

By: Representative Rushing

To: Public Health and Human
Services

HOUSE BILL NO. 696

1 AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIANS CERTIFIED
2 BY THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH WHO ARE PART OF A LAW
3 ENFORCEMENT AGENCY'S SPECIAL RESPONSE TEAM (SRT) OR SPECIAL
4 WEAPONS AND TACTICS (SWAT) TEAM WHO HAVE UNDERGONE EXTENSIVE
5 TRAINING AND CERTIFICATIONS WITHIN THE SCOPE OF TACTICAL EMERGENCY
6 CASUALTY CARE (TECC) AND/OR TACTICAL COMBAT CASUALTY CARE (TCCC)
7 TO PERFORM CERTAIN ADVANCED MEDICAL PROCEDURES UNDER MEDICAL
8 CONTROL; TO BRING FORWARD SECTIONS 41-60-11 AND 41-60-13,
9 MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, WHICH RELATE TO EMERGENCY MEDICAL
10 TECHNICIANS PROVIDING ADVANCED LIFE SUPPORT SERVICES, FOR THE
11 PURPOSES OF POSSIBLE AMENDMENT; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

13 **SECTION 1.** (1) Emergency medical technicians certified by
14 the State Department of Health who are part of a law enforcement
15 agency's Special Response Team (SRT) or Special Weapons and
16 Tactics (SWAT) Team who have undergone extensive training and
17 certifications within the scope of Tactical Emergency Casualty
18 Care (TECC) and/or Tactical Combat Casualty Care (TCCC), as
19 determined by the department, are authorized to perform advanced
20 medical procedures under medical control, including, but not
21 limited to, the following:



22 (a) Airway management by means of nasopharyngeal (NPA),
23 oropharyngeal (OPA), and/or supraglottic, with the usage of oxygen
24 blow-by, nasal cannula (NC), or bag valve mask (BVM);

25 (b) Relieving possible tension pneumothorax secondary
26 to trauma by means of chest needle decompression;

27 (c) Intravenous vascular access for fluid replacement,
28 fluid administration, and/or saline lock, in preparation for
29 higher level of care and/or medication administration from a
30 higher level provider; and

31 (d) Such other advanced medical procedures as specified
32 by the department.

33 (2) The State Board of Health shall adopt rules and
34 regulations to implement the provisions of this section.

35 **SECTION 2.** Section 41-60-11, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
36 brought forward as follows:

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

40 (a) "Advanced life support" means a sophisticated level
41 of prehospital and interhospital emergency care which includes
42 basic life-support functions including cardiopulmonary
43 resuscitation (CPR), plus cardiac monitoring, cardiac
44 defibrillation, telemetered electrocardiography, administration of
45 antiarrhythmic agents, intravenous therapy, administration of
46 specific medications, drugs and solutions, use of adjunctive



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

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

(c) "Emergency medical technician-advanced" means a person specially trained in an advanced life-support training program authorized by the Mississippi State Board of Health.

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

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

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



72 **SECTION 3.** Section 41-60-13, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
73 brought forward as follows:

74 41-60-13. The Mississippi State Board of Health is
75 authorized to promulgate and enforce rules and regulations to
76 provide for the best and most effective emergency medical care,
77 and to comply with national standards for advanced life support.
78 Notwithstanding any other provision of law, advanced life support
79 personnel may be authorized to provide advanced life support
80 services as defined by rules and regulations promulgated by the
81 State Board of Health. Rules and regulations promulgated pursuant
82 to this authority shall, as a minimum:

83 (a) Define and authorize appropriate functions and
84 training programs for advanced life support trainees and
85 personnel; provided, that all such training programs shall meet or
86 exceed the performance requirements of the current training
87 program for the emergency medical technician-paramedic, developed
88 for the United States Department of Transportation.

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

91 (c) Specify minimum testing and certification
92 requirements and provide for continuing education and periodic
93 recertification for all advanced life support personnel.

94 **SECTION 4.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
95 and after July 1, 2025.

