

By: Representatives Powell, Sykes

To: Public Health and Human Services

HOUSE BILL NO. 1182

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTIONS 41-59-35, 41-23-39 AND 41-60-11,  
2 MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO CHANGE REFERENCES FROM EMERGENCY  
3 MEDICAL TECHNICIAN-INTERMEDIATE TO EMERGENCY MEDICAL  
4 TECHNICIAN-ADVANCED; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

6 **SECTION 1.** Section 41-59-35, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
7 amended as follows:

8 41-59-35. (1) An emergency medical technician certificate  
9 so issued shall be valid for a period not exceeding two (2) years  
10 from the date of issuance and may be renewed upon payment of a  
11 renewal fee to be fixed by the board, which shall be paid to the  
12 board, provided that the holder meets the qualifications set forth  
13 in this Chapter 59 and Chapter 60 and rules and regulations  
14 promulgated by the board. Any increase in the fee charged by the  
15 board under this subsection shall be in accordance with the  
16 provisions of Section 41-3-65.

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



20 (3) It shall be unlawful for any person, corporation or  
21 association to, in any manner, represent himself, herself or  
22 itself as an Emergency Medical Technician-Basic, Emergency Medical  
23 Technician- \* \* \* Advanced, Emergency Medical  
24 Technician-Paramedic, Emergency Medical Technician-Paramedic  
25 Critical Care, or Emergency Medical Services Driver, or use in  
26 connection with his or its name the words or letters of EMT, emt,  
27 paramedic, critical care paramedic, or any other letters, words,  
28 abbreviations or insignia which would indicate or imply that he,  
29 she or it is an Emergency Medical Technician-Basic, Emergency  
30 Medical Technician- \* \* \* Advanced, Emergency Medical  
31 Technician-Paramedic, Emergency Medical Technician-Paramedic  
32 Critical Care, or Emergency Medical Services Driver, unless  
33 certified in accordance with Chapters 59 and 60 of this title and  
34 in accordance with the rules and regulations promulgated by the  
35 board; or a person who has a privilege to practice under the  
36 Emergency Medical Services Personnel Licensure Interstate Compact.  
37 It shall be unlawful to employ an uncertified Emergency Medical  
38 Technician-Basic, Emergency Medical Technician- \* \* \* Advanced,  
39 Emergency Medical Technician-Paramedic, or Emergency Medical  
40 Technician-Paramedic Critical Care to provide basic or advanced  
41 life-support services.

42 (4) Any Emergency Medical Technician-Basic, Emergency  
43 Medical Technician- \* \* \* Advanced, Emergency Medical  
44 Technician-Paramedic, Emergency Medical Technician-Paramedic



45 Critical Care, or Emergency Medical Services Driver who violates  
46 or fails to comply with these statutes or the rules and  
47 regulations promulgated by the board \* \* \* these statutes shall be  
48 subject, after due notice and hearing, to an administrative fine  
49 not to exceed One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00).

50 **SECTION 2.** Section 41-23-39, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
51 amended as follows:

52 41-23-39. The following terms when used in Sections 41-23-39  
53 and 41-23-41 shall have the following meanings \* \* \* ascribed in  
54 this section:

55 (a) "Emergency medical technician" means a person  
56 licensed \* \* \* under Section 41-59-1 et seq. \* \* \* to provide  
57 emergency medical services as an emergency medical  
58 technician-ambulance, emergency medical technician- \* \* \*  
59 advanced, emergency medical technician-paramedic, or emergency  
60 medical technician-nurse-paramedic.

61 (b) "Fire department" means service groups (paid or  
62 volunteer) that are organized and trained for the prevention and  
63 control of loss of life and property from fire and/or other  
64 emergencies.

65 (c) "Firefighter" means an individual who is assigned  
66 to fire fighting activity and is required to respond to alarms and  
67 perform emergency actions at the location of a fire, hazardous  
68 materials or other emergency incident.



69 (d) "Infectious disease" means any condition as listed  
70 or determined by the State Department of Health that may be  
71 transmitted by an infected person.

72 (e) "Licensed facility" means hospital, nursing home,  
73 medical clinic or dialysis center, as licensed by the state to  
74 provide medical care, but shall not include a physician's office.

75 (f) "Bystanding caregiver" means any person who is  
76 unlicensed or noncertified in providing medical services or  
77 emergency medical services, who provides care or services to an  
78 injured person at the scene of an emergency before the arrival and  
79 rendering of emergency medical services by a licensed or certified  
80 emergency medical services provider.

81 **SECTION 3.** Section 41-60-11, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
82 amended as follows:

83 41-60-11. As used in Sections 41-59-29 through 41-59-37 and  
84 Sections 41-60-11 and 41-60-13, unless the context otherwise  
85 requires, the term:

86 (a) "Advanced life support" \* \* \* means a sophisticated  
87 level of prehospital and interhospital emergency care which  
88 includes basic life-support functions including cardiopulmonary  
89 resuscitation (CPR), plus cardiac monitoring, cardiac  
90 defibrillation, telemetered electrocardiography, administration of  
91 antiarrhythmic agents, intravenous therapy, administration of  
92 specific medications, drugs and solutions, use of adjunctive



93 ventilation devices, trauma care and other authorized techniques  
94 and procedures.

95 (b) "Advanced life-support personnel" \* \* \* means  
96 persons other than physicians engaged in the provision of advanced  
97 life support, as defined and regulated by rules and regulations  
98 promulgated by the board.

99 (c) "Emergency medical technician- \* \* \*  
100 advanced" \* \* \* means a person specially trained in advanced  
101 life-support modules, numbers I, II and III as developed for the  
102 United States Department of Transportation under Contract No.  
103 DOT-HS-900-089, as authorized by the Mississippi State Board of  
104 Health.

105 (d) "Emergency medical technician-paramedic" \* \* \*  
106 means a person specially trained in an advanced life-support  
107 training program authorized by the Mississippi State Board of  
108 Health.

109 (e) "Emergency medical technician-paramedic critical  
110 care" \* \* \* means a person who (i) is licensed as a Mississippi  
111 Emergency Medical Technician Paramedic, and (ii) has successfully  
112 completed a critical care paramedic program recognized by the  
113 Bureau of Emergency Medical Services and the Mississippi State  
114 Department of Health.

115 (f) "Medical control" \* \* \* means directions and advice  
116 provided from a centrally designated medical facility staffed by  
117 appropriate personnel, operating under medical supervision,



118 supplying professional support through radio or telephonic  
119 communication for on-site and in-transit basic and advanced  
120 life-support services given by field and satellite facility  
121 personnel.

122           **SECTION 4.** This act shall take effect and be in force from  
123 and after July 1, 2018.

