIRES A FIRST RESPONDER TO BE
5 CERTIFIED; TO REPEAL SECTION 41-59-81, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,
6 WHICH AUTHORIZES THE STATE BOARD OF HEALTH TO PROMULGATE RULES AND
7 REGULATIONS REGARDING THE CERTIFICATION OF A FIRST RESPONDER; TO
8 BRING FORWARD SECTION 41-59-83, WHICH AUTHORIZES CERTAIN EMERGENCY
9 MEDICAL PERSONNEL TO CARRY AND ADMINISTER EPINEPHRINE; TO REPEAL
10 SECTION 5, CHAPTER 623, LAWS OF 2002, AS AMENDED BY HOUSE BILL NO.
11 2, 2002 FIRST EXTRAORDINARY SESSION, WHICH DELAYS UNTIL JULY 1,
12 2004, THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THE FIRST RESPONDER PROVISIONS; AND
13 FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

14 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI:

15 **SECTION 1.** Section 41-59-3, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
16 amended as follows:

17 41-59-3. As used in this chapter, unless the context
18 otherwise requires, the term:

19 (a) "Ambulance" shall mean any privately or publicly
20 owned land or air vehicle that is especially designed,
21 constructed, modified or equipped to be used, maintained and
22 operated upon the streets, highways or airways of this state to
23 assist persons who are sick, injured, wounded, or otherwise
24 incapacitated or helpless;

25 (b) "Auto-injector" means a spring-loaded needle and
26 syringe with a single dose of medicine that will automatically
27 release and inject the medicine.

28 (c) "Permit" shall mean an authorization issued for an
29 ambulance vehicle and/or a special use EMS vehicle as meeting the
30 standards adopted pursuant to this chapter;



31 (d) "License" shall mean an authorization to any
32 person, firm, corporation, or governmental division or agency to
33 provide ambulance services in the State of Mississippi;

34 (e) "Emergency medical technician" shall mean an
35 individual who possesses a valid emergency medical technician's
36 certificate issued pursuant to the provisions of this chapter;

37 (f) "Certificate" shall mean official acknowledgment
38 that an individual has successfully completed the recommended
39 basic emergency medical technician training course referred to in
40 this chapter which entitles that individual to perform the
41 functions and duties of an emergency medical technician;

42 (g) "Board" shall mean the State Board of Health;

43 (h) "Department" means the Mississippi State Department
44 of Health, Division of Emergency Medical Services;

45 (i) "Executive officer" shall mean the Executive
46 Officer of the State Board of Health, or his designated
47 representative;

48 (j) "First Responder" means a person who uses a limited
49 amount of equipment to perform the initial assessment of and
50 intervention with sick, wounded or otherwise incapacitated
51 persons, who (i) is trained to assist other EMS personnel by
52 successfully completing, within the previous two (2) years, an
53 approved "First Responder: National Standard Curriculum" training
54 program, as developed and promulgated by the United States
55 Department of Transportation and (ii) is nationally registered as
56 a First Responder by the National Registry of Emergency Medical
57 Technicians; * * *

58 (k) "Invalid vehicle" shall mean any privately or
59 publicly owned land or air vehicle which is maintained, operated
60 and used only to transport persons routinely who are convalescent
61 or otherwise nonambulatory and do not require the service of an
62 emergency medical technician while in transit;



63 (1) "Special use EMS vehicle" means any privately or
64 publicly owned land, water or air emergency vehicle used to
65 support the provision of emergency medical services. These
66 vehicles shall not be used routinely to transport patients;

67 (m) "Trauma care system" or "trauma system" means a
68 formally organized arrangement of health care resources that has
69 been designated by the department by which major trauma victims
70 are triaged, transported to and treated at trauma care facilities;

71 (n) "Trauma care facility" or "trauma center" means a
72 hospital located in the State of Mississippi or a Level I trauma
73 care facility or center located in a state contiguous to the State
74 of Mississippi that has been designated by the department to
75 perform specified trauma care services within a trauma care system
76 pursuant to standards adopted by the department. Participation in
77 this designation by each hospital is voluntary;

78 (o) "Trauma registry" means a collection of data on
79 patients who receive hospital care for certain types of injuries.
80 Such data are primarily designed to ensure quality trauma care and
81 outcomes in individual institutions and trauma systems, but have
82 the secondary purpose of providing useful data for the
83 surveillance of injury morbidity and mortality.

84 **SECTION 2.** Section 41-59-79, Mississippi Code of 1972, which
85 requires a first responder to be certified, is repealed.

86 **SECTION 3.** Section 41-59-81, Mississippi Code of 1972, which
87 authorizes the State Board of Health to promulgate rules and
88 regulations regarding the certification of a first responder, is
89 repealed.

90 **SECTION 4.** Section 41-59-83, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
91 brought forward as follows:

92 41-59-83. When authorized by medical direction, a First
93 Responder, an Emergency Medical Technician-Basic, an Emergency
94 Medical Technician-Intermediate or an Emergency Medical
95 Technician-Paramedic may carry and administer, or aid in the



96 administration of, a dose of epinephrine from an auto-injector to
97 treat persons experiencing allergic reactions and anaphylaxis.

98 **SECTION 5.** Section 5, Chapter 623, Laws of 2002, as amended
99 by House Bill No. 2, 2002 First Extraordinary Session, which
100 delays until July 1, 2004, the effective date of the first
101 responder provisions, is repealed.

102 **SECTION 6.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
103 and after July 1, 2003.

