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To: Public Health and
Welfare; Appropriations

SENATE BILL NO. 2931

1 AN ACT TO ESTABLISH A MISSISSIPPI BOARD OF EMERGENCY MEDICAL
2 SERVICES; TO PROVIDE FOR APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO THE BOARD AND
3 PROVIDE FOR ITS ORGANIZATION; TO TRANSFER THE POWERS AND
4 RESPONSIBILITY OF THE DIVISION OF EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES OF
5 THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TO THE MISSISSIPPI BOARD OF
6 EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES; TO PROVIDE FOR AN ADMINISTRATOR OF THE
7 BOARD OF EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES; TO EMPOWER THE BOARD TO ADOPT
8 CERTAIN RULES AND REGULATIONS; TO AMEND SECTIONS 41-59-3, 41-59-5,
9 41-59-7, 41-59-9, 41-59-11, 41-59-13, 41-59-15, 41-59-17,
10 41-59-19, 41-59-23, 41-59-25, 41-59-27, 41-59-31, 41-59-33,
11 41-59-35, 41-59-37, 41-59-39, 41-59-41, 41-59-45, 41-59-47,
12 41-59-49, 41-59-61, 41-59-63, 41-59-65, 41-59-67, 41-59-69,
13 41-59-75, 41-59-77, 41-59-79, 41-59-81, 41-60-11 AND 41-60-13,
14 MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO TRANSFER CERTAIN FUNCTIONS OF THE
15 STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH RELATING TO EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES
16 AND EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIANS TO THE BOARD OF EMERGENCY
17 MEDICAL SERVICES IN CONFORMITY THERETO; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

19 **SECTION 1. Mississippi State Department of Health, Division**
20 **of Emergency Medical Services, position of director and emergency**
21 **medical services advisory council abolished; powers, duties and**
22 **functions transferred.** (1) The Mississippi State Department of
23 Health, Division of Emergency Medical Services established by the
24 Mississippi State Board of Health pursuant to Section 41-3-15 is
25 hereby abolished and all of the powers, duties and functions of
26 such division are transferred to and conferred and imposed upon
27 the Mississippi Board of Emergency Medical Services established
28 pursuant to this act.

29 (2) The position of the Director of the Mississippi State
30 Board of Health, Division of Emergency Medical Services appointed
31 prior to July 1, 2007, is hereby abolished and all of the powers,
32 duties and functions of the Director of Emergency Medical Services
33 are transferred to and conferred and imposed upon the Mississippi
34 Board of Emergency Medical Services or the administrator thereof

35 as provided by this act. The director shall continue to carry out
36 the duties of that position until an administrator is appointed
37 and qualified pursuant to this act.

38 (3) The Emergency Medical Services Advisory Council
39 established under Section 41-59-7, and amendments thereto, is
40 hereby abolished and all of the powers, duties and functions of
41 the council are transferred to and conferred and imposed upon the
42 Board of Emergency Medical Services.

43 (4) The duties, functions and powers of the Mississippi
44 State Department of Health as related to the Division of Emergency
45 Medical Services are hereby transferred to the Mississippi Board
46 of Emergency Medical Services.

47 **SECTION 2. Mississippi Board of Emergency Medical Services**
48 **established; members, appointment; removal from or forfeiture of**
49 **position; terms; meetings; compensation and expenses; approval of**
50 **vouchers; temporary chairperson.** (1) There is hereby established
51 the Mississippi Board of Emergency Medical Services. The Office
52 of the Board of Emergency Medical Services shall be located in the
53 City of Jackson, Mississippi.

54 (2) The Board of Emergency Medical Services shall be
55 composed of eight (8) members to be appointed as follows by the
56 Governor, with the advice and consent of the Senate:

57 (a) One (1) shall be a licensed and board certified
58 emergency medicine physician that is actively involved in
59 Emergency Medical Services.

60 (b) One (1) shall be a paramedic instructor-coordinator
61 that is currently involved with Emergency Medical Services
62 education associated with a state-supported community college or
63 state institution of higher learning;

64 (c) One (1) shall be a member of a fire fighting unit
65 which provides emergency medical services and is certified as an
66 EMT-P or EMT-B;

67 (d) Four (4) shall be providers who are actively
68 involved in emergency medical service, three (3) of which shall be
69 state certified, active advanced life-support participants and one
70 (1) of which shall be a basic life-support provider;

71 (e) One (1) shall be an administrator of an ambulance
72 service and shall be certified as an EMT-P or EMT-B.

73 (3) All members of the board shall be residents of the State
74 of Mississippi, who have actively been working in Emergency
75 Medical Services in Mississippi for at least one (1) year.

76 Appointments to the board shall be made with due consideration
77 that representation of the various geographical areas of the state
78 is ensured. The Governor may remove any member of the board upon
79 recommendation of the board. Any person appointed to a position
80 on the board shall forfeit such position upon vacating the office
81 or position which qualified such person to be appointed as a
82 member of the board. No person may serve on the board for more
83 than two (2) consecutive terms.

84 (4) Of the members first appointed to the board, three (3)
85 shall be appointed for terms of one (1) year, two (2) for terms of
86 two (2) years, two (2) for terms of three (3) years and one (1)
87 for terms of four (4) years. Thereafter, members shall be
88 appointed for terms of four (4) years and until their successors
89 are appointed and qualified. In the case of a vacancy in the
90 membership of the board, the vacancy shall be filled for the
91 unexpired term.

92 (5) The board shall meet at least six (6) times annually and
93 at least once each quarter and at the call of the chairperson or
94 at the request of the Administrator of the Board of Emergency
95 Medical Services or of any six (6) members of the board. At the
96 first meeting of the board after January 1 each year, the members
97 shall elect a chairperson and a vice chairperson who shall serve
98 for a term of one (1) year. The vice chairperson shall exercise
99 all of the powers of the chairperson in the absence of the

100 chairperson. If a vacancy occurs in the office of the chairperson
101 or vice chairperson, the board shall fill such vacancy by election
102 of one (1) of its members to serve the unexpired term of such
103 office. Members of the board attending meetings of the board or
104 attending a subcommittee meeting thereof authorized by the board
105 shall be paid compensation, subsistence allowances, mileage and
106 other expenses as provided in Section 25-3-69, and amendments
107 thereto.

108 (6) Except as otherwise provided by law, all vouchers for
109 expenditures and all payrolls of the Board of Emergency Medical
110 Services shall be approved by the Board of Emergency Medical
111 Services or a person designated by the board.

112 **SECTION 3. Administrator of the Board of Emergency Medical**
113 **Services; duties and responsibilities; appointment of officers and**
114 **employees.** The chief administrative officer of the Board of
115 Emergency Medical Services shall be the administrator of the Board
116 of Emergency Medical Services. The Board of Emergency Medical
117 Services shall appoint the administrator. The administrator shall
118 be a registered Emergency Medical Technician-Paramedic by the
119 National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians and shall hold
120 a minimum education of the level of a Bachelor's Degree in related
121 field and preferably hold a degree of Master or higher in related
122 field. The administrator shall have a minimum of five (5) years
123 of experience immediately preceding appointment. The
124 administrator shall serve at the pleasure of the board. The
125 administrator shall administer the duties and responsibilities of
126 the Board of Emergency Medical Services as directed by the board.
127 The administrator shall appoint other officers and employees as
128 may be necessary to carry out the functions of the Board of
129 Emergency Medical Services.

130 **SECTION 4. Board of Emergency Medical Services and**
131 **administrator successor to certain powers, duties and functions;**
132 **orders and directives, rules and regulations continued. (1)**

133 Except as provided in this act, the Board of Emergency Medical
134 Services established under this act shall be the successor in
135 every way to the powers, duties and functions of the Mississippi
136 State Department of Health, Division of Emergency Medical Services
137 established by the Mississippi State Board of Health pursuant to
138 Section 41-3-15, and amendments thereto, in which the same were
139 vested prior to the effective date of this act.

140 (2) Except as provided in this act, the Administrator of the
141 Board of Emergency Medical Services appointed pursuant to this act
142 shall be the successor in every way to the powers, duties and
143 functions of the Director of the Bureau of Emergency Medical
144 Services established by law, in which the same were vested prior
145 to the effective date of this act.

146 (3) Whenever the Bureau of Emergency Medical Services or
147 Emergency Medical Services Advisory Council or words of like
148 effect are referred to or designated by a statute, contract or
149 other document, such reference or designation shall be deemed to
150 apply to the Board of Emergency Medical Services established by
151 this act. Whenever the Director of the Bureau of Emergency
152 Medical Services or words of like effect are referred to or
153 designated by a statute, contract or other document, such
154 reference or designation shall be deemed to apply to the Board of
155 Emergency Medical Services.

156 (4) All orders and directives of the Emergency Medical
157 Services Advisory Council which relate to emergency medical
158 services and which were adopted and are in existence immediately
159 prior to the effective date of this act shall continue to be
160 effective and shall be deemed to be the orders or directives of
161 the Board of Emergency Medical Services, until revised, amended,
162 repealed or nullified pursuant to law.

163 (5) All rules and regulations of the emergency medical
164 services council which relate to emergency medical services and
165 which were adopted and in existence immediately prior to the

166 effective date of this act shall continue to be effective and
167 shall be deemed to be the rules and regulations of the Board of
168 Emergency Medical Services, until revised, amended, repealed or
169 nullified pursuant to law.

170 **SECTION 5. Board of Emergency Medical Services successor to**
171 **certain powers, duties and functions of the division of EMS and**
172 **Mississippi State Department of Health; disposition of records and**
173 **fee monies; conflict resolved by Governor.** (1) Except as
174 provided by this act, the Board of Emergency Medical Services
175 established by this act shall be the successor to the powers,
176 duties and functions of the division of EMS and Mississippi State
177 Department of Health relating to (a) approval of emergency medical
178 services training, and (b) emergency medical training program
179 approvals in which the same were vested prior to the effective
180 date of this act.

181 (2) The Board of Emergency Medical Services shall succeed to
182 all records which were used for or pertain to the performance of
183 the powers, duties and functions transferred to the board pursuant
184 to subsection (1). Any conflict as to the proper disposition of
185 records arising under this section shall be resolved by the
186 Governor, whose decision shall be final.

187 (3) The board shall succeed to the unexpended balance of any
188 fees, funds or other money relating to the powers, duties and
189 functions transferred to the board pursuant to subsection (1).
190 Any conflict as to the proper disposition of such money shall be
191 resolved by the Governor, whose decision shall be final.

192 **SECTION 6. Certain officers and employees transferred; civil**
193 **service and retirement benefits preserved.** Officers and employees
194 who were engaged immediately prior to the effective date of this
195 act in the performance of powers, duties and functions, which are
196 transferred pursuant to the provisions of this act, and who, in
197 the opinion of the Board of Emergency Medical Services, are
198 necessary to perform the powers, duties and functions of the board

199 shall become officers and employees of the board. Any such
200 officer or employee shall retain all retirement benefits,
201 including the right to retain active participation in the
202 retirement system which the officer or employee belonged to on the
203 effective date of this act, and all rights of civil service which
204 had accrued to or vested in such officer or employee prior to the
205 effective date of this act. The service of each such officer and
206 employee so transferred shall be deemed to have been continuous.

207 **SECTION 7. Conflict as to disposition of power, duty or**
208 **function resolved by the Governor.** Whenever any conflict arises
209 as to the disposition of any power, duty or function as a result
210 of any abolishment or transfer made by this act, such conflict
211 shall be resolved by the Governor, and the decision of the
212 Governor shall be final.

213 **SECTION 8. Disposition of property and records and**
214 **appropriations; conflict resolved by the Governor.** The Board of
215 Emergency Medical Services shall succeed to all property and
216 records which were used for, or pertain to, the performance of the
217 powers, duties and functions transferred to the board pursuant to
218 this act. The unexpended balances of any appropriations for the
219 Division of Emergency Medical Services and the Mississippi State
220 Department of Health, abolished by this act, shall be transferred
221 to the Board of Emergency Medical Services to be used by the board
222 to carry out the powers, duties and functions transferred by this
223 act. Any conflict as to the proper disposition of property or
224 records or the unexpended balance of any appropriation arising
225 under this section shall be determined by the Governor, and the
226 decision of the Governor shall be final.

227 **SECTION 9. Rights saved in legal actions and proceedings.**
228 No suit, action or other proceeding, judicial or administrative,
229 lawfully commenced, or which could have been commenced, by or
230 against the division of emergency medical services and the
231 Mississippi State Department of Health abolished by this act, or

232 by or against any officer or employee of such bureau in the
233 official capacity of such officer or employee or in relation to
234 the discharge of official duties of such officer or employee,
235 shall abate by reason of the governmental reorganization effected
236 under the provisions of this act. The court may allow any such
237 suite, action or other proceeding to be maintained by or against
238 the successor of such state agency or any officer or employee
239 affected.

240 **SECTION 10. Rules and regulations; act not applicable to**
241 **certain rescue vehicles.** (1) The board shall adopt any rules and
242 regulations necessary for the regulation of ambulance services.
243 Such rules and regulations shall include: (a) a classification of
244 the different types of ambulance services; (b) requirements as to
245 equipment necessary for ambulances and rescue vehicles; (c)
246 qualifications and training of attendants, instructor-coordinators
247 and training officers; (d) requirements for the licensure and
248 renewal of licensure for ambulances and rescue vehicles; (e)
249 records and equipment to be maintained by operators,
250 instructor-coordinators, training officers, providers of training
251 and attendants; and (f) such other matters as the board deems
252 necessary to implement and administer the provisions of this act.

253 (2) The provisions of this act shall not apply to rescue
254 vehicles operated by a fire department.

255 **SECTION 11. Powers and duties of the Board of Emergency**

256 **Medical Services.** The Board of Emergency Medical Services shall:

257 (a) Adopt any rules and regulations necessary to carry
258 out the provisions of this act;

259 (b) Review and approve the allocation and expenditure
260 of monies appropriated for emergency medical services;

261 (c) Conduct hearings for all regulatory matters
262 concerning ambulance services, attendants,
263 instructor-coordinators, training officers and providers of
264 training;

- 265 (d) Submit a budget to the Legislature for the
266 operation of the board;
- 267 (e) Develop a state plan for the delivery of emergency
268 medical services;
- 269 (f) Enter into contracts as may be necessary to carry
270 out the duties and functions of the board under this act;
- 271 (g) Review and approve all requests for state and
272 federal funding involving emergency medical services projects in
273 the state or delegate such duties to the administrator;
- 274 (h) Approve all training programs for attendants,
275 instructor-coordinators and training officers and prescribe
276 application fees by rules and regulations;
- 277 (i) Approve methods of examination for certification of
278 attendants, training officers and instructor-coordinators and
279 prescribe examination fees by rules and regulations;
- 280 (j) Appoint a medical consultant for the board. Such
281 person shall be a person licensed to practice medicine and surgery
282 and shall be active in the field of emergency medical services;
283 and
- 284 (k) Approve providers of training by prescribing
285 standards and requirements by rules and regulations and withdraw
286 or modify such approval in accordance with the Mississippi
287 Administrative Procedures Act and the rules and regulations of the
288 board.

289 **SECTION 12.** Section 41-59-3, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
290 amended as follows:

291 41-59-3. As used in this chapter, unless the context
292 otherwise requires, the term:

- 293 (a) "Ambulance" means any privately or publicly owned
294 land or air vehicle that is especially designed, constructed,
295 modified or equipped to be used, maintained and operated upon the
296 streets, highways or airways of this state to assist persons who

297 are sick, injured, wounded, or otherwise incapacitated or
298 helpless;

299 (b) "Permit" means an authorization issued for an
300 ambulance vehicle and/or a special use EMS vehicle as meeting the
301 standards adopted under this chapter;

302 (c) "License" means an authorization to any person,
303 firm, corporation, or governmental division or agency to provide
304 ambulance services in the State of Mississippi;

305 (d) "Emergency medical technician" means an individual
306 who possesses a valid emergency medical technician's certificate
307 issued under the provisions of this chapter;

308 (e) "Certificate" means official acknowledgment that an
309 individual has successfully completed (i) the recommended basic
310 emergency medical technician training course referred to in this
311 chapter which entitles that individual to perform the functions
312 and duties of an emergency medical technician, or (ii) the
313 recommended medical first responder training course referred to in
314 this chapter which entitles that individual to perform the
315 functions and duties of a medical first responder;

316 (f) "Board" means the Mississippi Board of Emergency
317 Medical Services established under this act;

318 (g) "Department" means the Mississippi Board of
319 Emergency Medical Services established under this act;

320 (h) "Executive officer" means the chief administrative
321 officer of the Mississippi Board of Emergency Services established
322 under this act, or his designated representative;

323 (i) "First responder" means a person who uses a limited
324 amount of equipment to perform the initial assessment of and
325 intervention with sick, wounded or otherwise incapacitated
326 persons;

327 (j) "Medical first responder" means a person who uses a
328 limited amount of equipment to perform the initial assessment of
329 and intervention with sick, wounded or otherwise incapacitated

330 persons who (i) is trained to assist other EMS personnel by
331 successfully completing, and remaining current in refresher
332 training in accordance with, an approved "First Responder:
333 National Standard Curriculum" training program, as developed and
334 promulgated by the United States Department of Transportation,
335 (ii) is nationally registered as a first responder by the National
336 Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians; and (iii) is certified
337 as a medical first responder by the Mississippi Board of Emergency
338 Medical Services;

339 (k) "Invalid vehicle" means any privately or publicly
340 owned land or air vehicle that is maintained, operated and used
341 only to transport persons routinely who are convalescent or
342 otherwise nonambulatory and do not require the service of an
343 emergency medical technician while in transit;

344 (l) "Special use EMS vehicle" means any privately or
345 publicly owned land, water or air emergency vehicle used to
346 support the provision of emergency medical services. These
347 vehicles shall not be used routinely to transport patients;

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

352 (n) "Trauma care facility" or "trauma center" means a
353 hospital located in the State of Mississippi or a Level I trauma
354 care facility or center located in a state contiguous to the State
355 of Mississippi that has been designated by the department to
356 perform specified trauma care services within a trauma care system
357 pursuant to standards adopted by the department. Participation in
358 this designation by each hospital is voluntary;

359 (o) "Trauma registry" means a collection of data on
360 patients who receive hospital care for certain types of injuries.
361 Such data are primarily designed to ensure quality trauma care and
362 outcomes in individual institutions and trauma systems, but have

363 the secondary purpose of providing useful data for the
364 surveillance of injury morbidity and mortality;

365 (p) "Emergency medical condition" means a medical
366 condition manifesting itself by acute symptoms of sufficient
367 severity, including severe pain, psychiatric disturbances and/or
368 symptoms of substance abuse, such that a prudent layperson who
369 possesses an average knowledge of health and medicine could
370 reasonably expect the absence of immediate medical attention to
371 result in placing the health of the individual (or, with respect
372 to a pregnant woman, the health of the woman or her unborn child)
373 in serious jeopardy, serious impairment to bodily functions, or
374 serious dysfunction of any bodily organ or part;

375 (q) "Emergency medical call" means a situation that is
376 presumptively classified at time of dispatch to have a high index
377 of probability that an emergency medical condition or other
378 situation exists that requires medical intervention as soon as
379 possible to reduce the seriousness of the situation, or when the
380 exact circumstances are unknown, but the nature of the request is
381 suggestive of a true emergency where a patient may be at risk;

382 (r) "Emergency response" means responding immediately
383 at the basic life support or advanced life support level of
384 service to an emergency medical call. An immediate response is
385 one in which the ambulance supplier begins as quickly as possible
386 to take the steps necessary to respond to the call;

387 (s) "Emergency mode" means an ambulance or special use
388 EMS vehicle operating with emergency lights and warning siren (or
389 warning siren and air horn) while engaged in an emergency medical
390 call.

391 **SECTION 13.** Section 41-59-5, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
392 amended as follows:

393 41-59-5. (1) The Mississippi Board of Emergency Medical
394 Services shall establish and maintain a program for the
395 improvement and regulation of emergency medical services

396 (hereinafter EMS) in the State of Mississippi. The responsibility
397 for implementation and conduct of this program shall be vested in
398 the chief administrative officer of the Mississippi Board of
399 Emergency Medical Services along with such other officers and
400 boards as may be specified by law or regulation.

401 (2) The board shall provide for the regulation and licensing
402 of public and private ambulance service, inspection and issuance
403 of permits for ambulance vehicles, training and certification of
404 EMS personnel, including drivers and attendants, the development
405 and maintenance of a statewide EMS records program, development
406 and adoption of EMS regulations, the coordination of an EMS
407 communications system, and other related EMS activities.

408 (3) The board is authorized to promulgate and enforce such
409 rules, regulations and minimum standards as needed to carry out
410 the provisions of this chapter.

411 (4) The board is authorized to receive any funds
412 appropriated to the board from the Emergency Medical Services
413 Operating Fund created in Section 41-59-61 and is further
414 authorized * * * to administer the disbursement of such funds to
415 the counties, municipalities and organized emergency medical
416 service districts and the utilization of such funds by the same,
417 as provided in Section 41-59-61.

418 (5) The Mississippi Board of Emergency Medical Services
419 acting as the lead agency, in consultation with and having
420 solicited advice from the EMS Advisory Council, shall develop a
421 uniform nonfragmented inclusive statewide trauma care system that
422 provides excellent patient care. It is the intent of the
423 Legislature that the purpose of this system is to reduce death and
424 disability resulting from traumatic injury, and in order to
425 accomplish this goal it is necessary to assign additional
426 responsibilities to the board. The board is assigned the
427 responsibility for creating, implementing and managing the
428 statewide trauma care system. The board shall be designated as

429 the lead agency for trauma care systems development. The board
430 shall develop and administer trauma regulations that include, but
431 are not limited to, the Mississippi Trauma Care System Plan,
432 trauma system standards, trauma center designations, field triage,
433 interfacility trauma transfer, EMS aero medical transportation,
434 trauma data collection, trauma care system evaluation and
435 management of state trauma systems funding. The board shall take
436 the necessary steps to develop, adopt and implement the
437 Mississippi Trauma Care System Plan and all associated trauma care
438 system regulations necessary to implement the Mississippi trauma
439 care system. The board shall cause the implementation of both
440 professional and lay trauma education programs. These trauma
441 educational programs shall include both clinical trauma education
442 and injury prevention. As it is recognized that rehabilitation
443 services are essential for traumatized individuals to be returned
444 to active, productive lives, the board shall coordinate the
445 development of the inclusive trauma system with the Mississippi
446 Department of Rehabilitation Services and all other appropriate
447 rehabilitation systems.

448 (6) The Mississippi Board of Emergency Medical Services is
449 authorized to receive any funds appropriated to the board from the
450 Mississippi Trauma Care System Fund created in Section 41-59-75.
451 It is further authorized * * * to administer the disbursements of
452 such funds according to adopted trauma care system regulations.

453 (7) In addition to the trauma-related duties provided for in
454 this section, the Mississippi Board of Emergency Medical Services
455 shall develop a plan for the delivery of services to Mississippi
456 burn victims through the existing trauma care system of hospitals.
457 Such plan shall be operational by July 1, 2005, and shall include:

458 (a) Systems by which burn patients will be assigned or
459 transferred to hospitals capable of meeting their needs;

460 (b) Procedures for allocating funds appropriated from
461 the Mississippi Burn Care Fund to hospitals that provide services
462 to Mississippi burn victims; and

463 (c) Such other provisions necessary to provide burn
464 care for Mississippi residents.

465 **SECTION 14.** Section 41-59-7, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
466 amended as follows:

467 41-59-7. * * * From and after July 1, 2007, the Emergency
468 Medical Services Advisory Council established pursuant to this
469 section shall be abolished and its functions and responsibilities
470 shall be transferred to the Mississippi Board of Emergency Medical
471 Services established under this act.

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473 **SECTION 15.** Section 41-59-9, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
474 amended as follows:

475 41-59-9. From and after October 1, 1974, no person, firm,
476 corporation, association, county, municipality, or metropolitan
477 government or agency, either as owner, agent or otherwise, shall
478 hereafter furnish, operate, conduct, maintain, advertise or
479 otherwise engage in the business of service of transporting
480 patients upon the streets, highways or airways of Mississippi
481 unless he holds a currently valid license and permit, for each
482 ambulance, issued by the Mississippi Board of Emergency Medical
483 Services.

484 **SECTION 16.** Section 41-59-11, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
485 amended as follows:

486 41-59-11. Application for license shall be made to the
487 Mississippi Board of Emergency Medical Services by private firms
488 or nonfederal governmental agencies. The application shall be
489 made upon forms in accordance with procedures established by the
490 board and shall contain the following:

491 (a) The name and address of the owner of the ambulance
492 service or proposed ambulance service;

493 (b) The name in which the applicant is doing business
494 or proposes to do business;

495 (c) A description of each ambulance including the make,
496 model, year of manufacture, motor and chassis numbers, color
497 scheme, insignia, name, monogram or other distinguishing
498 characteristics to be used to designate applicant's ambulance;

499 (d) The location and description of the place or places
500 from which the ambulance service is intended to operate; and

501 (e) Such other information as the board shall deem
502 necessary.

503 Each application for a license shall be accompanied by a
504 license fee to be fixed by the board, which shall be paid to the
505 board.

506 **SECTION 17.** Section 41-59-13, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
507 amended as follows:

508 41-59-13. The Mississippi Board of Emergency Medical
509 Services shall issue a license which shall be valid for a period
510 one (1) year when it determines that all the requirements of this
511 chapter have been met.

512 **SECTION 18.** Section 41-59-15, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
513 amended as follows:

514 41-59-15. Subsequent to issuance of any license, the
515 Mississippi Board of Emergency Medical Services shall cause to be
516 inspected each ambulance service, including ambulances, equipment,
517 personnel, records, premises and operational procedures whenever
518 such inspection is deemed necessary, but in any event not less
519 than two (2) times each year. The periodic inspection herein
520 required shall be in addition to any other state or local safety
521 or motor vehicle inspections required for ambulances or other
522 motor vehicles provided by law or ordinance.

523 **SECTION 19.** Section 41-59-17, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
524 amended as follows:

525 41-59-17. (1) The Mississippi Board of Emergency Medical
526 Services is hereby authorized to suspend or revoke a license
527 whenever it determines that the holder no longer meets the
528 requirements prescribed for operating an ambulance service.

529 (2) A license issued under this chapter may be renewed upon
530 payment of a renewal fee to be fixed by the board, which shall be
531 paid to the board. Renewal of any license issued under the
532 provisions of this chapter shall require conformance with all the
533 requirements of this chapter as upon original licensing.

534 **SECTION 20.** Section 41-59-19, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
535 amended as follows:

536 41-59-19. The Mississippi Board of Emergency Medical
537 Services is authorized to provide for procedures to be utilized in
538 acting on changes of ownership in accordance with regulations
539 established by the board.

540 **SECTION 21.** Section 41-59-23, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
541 amended as follows:

542 41-59-23. (1) Before a vehicle can be operated as an
543 ambulance, its licensed owner must apply for and receive an
544 ambulance permit issued by the Mississippi Board of Emergency
545 Medical Services for such vehicle. Application shall be made upon
546 forms and according to procedures established by the board. Each
547 application for an ambulance permit shall be accompanied by a
548 permit fee to be fixed by the board, which shall be paid to the
549 board. Prior to issuing an original or renewal permit for an
550 ambulance, the vehicle for which the permit is issued shall be
551 inspected and a determination made that the vehicle meets all
552 requirements as to vehicle design, sanitation, construction,
553 medical equipment and supplies set forth in this chapter and
554 regulations promulgated by the board. Permits issued for
555 ambulance shall be valid for a period not to exceed one (1) year.

556 (2) The board is hereby authorized to suspend or revoke an
557 ambulance permit any time it determines that the vehicle and/or

558 its equipment no longer meets the requirements specified by this
559 chapter and regulations promulgated by the board.

560 (3) The board may issue temporary permits valid for a period
561 not to exceed ninety (90) days for ambulances not meeting required
562 standards when it determines the public interest will thereby be
563 served.

564 (4) When a permit has been issued for an ambulance as
565 specified herein, the ambulance records relating to maintenance
566 and operation of such ambulance shall be open to inspection by a
567 duly authorized representative of the board during normal working
568 hours.

569 (5) An ambulance permit issued under this chapter may be
570 renewed upon payment of a renewal fee to be fixed by the board,
571 which shall be paid to the board. Renewal of any ambulance permit
572 issued under the provisions of this chapter shall require
573 conformance with all requirements of this chapter.

574 **SECTION 22.** Section 41-59-25, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
575 amended as follows:

576 41-59-25. (1) Standards for the design, construction,
577 equipment, sanitation and maintenance of ambulance vehicles shall
578 be developed by the Mississippi Board of Emergency Medical
579 Services. Each standard may be revised as deemed necessary by the
580 board when it determines * * * that such will be in the public
581 interest. However, standards for design and construction shall
582 not take effect until July 1, 1979; and such standards when
583 promulgated shall substantially conform to any pertinent
584 recommendations and criteria established by the American College
585 of Surgeons and the National Academy of Sciences, and shall be
586 based on a norm that the ambulance shall be sufficient in size to
587 transport one (1) litter patient and an emergency medical
588 technician with space around the patient to permit a technician to
589 administer life supporting treatment to at least one (1) patient
590 during transit.

591 (2) On or after July 1, 1975, each ambulance shall have
592 basic equipment determined essential by the board * * *.

593 (3) Standards governing the sanitation and maintenance of
594 ambulance vehicles shall require that the interior of the vehicle
595 and the equipment therein be maintained in a manner that is safe,
596 sanitary, and in good working order at all times.

597 (4) Standards for the design, construction, equipment and
598 maintenance of special use EMS vehicles shall be developed by the
599 board * * *.

600 **SECTION 23.** Section 41-59-27, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
601 amended as follows:

602 41-59-27. There shall be at all times in force and effect on
603 any ambulance vehicle operating in this state insurance issued by
604 an insurance company licensed to do business in this state, which
605 shall provide coverage:

606 (a) For injury to or death of individuals resulting
607 from any cause for which the owner of said ambulance would be
608 liable regardless of whether the ambulance was being driven by the
609 owner or his agent; and

610 (b) Against damage to the property of another,
611 including personal property.

612 The minimum amounts of such insurance coverage shall be
613 determined by the Mississippi Board of Emergency Medical
614 Services * * *, except that the minimum coverage shall not be less
615 than Twenty-five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00) for bodily injury
616 to or death of one (1) person in any one (1) accident, Fifty
617 Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00) for bodily injury to or death of two
618 (2) or more persons in any one (1) accident, and Ten Thousand
619 Dollars (\$10,000.00) for damage to or destruction of property of
620 others in any one (1) accident.

621 **SECTION 24.** Section 41-59-31, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
622 amended as follows:

623 41-59-31. The Mississippi Board of Emergency Medical
624 Services shall develop an emergency medical technicians training
625 program based upon the nationally approved United States
626 Department of Transportation "Basic Training Program for Emergency
627 Medical Technicians-Ambulance" prepared in compliance with
628 recommendations of the National Academy of Sciences. The program
629 shall be periodically revised by the board to meet new and
630 changing needs.

631 **SECTION 25.** Section 41-59-33, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
632 amended as follows:

633 41-59-33. Any person desiring certification as an emergency
634 medical technician shall apply to the Mississippi Board of
635 Emergency Medical Services using forms prescribed by the board.
636 Each application for an emergency medical technician certificate
637 shall be accompanied by a certificate fee to be fixed by the
638 board, which shall be paid to the board. Upon the successful
639 completion of the board's approved emergency medical technical
640 training program, the board shall make a determination of the
641 applicant's qualifications as an emergency medical technician as
642 set forth in the regulations promulgated by the board, and shall
643 issue an emergency medical technician certificate to the
644 applicant.

645 **SECTION 26.** Section 41-59-35, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
646 amended as follows:

647 41-59-35. (1) An emergency medical technician certificate
648 so issued shall be valid for a period not exceeding two (2) years
649 from the date of issuance and may be renewed upon payment of a
650 renewal fee to be fixed by the Mississippi Board of Emergency
651 Medical Services, which shall be paid to the board, provided that
652 the holder meets the qualifications set forth in this Chapter 59
653 and Chapter 60 and rules and regulations promulgated by the board.

654 (2) The board is authorized to suspend or revoke a
655 certificate so issued at any time it is determined that the holder
656 no longer meets the prescribed qualifications.

657 (3) It shall be unlawful for any person, corporation or
658 association to, in any manner, represent himself or itself as an
659 Emergency Medical Technician-Basic, Emergency Medical
660 Technician-Intermediate, Emergency Medical Technician-Paramedic,
661 or Emergency Medical Services Driver, or use in connection with
662 his or its name the words or letters of EMT, emt, paramedic, or
663 any other letters, words, abbreviations or insignia which would
664 indicate or imply that he or it is an Emergency Medical
665 Technician-Basic, Emergency Medical Technician-Intermediate,
666 Emergency Medical Technician-Paramedic, or Emergency Medical
667 Services Driver, unless certified in accordance with Chapters 59
668 and 60 of this title and in accordance with the rules and
669 regulations promulgated by the board. It shall be unlawful to
670 employ an uncertified Emergency Medical Technician-Basic,
671 Emergency Medical Technician-Intermediate, or Emergency Medical
672 Technician-Paramedic to provide basic or advanced life support
673 services.

674 (4) Any Emergency Medical Technician-Basic, Emergency
675 Medical Technician-Intermediate, Emergency Medical
676 Technician-Paramedic, or Emergency Medical Services Driver who
677 violates or fails to comply with these statutes or the rules and
678 regulations promulgated by the Mississippi Board of Emergency
679 Medical Services hereunder shall be subject, after due notice and
680 hearing, to an administrative fine not to exceed One Thousand
681 Dollars (\$1,000.00).

682 **SECTION 27.** Section 41-59-37, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
683 amended as follows:

684 41-59-37. The Mississippi Board of Emergency Medical
685 Services may, in its discretion, issue a temporary ambulance
686 attendant's permit which shall not be valid for more than one (1)

687 year from the date of issuance, and which shall be renewable to an
688 individual who may or may not meet qualifications established
689 pursuant to this chapter upon determination that such will be in
690 the public interest.

691 **SECTION 28.** Section 41-59-39, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
692 amended as follows:

693 41-59-39. The Mississippi Board of Emergency Medical
694 Services, after consultation with the emergency medical services
695 advisory council, shall establish minimum standards which permit
696 the operation of invalid vehicles as a separate class of ambulance
697 service.

698 **SECTION 29.** Section 41-59-41, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
699 amended as follows:

700 41-59-41. Each licensee of an ambulance service shall
701 maintain accurate records upon such forms as may be provided, and
702 contain such information as may be required by the Mississippi
703 Board of Emergency Medical Services concerning the transportation
704 of each patient within this state and beyond its limits. Such
705 records shall be available for inspection by the board at any
706 reasonable time, and copies thereof shall be furnished to the
707 board upon request.

708 **SECTION 30.** Section 41-59-45, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
709 amended as follows:

710 41-59-45. (1) It shall be the duty of the licensed owner of
711 any ambulance service or other employer of emergency medical
712 technicians for the purpose of providing basic or advanced life
713 support services to insure compliance with the provisions of this
714 Chapter 59 and Chapter 60 and all rules and regulations
715 promulgated by the Mississippi Board of Emergency Medical
716 Services.

717 (2) Any person, corporation or association that violates any
718 rule or regulation promulgated by the board pursuant to these
719 statutes regarding the provision of ambulance services or the

720 provision of basic or advanced life support services by emergency
721 medical technicians shall, after due notice and hearing, be
722 subject to an administrative fine not to exceed One Thousand
723 Dollars (\$1,000.00) per occurrence.

724 (3) Any person violating or failing to comply with any other
725 provisions of this Chapter 59 or Chapter 60 shall be deemed guilty
726 of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof shall be fined an
727 amount not to exceed Fifty Dollars (\$50.00) or be imprisoned for a
728 period not to exceed thirty (30) days, or both, for each offense.

729 (4) The board may cause to be instituted a civil action in
730 the chancery court of the county in which any alleged offender of
731 this Chapter 59 or Chapter 60 may reside or have his principal
732 place of business for injunctive relief to prevent any violation
733 of any provision of this Chapter 59 or Chapter 60, or any rules or
734 regulation adopted by the board pursuant to the provisions of this
735 Chapter 59 or Chapter 60.

736 (5) Each day that any violation or failure to comply with
737 any provision of this chapter or any rule or regulation
738 promulgated by the board thereto is committed or permitted to
739 continue shall constitute a separate and distinct offense under
740 this section, except that the court may, in its discretion, stay
741 the cumulation of penalties.

742 It shall not be considered a violation of this Chapter 59 or
743 Chapter 60 for a vehicle domiciled in a nonparticipating
744 jurisdiction to travel in a participating jurisdiction.

745 **SECTION 31.** Section 41-59-47, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
746 amended as follows:

747 41-59-47. The provisions of this chapter shall apply to all
748 counties and incorporated municipalities except those counties and
749 incorporated municipalities electing not to comply as expressed to
750 the Mississippi Board of Emergency Medical Services in a written
751 resolution by the governing body of such county or incorporated
752 municipality. The election of any county to be included or

753 excluded shall in no way affect the election of any incorporated
754 municipality to be included or excluded. If any county or
755 municipality elects to be excluded from this chapter, they may
756 later elect to be included by resolution.

757 All financial grants administered by the state for emergency
758 medical services pertaining to this chapter shall be made
759 available to those counties and incorporated municipalities which
760 are governed by the provisions of this chapter.

761 **SECTION 32.** Section 41-59-49, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
762 amended as follows:

763 41-59-49. Any person, firm, corporation, association,
764 county, municipality or metropolitan government or agency whose
765 application for a permit or license has been rejected or whose
766 permit or license is suspended or revoked by the Mississippi Board
767 of Emergency Medical Services shall have the right to appeal such
768 decision, within thirty (30) days after receipt of the board's
769 written decision, to the chancery court of the county where the
770 applicant or licensee is domiciled. The appeal before the
771 chancery court shall be de novo and the decision of the chancery
772 court may be appealed to the supreme court in the manner provided
773 by law.

774 **SECTION 33.** Section 41-59-61, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
775 amended as follows:

776 41-59-61. (1) Such assessments as are collected under
777 subsections (1) and (2) of Section 99-19-73 shall be deposited in
778 a special fund hereby created in the State Treasury to be
779 designated the "Emergency Medical Services Operating Fund." The
780 Legislature may make appropriations from the Emergency Medical
781 Services Operating Fund to the Mississippi Board of Emergency
782 Medical Services for the purpose of defraying costs of
783 administration of the Emergency Medical Services Operating Fund
784 (EMSOF) and for redistribution of such funds to the counties,
785 municipalities and organized medical service districts

786 (hereinafter referred to as "governmental units") for the support
787 of the Emergency Medical Services programs. The Mississippi Board
788 of Emergency Medical Services * * * shall administer the
789 disbursement to such governmental units of any funds appropriated
790 to the board from the Emergency Medical Services Operating Fund
791 and the utilization of such funds by the governmental units.

792 (2) Funds appropriated from the Emergency Medical Services
793 Operating Fund to the Mississippi Board of Emergency Medical
794 Services shall be made available to all such governmental units to
795 support the Emergency Medical Services programs therein, and such
796 funds shall be distributed to each governmental unit based upon
797 its general population relative to the total population of the
798 state. Disbursement of such funds shall be made on an annual
799 basis at the end of the fiscal year upon the request of each
800 governmental unit. Funds distributed to such governmental units
801 shall be used in addition to existing annual Emergency Medical
802 Services budgets of the governmental units, and no such funds
803 shall be used for the payment of any attorney's fees. The
804 Director of the Emergency Medical Services program or his
805 appointed designee is hereby authorized to require financial
806 reports from the governmental units utilizing these funds in order
807 to provide satisfactory proof of the maintenance of the funding
808 effort by the governmental units.

809 **SECTION 34.** Section 41-59-63, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
810 amended as follows:

811 41-59-63. The solicitation of membership subscriptions, the
812 acceptance of membership applications, the charging of membership
813 fees, and the furnishing of prepaid or discounted ambulance
814 service to subscription members and designated members of their
815 households by either a public or private ambulance service
816 licensed and regulated by the Mississippi Board of Emergency
817 Medical Services pursuant to Section 41-59-1 et seq. shall not
818 constitute the writing of insurance and the agreement under and

819 pursuant to which such prepaid or discounted ambulance service is
820 provided to the subscription members and to designated members of
821 their households shall not constitute a contract of insurance.

822 **SECTION 35.** Section 41-59-65, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
823 amended as follows:

824 41-59-65. Either a public or private ambulance service
825 licensed and regulated by the Mississippi Board of Emergency
826 Medical Services desiring to offer such a membership subscription
827 program shall make application for permit to conduct and implement
828 such program to the Mississippi Board of Emergency Medical
829 Services. The application shall be made upon forms in accordance
830 with procedures established by the board and shall contain the
831 following:

832 (a) The name and address of the owner of the ambulance
833 service;

834 (b) The name in which the applicant is doing business;

835 (c) The location and description of the place or places
836 from which the ambulance service operates;

837 (d) The places or areas in which the ambulance service
838 intends to conduct and operate a membership subscription program;
839 and

840 (e) Such other information as the board shall deem
841 necessary.

842 Each application for a permit shall be accompanied by a
843 permit fee of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00), which shall be paid
844 to the board. The permit shall be issued to expire the next
845 ensuing December 31. The permit issued under this section may be
846 renewed upon payment of a renewal fee of Five Hundred Dollars
847 (\$500.00), which shall be paid to the board. Renewal of any
848 permit issued under this section shall require conformance with
849 all requirements of this chapter.

850 **SECTION 36.** Section 41-59-67, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
851 amended as follows:

852 41-59-67. The issuance of a permit to conduct and implement
853 a membership subscription program shall require the following:

854 (a) The posting of a surety bond with one or more
855 surety companies to be approved by the Mississippi Board of
856 Emergency Medical Services, in the amount of Five Thousand Dollars
857 (\$5,000.00) for every one thousand (1,000) subscribers or portion
858 thereof; and

859 (b) The establishment of a reserve fund to consist of a
860 deposit to the reserve fund with any depository approved by the
861 state for the benefit of the subscription members in the amount of
862 Three Dollars (\$3.00) for each subscription member currently
863 subscribing to the subscription program, but not for the
864 designated members of the subscribing member's household, to
865 guarantee perpetuation of the subscription membership program
866 until all memberships are terminated; and

867 (c) No further deposits shall be required to be made by
868 the ambulance service to the reserve fund after the aggregate sum
869 of the principal amount of said surety bond plus the deposits in
870 the reserve fund is equal to Two Hundred Thousand Dollars
871 (\$200,000.00).

872 In any action brought by a subscriber against the surety bond
873 or the reserve fund, the cost of collection upon a judgment
874 rendered in favor of the subscriber, including attorney's fees,
875 shall be paid by the ambulance service.

876 **SECTION 37.** Section 41-59-69, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
877 amended as follows:

878 41-59-69. Annual reports shall be filed with the Mississippi
879 Board of Emergency Medical Services by the ambulance service
880 permitted to conduct and implement a membership subscription
881 program in the manner and form prescribed by the Mississippi Board
882 of Emergency Medical Services, which report shall contain the
883 following:

- 884 (a) The name and address of the ambulance service
885 conducting the program;
- 886 (b) The number of members subscribing to the
887 subscription program;
- 888 (c) The revenues generated by subscriptions to the
889 program; and
- 890 (d) The name and address of the depository bank in
891 which the reserve fund is deposited and the amount of deposit in
892 said reserve fund.

893 **SECTION 38.** Section 41-59-75, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
894 amended as follows:

895 41-59-75. The Mississippi Trauma Care Systems Fund is
896 established. Ten Dollars (\$10.00) collected from each assessment
897 of Fifteen Dollars (\$15.00) as provided in Section 41-59-61, and
898 any other funds made available for funding the trauma care system,
899 shall be deposited into the fund. Funds appropriated from the
900 Mississippi Trauma Care Systems Fund to the Mississippi Board of
901 Emergency Medical Services shall be made available for department
902 administration and implementation of the comprehensive state
903 trauma care plan for distribution by the department to designated
904 trauma care regions for regional administration, for the
905 department's trauma specific public information and education
906 plan, and to provide hospital and physician indigent trauma care
907 block grant funding to trauma centers designated by the
908 department. All designated trauma care hospitals are eligible to
909 contract with the department for these funds.

910 **SECTION 39.** Section 41-59-77, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
911 amended as follows:

912 41-59-77. Data obtained under this act for use in the trauma
913 registry is for the confidential use of the Mississippi Board of
914 Emergency Medical Services and the persons, public entities or
915 private entities that participate in the collection of the trauma
916 registry data.

917 Any data which identifies an individual or a family unit that
918 is collected for use in the trauma registry shall be confidential
919 and shall not be subject to discovery or introduction into
920 evidence in any civil action.

921 **SECTION 40.** Section 41-59-79, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
922 amended as follows:

923 41-59-79. Any person desiring certification as a medical
924 first responder shall apply to the board using forms prescribed by
925 the Mississippi Board of Emergency Medical Services. Each
926 application for a medical first responder certificate shall be
927 accompanied by a certificate fee to be fixed by the board, which
928 shall be paid to the board. Upon the successful completion of the
929 board's approved medical first responder training program, the
930 board shall make a determination of the applicant's qualifications
931 as a medical first responder as set forth in the regulations
932 promulgated by the board, and shall issue a medical first
933 responder certificate to the applicant.

934 **SECTION 41.** Section 41-59-81, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
935 amended as follows:

936 41-59-81. (1) The Mississippi Board of Emergency Medical
937 Services is authorized to promulgate and enforce rules and
938 regulations to provide for the best and most effective emergency
939 medical care by medical first responders, and to comply with
940 national standards for medical first responders. Notwithstanding
941 any other provision of law, medical first responder personnel may
942 be authorized to provide medical first responder services as
943 defined by rules and regulations promulgated by the Mississippi
944 Board of Emergency Medical Services.

945 Rules and regulations promulgated under this authority shall,
946 as a minimum:

947 (a) Define and authorize functions and training
948 programs for medical first responder personnel; however, all those
949 training programs shall meet or exceed the performance

950 requirements of the most current training program "First
951 Responder: National Standard Curriculum" as developed by the
952 United States Department of Transportation, National Highway
953 Traffic Safety Administration.

954 (b) Specify minimum testing and certification
955 requirements and provide for continuing education and periodic
956 recertification for all medical first responder personnel.

957 (2) Counties, municipalities and designated EMS districts
958 may regulate the activities of medical first responders in
959 addition to the regulation imposed by rules and regulations
960 promulgated by the Mississippi Board of Emergency Medical
961 Services.

962 (3) The Mississippi Board of Emergency Medical Services
963 shall not be authorized to regulate the activities of, or require
964 the state certification of, those first responders who are not
965 medical first responders.

966 **SECTION 42.** Section 41-60-11, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
967 amended as follows:

968 41-60-11. As used in Sections 41-60-11 and 41-60-13, unless
969 the context otherwise requires, the term:

970 (a) "Advanced life support" shall mean a sophisticated
971 level of prehospital and interhospital emergency care which
972 includes basic life support functions including cardiopulmonary
973 resuscitation (CPR), plus cardiac monitoring, cardiac
974 defibrillation, telemetered electrocardiography, administration of
975 antiarrhythmic agents, intravenous therapy, administration of
976 specific medications, drugs and solutions, use of adjunctive
977 ventilation devices, trauma care and other authorized techniques
978 and procedures.

979 (b) "Advanced life support personnel" shall mean
980 persons other than physicians engaged in the provision of advanced
981 life support, as defined and regulated by rules and regulations
982 promulgated by the board.

983 (c) "Emergency medical technician-intermediate" shall
984 mean a person specially trained in advanced life support modules,
985 numbers I, II and III as developed for the United States
986 Department of Transportation under Contract No. DOT-HS-900-089, as
987 authorized by the Mississippi Board of Emergency Medical Services.

988 (d) "Emergency medical technician-paramedic" shall mean
989 a person specially trained in an advanced life support training
990 program authorized by the Mississippi Board of Emergency Medical
991 Services.

992 (e) "Medical control" shall mean directions and advice
993 provided from a centrally designated medical facility staffed by
994 appropriate personnel, operating under medical supervision,
995 supplying professional support through radio or telephonic
996 communication for on-site and in-transit basic and advanced life
997 support services given by field and satellite facility personnel.

998 **SECTION 43.** Section 41-60-13, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
999 amended as follows:

1000 41-60-13. The Mississippi Board of Emergency Medical
1001 Services is authorized to promulgate and enforce rules and
1002 regulations to provide for the best and most effective emergency
1003 medical care, and to comply with national standards for advanced
1004 life support. Notwithstanding any other provision of law,
1005 advanced life support personnel may be authorized to provide
1006 advanced life support services as defined by rules and regulations
1007 promulgated by the Mississippi Board of Emergency Medical
1008 Services. Rules and regulations promulgated pursuant to this
1009 authority shall, as a minimum:

1010 (a) Define and authorize appropriate functions and
1011 training programs for advanced life support trainees and
1012 personnel; provided, that all such training programs shall meet or
1013 exceed the performance requirements of the current training
1014 program for the emergency medical technician-paramedic, developed
1015 for the United States Department of Transportation.

1016 (b) Specify minimum operational requirements which will
1017 assure medical control over all advanced life support services.

1018 (c) Specify minimum testing and certification
1019 requirements and provide for continuing education and periodic
1020 recertification for all advanced life support personnel.

1021 **SECTION 44.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
1022 and after July 1, 2007.