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**A BILL**

To amend sections 4766.01, 4766.03, 4766.04, 1  
4766.05, 4766.06, 4766.07, 4766.08, 4766.22, and 2  
4766.23 of the Revised Code to establish 3  
requirements for the regulation of hospice 4  
transport vehicles and to modify certain laws 5  
governing ambulances and other medical-related 6  
vehicles. 7

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF OHIO:**

**Section 1.** That sections 4766.01, 4766.03, 4766.04, 8  
4766.05, 4766.06, 4766.07, 4766.08, 4766.22, and 4766.23 of the 9  
Revised Code be amended to read as follows: 10

**Sec. 4766.01.** As used in this chapter: 11

(A) "Advanced life support" means treatment described in 12  
section 4765.39 of the Revised Code that a paramedic is 13  
certified to perform. 14

(B) "Air medical service organization" means an 15  
organization that furnishes, conducts, maintains, advertises, 16  
promotes, or otherwise engages in providing medical services 17



with a rotorcraft air ambulance or fixed wing air ambulance. 18

(C) "Air medical transportation" means the transporting of 19  
a patient by rotorcraft air ambulance or fixed wing air 20  
ambulance with appropriately licensed and certified medical 21  
personnel. 22

(D) "Ambulance" means any motor vehicle that is 23  
specifically designed, constructed, or modified and equipped and 24  
is intended to be used to provide basic life support, 25  
intermediate life support, advanced life support, or mobile 26  
intensive care unit services and transportation upon the streets 27  
or highways of this state of persons who are seriously ill, 28  
injured, wounded, or otherwise incapacitated or helpless. 29  
"Ambulance" does not include air medical transportation or a 30  
vehicle designed and used solely for the transportation of 31  
nonstretcher-bound persons, whether hospitalized or handicapped 32  
or whether ambulatory or confined to a wheelchair. 33

(E) "Ambulette" means a motor vehicle that is specifically 34  
designed, constructed, or modified and equipped and is intended 35  
to be used for transportation upon the streets or highways of 36  
this state of persons who require use of a wheelchair or other 37  
mobility aid. 38

(F) "Basic life support" means treatment described in 39  
section 4765.37 of the Revised Code that an EMT is certified to 40  
perform. 41

(G) "Disaster situation" means any condition or situation 42  
described by rule of the state board of emergency medical, fire, 43  
and transportation services as a mass casualty, major emergency, 44  
natural disaster, or national emergency. 45

(H) "Emergency medical service organization" means an 46

organization that uses EMTs, AEMTs, or paramedics, or a 47  
combination of EMTs, AEMTs, and paramedics, to provide medical 48  
care to victims of illness or injury. An emergency medical 49  
service organization includes, but is not limited to, a 50  
commercial ambulance service organization, a hospital, and a 51  
funeral home. 52

(I) "EMT," "AEMT," and "paramedic" have the same meanings 53  
as in sections 4765.01 and 4765.011 of the Revised Code. 54

(J) "Fixed wing air ambulance" means a fixed wing aircraft 55  
that is specifically designed, constructed, or modified and 56  
equipped and is intended to be used as a means of air medical 57  
transportation. 58

(K) "Health care practitioner" has the same meaning as in 59  
section 3701.74 of the Revised Code. 60

(L) "Health care services" has the same meaning as in 61  
section 3922.01 of the Revised Code. 62

(M) "Hospice care program" means an entity licensed as 63  
such under Chapter 3712. of the Revised Code. 64

(N) "Hospice patient" has the same meaning as in section 65  
3712.01 of the Revised Code. 66

(O) "Hospice transport vehicle" means any motor vehicle 67  
that is specifically designed, constructed, or modified and 68  
equipped with a stretcher and is intended to be used for 69  
transportation upon the streets or highways of this state of 70  
hospice patients by a hospice care program. 71

(P) "Intermediate life support" means treatment described 72  
in section 4765.38 of the Revised Code that an AEMT is certified 73  
to perform. 74

~~(N)~~ (Q) "Major emergency" means any emergency event that 75  
cannot be resolved through the use of locally available 76  
emergency resources. 77

~~(O)~~ (R) "Mass casualty" means an emergency event that 78  
results in ten or more persons being injured, incapacitated, 79  
made ill, or killed. 80

~~(P)~~ (S) "Medical emergency" means an unforeseen event 81  
affecting an individual in such a manner that a need for 82  
immediate care is created. 83

~~(Q)~~ (T) "Mobile intensive care unit" means an ambulance 84  
used only for maintaining specialized or intensive care 85  
treatment and used primarily for interhospital transports of 86  
patients whose conditions require care beyond the scope of a 87  
paramedic as provided in section 4765.39 of the Revised Code. 88

~~(R)~~ ~~(1)~~ (U) (1) "Nonemergency medical service organization" 89  
means a person that does both of the following: 90

(a) Provides services to the public on a regular basis for 91  
the purpose of transporting individuals who require the use of a 92  
wheelchair or other mobility aid to receive health care services 93  
in nonemergency circumstances; 94

(b) Provides the services for a fee, regardless of whether 95  
the fee is paid by the person being transported, a third party 96  
payer, as defined in section 3702.51 of the Revised Code, or any 97  
other person or government entity. 98

(2) "Nonemergency medical service organization" does not 99  
include a health care facility, as defined in section 1751.01 of 100  
the Revised Code, that provides ambulette services only to 101  
patients of that facility. 102

~~(S)~~ (V) "Nontransport vehicle" means a motor vehicle 103  
operated by a licensed emergency medical service organization 104  
not as an ambulance, but as a vehicle for providing services in 105  
conjunction with the ambulances operated by the organization or 106  
other emergency medical service organizations. 107

~~(T)~~ (W) "Patient" means any individual who as a result of 108  
illness or injury needs medical attention, whose physical or 109  
mental condition is such that there is imminent danger of loss 110  
of life or significant health impairment, or who may be 111  
otherwise incapacitated or helpless as a result of a physical or 112  
mental condition, or any individual whose physical condition 113  
requires the use of a wheelchair or other mobility aid. 114

~~(U)~~ (X) "Rotorcraft air ambulance" means a helicopter or 115  
other aircraft capable of vertical takeoffs, vertical landings, 116  
and hovering that is specifically designed, constructed, or 117  
modified and equipped and is intended to be used as a means of 118  
air medical transportation. 119

~~(V)~~ (Y) "Taxicab" means a taxicab vehicle operated by a 120  
taxicab service company, provided the company is not a 121  
nonemergency medical service organization. 122

~~(W)~~ (Z) "Transportation network company driver" has the 123  
same meaning as in section 3942.01 of the Revised Code. 124

~~(X)~~ (AA) "Transportation network company services" has the 125  
same meaning as in section 3942.01 of the Revised Code. 126

**Sec. 4766.03.** (A) The state board of emergency medical, 127  
fire, and transportation services shall adopt rules, in 128  
accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code, implementing 129  
the requirements of this chapter. The rules shall include 130  
provisions relating to the following: 131

(1) Requirements for an emergency medical service organization to receive a permit for an ambulance or nontransport vehicle;	132 133 134
(2) Requirements for an emergency medical service organization to receive a license as a basic life-support, intermediate life-support, advanced life-support, or mobile intensive care unit organization;	135 136 137 138
(3) Requirements for a nonemergency medical service organization to receive a permit for an ambulette vehicle;	139 140
(4) Requirements for a nonemergency medical service organization to receive a license for an ambulette service;	141 142
(5) Requirements for an air medical service organization to receive a permit for a rotorcraft air ambulance or fixed wing air ambulance;	143 144 145
(6) Requirements for licensure of air medical service organizations;	146 147
(7) <u>Requirements for a hospice care program to receive a permit for a hospice transport vehicle;</u>	148 149
(8) <u>Requirements for a hospice care program to receive a license to provide hospice transport services with hospice transport vehicles;</u>	150 151 152
(9) <u>Forms for applications and renewals of licenses and permits;</u>	153 154
<del>(8)</del> -(10) Requirements for record keeping of service responses made by licensed emergency medical service organizations;	155 156 157
<del>(9)</del> -(11) Fee amounts for licenses and permits, and their	158

renewals;	159
<del>(10)</del> <u>(12)</u> Inspection requirements for licensees' vehicles	160
or aircraft, records, and physical facilities;	161
<del>(11)</del> <u>(13)</u> Fee amounts for inspections of ambulances,	162
ambulettes, rotorcraft air ambulances, fixed wing air	163
ambulances, <del>and nontransport vehicles,</del> <u>and hospice transport</u>	164
<u>vehicles;</u>	165
<del>(12)</del> <u>Requirements for (14)</u> With regard to ambulances and	166
nontransport vehicles used by <del>licensed</del> emergency medical service	167
organizations <u>subject to licensure under this chapter,</u> <del>for</del>	168
ambulette vehicles used by <del>licensed</del> nonemergency medical service	169
organizations <u>subject to licensure under this chapter,</u> <del>and for</del>	170
rotorcraft air ambulances or fixed wing air ambulances used by	171
<del>licensed</del> air medical service organizations <u>subject to licensure</u>	172
<u>under this chapter, and hospice transport vehicles used by</u>	173
<u>hospice care programs subject to licensure under this chapter to</u>	174
<u>provide hospice transport services, requirements</u> that specify	175
for each type of vehicle or aircraft the types of equipment that	176
must be carried, the communication systems that must be	177
maintained, and the personnel who must staff the vehicle or	178
aircraft;	179
<del>(13)</del> <u>(15)</u> The level of care <u>that may be provided by</u> each	180
type of emergency medical service organization, nonemergency	181
medical service organization, and air medical service	182
organization <del>is authorized to provide</del> <u>and the types of services</u>	183
<u>that may be provided by a hospice care program as a hospice</u>	184
<u>transport service with the use of hospice transport vehicles;</u>	185
<del>(14)</del> <u>(16)</u> Eligibility requirements for employment as an	186
ambulette driver, including grounds for disqualification due to	187

the results of a motor vehicle law violation check, chemical 188  
test, or criminal records check. The rule may require that an 189  
applicant for employment as an ambulance driver provide a set of 190  
fingerprints to law enforcement authorities if the applicant 191  
comes under final consideration for employment. 192

~~(15)~~ (17) Any other rules that the board determines 193  
necessary for the implementation and enforcement of this 194  
chapter. 195

(B) In the rules for ambulances and nontransport vehicles 196  
adopted under division ~~(A) (12)~~ (A) (14) of this section, the 197  
board may establish requirements that vary according to whether 198  
the emergency medical service organization using the vehicles is 199  
licensed as a basic life-support, intermediate life-support, 200  
advanced life-support, or mobile intensive care unit 201  
organization. 202

(C) A mobile intensive care unit that is not dually 203  
certified to provide advanced life-support and meets the 204  
requirements of the rules adopted under this section is not 205  
required to carry immobilization equipment, including board 206  
splint kits, traction splints, backboards, backboard straps, 207  
cervical immobilization devices, cervical collars, stair chairs, 208  
folding cots, or other types of immobilization equipment 209  
determined by the board to be unnecessary for mobile intensive 210  
care units. 211

A mobile intensive care unit is exempt from the emergency 212  
medical technician staffing requirements of section 4765.43 of 213  
the Revised Code when it is staffed by at least one physician or 214  
registered nurse and another person, designated by a physician, 215  
who holds a valid license or certificate to practice in a health 216  
care profession, and when at least one of the persons staffing 217



the mobile intensive care unit is a registered nurse whose 218  
training meets or exceeds the training required for a paramedic. 219

**Sec. 4766.04.** (A) (1) Except as otherwise provided in this 220  
chapter, unless a person is an emergency medical service 221  
organization licensed under division (B) or an air medical 222  
service organization licensed under division (D) of this 223  
section, no person shall engage in, or profess to engage in, the 224  
business or service in this state of providing emergency medical 225  
transportation to an individual who is experiencing a medical 226  
emergency. 227

(2) Except as otherwise provided in this chapter, unless a 228  
person is a nonemergency medical service organization licensed 229  
under division (C) of this section, no person shall engage in, 230  
or profess to engage in, the business or service of providing 231  
nonemergency medical transportation to an individual who 232  
requires the use of a wheelchair or other mobility aid, and who 233  
is not experiencing a medical emergency, between any of the 234  
following locations: 235

- (a) A hospital; 236
- (b) An emergency department; 237
- (c) A dialysis center; 238
- (d) A long-term care facility, including a nursing home; 239
- (e) A surgical facility; 240
- (f) An inpatient rehabilitation facility; 241
- (g) A memory care center; 242
- (h) A health care practitioner's office; 243
- (i) Any other licensed inpatient facility. 244

(3) (a) Except as otherwise provided in division (A) (3) (b) 245  
of this section, unless a person or government entity is a 246  
hospice care program that holds a license under division (E) of 247  
this section to provide hospice transport services, no person or 248  
government entity shall engage in, or profess to engage in, the 249  
business or service of providing hospice transport services to 250  
hospice patients. 251

(b) Division (A) (3) (a) of this section does not prevent a 252  
hospice care program from contracting with any entity licensed 253  
under this chapter to provide transportation services on the 254  
hospice care program's behalf. 255

(B) To qualify for a license as a basic life-support, 256  
intermediate life-support, advanced life-support, or mobile 257  
intensive care unit organization, an emergency medical service 258  
organization shall do all of the following: 259

(1) Apply for a permit for each ambulance and nontransport 260  
vehicle owned or leased as provided in section 4766.07 of the 261  
Revised Code; 262

(2) Meet all requirements established in rules adopted by 263  
the state board of emergency medical, fire, and transportation 264  
services regarding ambulances and nontransport vehicles, 265  
including requirements pertaining to equipment, communications 266  
systems, staffing, and level of care the particular organization 267  
is permitted to render; 268

(3) Maintain the appropriate type and amount of insurance 269  
as specified in section 4766.06 of the Revised Code; 270

(4) Meet all other requirements established under rules 271  
adopted by the board for the particular license. 272

(C) To qualify for a license to provide ambulette service, 273

a nonemergency medical service organization shall do all of the following:	274 275
(1) Apply for a permit for each ambulette owned or leased as provided in section 4766.07 of the Revised Code;	276 277
(2) Meet all requirements established in rules adopted by the state board of emergency medical, fire, and transportation services regarding ambulettes, including requirements pertaining to equipment, communication systems, staffing, and level of care the organization is permitted to render;	278 279 280 281 282
(3) Maintain the appropriate type and amount of insurance as specified in section 4766.06 of the Revised Code;	283 284
(4) Meet all other requirements established under rules adopted by the board for the license.	285 286
(D) To qualify for a license to provide air medical transportation, an air medical service organization shall do all of the following:	287 288 289
(1) Apply for a permit for each rotorcraft air ambulance and fixed wing air ambulance owned or leased as provided in section 4766.07 of the Revised Code;	290 291 292
(2) Meet all requirements established in rules adopted by the state board of emergency medical, fire, and transportation services regarding rotorcraft air ambulances and fixed wing air ambulances, including requirements pertaining to equipment, communication systems, staffing, and level of care the organization is permitted to render;	293 294 295 296 297 298
(3) Maintain the appropriate type and amount of insurance as specified in section 4766.06 of the Revised Code;	299 300
(4) Meet all other requirements established under rules	301

adopted by the board for the license. 302

(E) To qualify for a license to provide hospice transport services, a hospice care program shall do all of the following: 303  
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(1) Apply for a permit for each hospice transport vehicle owned or leased as provided in section 4766.07 of the Revised Code; 305  
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(2) Meet all of the requirements established in rules adopted by the state board of emergency medical, fire, and transportation services regarding hospice transport vehicles, including requirements pertaining to equipment, communication systems, staffing, and the types of services that may be provided as a hospice transport service; 308  
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(3) Maintain the appropriate type and amount of insurance as specified in section 4766.06 of the Revised Code; 314  
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(4) Meet all other requirements established under rules adopted by the board for the license. 316  
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(F) An emergency medical service organization that applies for a license as a basic life-support, intermediate life-support, advanced life-support, or mobile intensive care unit organization; a nonemergency medical service organization that applies for a license to provide ambulette service; ~~or~~ an air medical service organization that applies for a license to provide air medical transportation; or a hospice care program that applies for a license to provide hospice transport services shall submit a completed application to the board, on a form provided by the board for each particular license, together with the appropriate fees established under section 4766.05 of the Revised Code. The application form shall include all of the following: 318  
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- (1) The name and business address of the operator of the organization for which licensure is sought; 331  
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- (2) The name under which the applicant will operate the organization; 333  
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- (3) A list of the names and addresses of all officers and directors of the organization; 335  
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- (4) ~~For~~In the case of emergency medical service organizations ~~and,~~ nonemergency medical service organizations, and hospice care programs, a description of each vehicle to be used, including the make, model, year of manufacture, mileage, vehicle identification number, and the color scheme, insignia, name, monogram, or other distinguishing characteristics to be used to designate the applicant's vehicle; 337  
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- (5) ~~For~~In the case of air medical service organizations using fixed wing air ambulances, a description of each aircraft to be used, including the make, model, year of manufacture, and aircraft hours on airframe; 344  
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- (6) ~~For~~In the case of air medical service organizations using rotorcraft air ambulances, a description of each aircraft to be used, including the make, model, year of manufacture, aircraft hours on airframe, aircraft identification number, and the color scheme, insignia, name, monogram, or other distinguishing characteristics to be used to designate the applicant's rotorcraft air ambulance; 348  
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- (7) The location and description of each place from which the organization will operate; 355  
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- (8) A description of the geographic area to be served by the applicant; 357  
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(9) Any other information the board, by rule, determines 359  
necessary. 360

~~(F) Within sixty days after receiving a completed~~ 361  
~~application for licensure as a basic life support, intermediate~~ 362  
~~life support, advanced life support, or mobile intensive care~~ 363  
~~unit organization; an ambulette service; or an air medical~~ 364  
~~service organization, the~~ (G) The board shall approve or deny 365  
~~the application~~ review all applications received for licenses 366  
issued under this chapter. The board shall approve an 367  
application if it determines that the applicant satisfies all of 368  
the requirements for issuance of a license under this chapter. 369  
The board shall deny an application if it determines that the 370  
applicant does not meet the requirements of this chapter or any 371  
rules adopted under it. ~~The board shall send notice of the~~ 372  
~~denial of~~ In denying an application by certified mail to the 373  
~~applicant. The applicant may request a hearing within ten days~~ 374  
~~after receipt of the notice. If,~~ the board receives a timely 375  
~~request, it shall hold a hearing~~ act in accordance with Chapter 376  
119. of the Revised Code. 377

~~(G)~~ (H) (1) If an applicant or licensee operates or plans 378  
to operate an organization in more than one location or 379  
satellite location under the same identity, or under different 380  
identities with the same tax identification number, the 381  
applicant or licensee shall apply for and meet all requirements 382  
for licensure or renewal of a license, ~~other than payment of a~~ 383  
~~license fee or renewal fee,~~ for operating the organization at 384  
each separate location. ~~An applicant or licensee that operates~~ 385  
~~or plans to operate under the same organization identity in~~ 386  
~~separate locations shall pay only a single license fee~~ 387

(2) If an applicant or licensee provides or plans to 388

provide services under different identities with the same tax 389  
identification number, the applicant or licensee shall identify 390  
all identities that are connected to a permitted vehicle or 391  
aircraft. 392

~~(H)~~ (I) An emergency medical service organization that 393  
wishes to provide ambulance services to the public must apply 394  
for a separate license under division (C) of this section. 395

~~(I)~~ (J) Each license issued under this section and each 396  
permit issued under section 4766.07 of the Revised Code expires 397  
one year after the date of issuance and may be renewed in 398  
accordance with the standard renewal procedures of Chapter 4745. 399  
of the Revised Code. An application for renewal shall include 400  
the license or permit renewal fee established under section 401  
4766.05 of the Revised Code. An applicant for renewal of a 402  
permit also shall submit to the board proof of an annual 403  
inspection of the vehicle or aircraft for which permit renewal 404  
is sought. The board shall renew a license if the applicant 405  
meets the requirements for licensure and shall renew a permit if 406  
the applicant and vehicle or aircraft meet the requirements to 407  
maintain a permit for that vehicle or aircraft. 408

~~(J)~~ (K) Each licensee shall maintain accurate records of 409  
all service responses conducted. The records shall be maintained 410  
on forms prescribed by the board and shall contain information 411  
as specified by rule by the board. 412

**Sec. 4766.05.** (A) (1) The state board of emergency medical, 413  
fire, and transportation services shall establish by rule a 414  
license fee ~~7~~; a permit fee for each ambulance, ambulance, 415  
rotorcraft air ambulance, fixed wing air ambulance, ~~and~~ 416  
nontransport vehicle, and hospice transport vehicle owned or 417  
leased by the licensee that is or will be used as provided in 418

section 4766.07 of the Revised Code~~;~~ and fees for renewals of 419  
licenses and permits~~, taking~~. In establishing the fees, the 420  
board shall take into consideration the actual costs incurred by 421  
the board in carrying out its duties under this chapter. 422  
~~However, the~~ subject to all of the following: 423

(a) The fee for each license and each renewal of a license 424  
shall not exceed one hundred dollars~~, and the~~. 425

(b) The fee for each permit and each renewal of a permit 426  
shall not exceed one hundred dollars for each ambulance, 427  
rotorcraft air ambulance, fixed wing air ambulance, ~~and~~ 428  
nontransport vehicle, and hospice transport vehicle. ~~The board~~ 429  
~~shall determine by rule the fee, which~~ 430

(c) The fee for each permit and each renewal of a permit 431  
for each ambulette shall not exceed fifty dollars~~, for each~~ 432  
~~permit and each renewal of a permit for each ambulette. For~~ 433

(2) For purposes of establishing fees under division (A) 434  
(1) of this section, "actual costs" includes the costs of 435  
salaries, expenses, inspection equipment, supervision, and 436  
program administration. 437

(B) The board shall deposit all fees and other moneys 438  
collected pursuant to sections 4766.04, 4766.07, and 4766.08 of 439  
the Revised Code in the state treasury to the credit of the 440  
trauma and emergency medical services fund, which is created by 441  
section 4513.263 of the Revised Code. 442

(C) The board, subject to the approval of the controlling 443  
board, may establish fees in excess of the maximum amounts 444  
allowed under division (A) of this section, but such fees shall 445  
not exceed those maximum amounts by more than fifty per cent. 446

**Sec. 4766.06.** (A) (1) Every emergency medical service 447



organization~~and~~, nonemergency medical service organization- 448  
~~licensee, and hospice care program that holds a license issued~~ 449  
under this chapter shall furnish adequate evidence of liability 450  
insurance coverage, in an amount of not less than five hundred 451  
thousand dollars per occurrence and not less than five hundred 452  
thousand dollars in the aggregate, for any cause for which the 453  
~~licensee~~license holder would be liable. 454

(2) Every air medical service organization licensed under 455  
this chapter shall furnish adequate evidence of liability 456  
insurance coverage, in an amount not less than twenty million 457  
dollars per occurrence and not less than twenty million dollars 458  
in the aggregate, for any cause for which the licensee would be 459  
liable. 460

(B) In addition to the insurance requirements of division 461  
(A) of this section, every ~~licensee~~holder of a license issued 462  
under this chapter shall carry bodily injury and property damage 463  
insurance with solvent and responsible insurers licensed to do 464  
business in this state for any loss or damage resulting from any 465  
occurrence arising out of or caused by the operation or use of 466  
any ambulance, ambulette, rotorcraft air ambulance, fixed wing 467  
air ambulance, ~~or nontransport vehicle,~~or hospice transport 468  
vehicle. The insurance shall insure each vehicle or aircraft for 469  
the sum of not less than one hundred thousand dollars for bodily 470  
injury to or death of any one person arising out of any one 471  
accident and the sum of not less than three hundred thousand 472  
dollars for bodily injury to or death of more than one person in 473  
any one accident and for the sum of fifty thousand dollars for 474  
damage to property arising from any one accident. 475

(C) Each policy or contract of insurance issued shall 476  
provide for both of the following: 477

(1) The payment and satisfaction of any financial judgment 478  
entered against the ~~licensee holder of the license issued under~~ 479  
this chapter and any person operating the vehicle or aircraft- 480  
~~and for a;~~ 481

(2) A thirty-day cancellation notice to the state board of 482  
emergency medical, fire, and transportation services. 483

**Sec. 4766.07.** (A) Except as otherwise provided by rule of 484  
the state board of emergency medical, fire, and transportation 485  
services, each emergency medical service organization subject to 486  
licensure under this chapter, nonemergency medical service 487  
organization subject to licensure under this chapter, ~~and~~ air 488  
medical service organization subject to licensure under this 489  
chapter, and hospice care program subject to licensure under 490  
this chapter to provide hospice transport services shall possess 491  
a valid permit for each ambulance, ambulette, rotorcraft air 492  
ambulance, fixed wing air ambulance, ~~and~~ nontransport vehicle, 493  
and hospice transport vehicle it owns or leases that is or will 494  
be used by the ~~licensee~~ license holder to perform the services 495  
permitted by the license. ~~Each licensee~~ 496

Each license holder and license applicant shall submit to 497  
the state board of emergency medical, fire, and transportation 498  
services the appropriate fee and an application for a permit for 499  
each ambulance, ambulette, rotorcraft air ambulance, fixed wing 500  
air ambulance, ~~and~~ nontransport vehicle, and hospice transport 501  
vehicle the holder or applicant is or will be using. The fee and 502  
application shall be submitted to the ~~state board of emergency~~ 503  
medical, fire, and transportation services on forms provided by 504  
the board. The application shall include documentation that the 505  
vehicle or aircraft meets the appropriate standards set by the 506  
board, that the vehicle or aircraft has been inspected pursuant 507

to division (C) of this section, that the permit applicant 508  
maintains insurance as provided in section 4766.06 of the 509  
Revised Code, and that the vehicle or aircraft and permit 510  
applicant meet any other requirements established under rules 511  
adopted by the board. 512

The state board of emergency medical, fire, and 513  
transportation services may adopt rules in accordance with 514  
Chapter 119. of the Revised Code to authorize the temporary use 515  
of a vehicle or aircraft for which a permit is not possessed 516  
under this section in back-up or disaster situations. 517

~~(B) (1) Within sixty days after receiving a completed~~ 518  
~~application for a permit, the~~ The board shall issue or deny the 519  
~~permit~~ review all applications received for permits issued under 520  
this section. The board shall approve an application if it 521  
determines that the permit applicant and the applicant's vehicle 522  
or aircraft meet the requirements for issuance of a permit under 523  
this chapter and rules adopted under it that apply to the 524  
applicant, vehicle, or aircraft. The board shall deny an 525  
application if it determines that the permit applicant, ~~or the~~ 526  
applicant's vehicle, ~~or aircraft~~ does not meet the requirements 527  
of this chapter and the rules adopted under it that apply to 528  
~~permits for ambulances, ambulettes, rotorcraft air ambulances,~~ 529  
~~fixed wing air ambulances, and nontransport vehicles~~ the 530  
applicant, vehicle, or aircraft. ~~The board shall send notice of~~ 531  
~~the denial of~~ In denying an application by certified mail to the 532  
permit applicant. The permit applicant may request a hearing 533  
~~within ten days after receipt of the notice. If,~~ the board 534  
~~receives a timely request, it shall hold a hearing~~ act in 535  
accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code. 536

(2) If the board issues the vehicle permit for an 537

ambulance, ambulette, ~~or nontransport vehicle,~~ or hospice 538  
transport vehicle, it also shall issue a decal, in a form 539  
prescribed by rule, to be displayed on the rear window of the 540  
vehicle. The board shall not issue a decal until all of the 541  
requirements for licensure and permit issuance have been met. 542

(3) If the board issues the aircraft permit for a 543  
rotorcraft air ambulance or fixed wing air ambulance, it also 544  
shall issue a decal, in a form prescribed by rule, to be 545  
displayed ~~on the left fuselage aircraft window~~ in a manner that 546  
complies with all applicable federal aviation regulations. The 547  
board shall not issue a decal until all of the requirements for 548  
licensure and permit issuance have been met. 549

(C) In addition to any other requirements that the board 550  
establishes by rule, a ~~licensee~~ license holder or license 551  
applicant applying for an initial vehicle or aircraft permit 552  
under division (A) of this section shall submit to the board the 553  
vehicle or aircraft for which the permit is sought. Thereafter, 554  
a ~~licensee~~ license holder shall annually submit to the board 555  
each vehicle or aircraft for which a permit has been issued. 556  
With respect to the inspection of the submitted vehicles and 557  
aircraft, all of the following apply: 558

(1) The board shall conduct a physical inspection of an 559  
ambulance, ambulette, ~~or nontransport vehicle,~~ or hospice 560  
transport vehicle to determine its roadworthiness and compliance 561  
with ~~standard~~ motor vehicle requirements. The board shall 562  
determine by rule requirements for roadworthiness and motor 563  
vehicle standards. 564

(2) The board shall conduct a physical inspection of ~~the~~ 565  
~~medical equipment, communication system, and interior of an~~ 566  
ambulance or hospice transport vehicle to determine ~~the~~ 567

~~operational condition and safety of the equipment and the~~ 568  
~~ambulance's interior and to determine whether the ambulance or~~ 569  
hospice transport vehicle is in compliance with ~~the federal one~~ 570  
of the following, as the case may be: 571

(a) Federal requirements for ambulance construction that 572  
were in effect at the time the ambulance was manufactured, as 573  
specified by the general services administration in the various 574  
versions of its publication titled "~~federal specification~~ 575  
Federal Specification for the star of life ambulance Star-of- 576  
Life Ambulance, KKK-A-1822-"; 577

(b) A national standard for ambulance or hospice transport 578  
vehicle construction approved by the American national standards 579  
institute, in effect at the time the ambulance or hospice 580  
transport vehicle was constructed. 581

(3) The board shall conduct a physical inspection of the 582  
equipment, communication system, and interior of an ambulance or 583  
hospice transport vehicle to determine the operational condition 584  
and safety of the equipment and the interior. The board shall 585  
determine by rule requirements for the equipment, communication 586  
system, interior, and construction of an ambulance or hospice 587  
transport vehicle. 588

(4) The board shall conduct a physical inspection of the 589  
equipment, communication system, and interior of an ambulette to 590  
determine the operational condition and safety of the equipment 591  
and the ambulette's interior ~~and to determine whether the~~ 592  
~~ambulette is in compliance with state requirements for ambulette~~ 593  
~~construction.~~ The board shall determine by rule requirements for 594  
the equipment, communication system, interior, and construction 595  
of an ambulette. 596

~~(4)~~ (5) The board shall conduct a physical inspection of 597  
the medical equipment, communication system, and interior of a 598  
rotorcraft air ambulance or fixed wing air ambulance to 599  
determine the operational condition and safety of the equipment 600  
and the aircraft's interior. 601

~~(5)~~ (6) The board shall issue a certificate to the 602  
applicant for each vehicle or aircraft that passes the 603  
inspection and may assess a fee for each inspection, as 604  
established by the board. 605

~~(6)~~ (7) The board shall adopt rules regarding the 606  
implementation and coordination of inspections. The rules may 607  
permit the board to contract with a third party to conduct the 608  
inspections required of the board under this section. 609

**Sec. 4766.08.** (A) The state board of emergency medical, 610  
fire, and transportation services, pursuant to an adjudication 611  
conducted in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code, 612  
may suspend or revoke any license or permit or renewal thereof 613  
issued under this chapter for any one or combination of the 614  
following causes: 615

(1) Violation of this chapter or any rule adopted 616  
thereunder; 617

(2) Refusal to permit the board to inspect a vehicle or 618  
aircraft used under the terms of a permit or to inspect the 619  
records or physical facilities of a licensee; 620

(3) Failure to meet the ambulance, ambulette, rotorcraft 621  
air ambulance, fixed wing air ambulance, ~~and~~ nontransport 622  
vehicle, and hospice transport vehicle requirements specified in 623  
this chapter or the rules adopted thereunder; 624

(4) Violation of an order issued by the board; 625

(5) Failure to comply with any of the terms of an 626  
agreement entered into with the board regarding the suspension 627  
or revocation of a license or permit or the imposition of a 628  
penalty under this section. 629

(B) If the board determines that the records, record- 630  
keeping procedures, or physical facilities of a licensee, or an 631  
ambulance, ambulette, rotorcraft air ambulance, fixed wing air 632  
ambulance, ~~or nontransport vehicle,~~ or hospice transport vehicle 633  
for which a valid permit has been issued, do not meet the 634  
standards specified in this chapter and the rules adopted 635  
thereunder, the board shall notify the licensee of any 636  
deficiencies within thirty days of finding the deficiencies. If 637  
the board determines that the deficiencies exist and they remain 638  
uncorrected after thirty days, the board may suspend the 639  
license, vehicle permit, or aircraft permit. The licensee, 640  
notwithstanding the suspension under this division, may operate 641  
until all appeals have been exhausted. 642

(C) At the discretion of the board, a licensee whose 643  
license has been suspended or revoked under this section may be 644  
ineligible to be licensed under this chapter for a period of not 645  
more than three years from the date of the violation, provided 646  
that the board shall make no determination on a period of 647  
ineligibility until all the licensee's appeals relating to the 648  
suspension or revocation have been exhausted. 649

(D) The board may, in addition to any other action taken 650  
under this section and after a hearing conducted pursuant to 651  
Chapter 119. of the Revised Code, impose a penalty of not more 652  
than fifteen hundred dollars for any violation specified in this 653  
section. The attorney general shall institute a civil action for 654  
the collection of any such penalty imposed. 655

Sec. 4766.22. (A) Not later than forty-five days after the 656  
end of each fiscal year, the state board of emergency medical, 657  
fire, and transportation services shall submit a report to the 658  
governor and general assembly that provides all of the following 659  
information for that fiscal year: 660

(1) The number of each of the following the board issued: 661

(a) Basic life-support organization licenses; 662

(b) Intermediate life-support organization licenses; 663

(c) Advanced life-support organization licenses; 664

(d) Mobile intensive care unit organization licenses; 665

(e) Ambulette service licenses; 666

(f) Air medical service organization licenses; 667

(g) Hospice transport services licenses; 668

(h) Ambulance permits; 669

~~(h)~~ (i) Nontransport vehicle permits; 670

~~(i)~~ (j) Ambulette vehicle permits; 671

~~(j)~~ (k) Rotorcraft air ambulance permits; 672

~~(k)~~ (l) Fixed wing air ambulance permits; 673

(m) Hospice transport vehicle permits. 674

(2) The amount of fees the board collected for issuing and 675  
renewing each type of license and permit specified in division 676  
(A) (1) of this section; 677

(3) The number of inspections the board or a third party 678  
on the board's behalf conducted in connection with each type of 679  
license and permit specified in division (A) (1) of this section 680



and the amount of fees the board collected for the inspections; 681

(4) The number of complaints that were submitted to the 682  
board; 683

(5) The number of investigations the board conducted under 684  
section 4766.11 of the Revised Code; 685

(6) The number of adjudication hearings the board held and 686  
the outcomes of the adjudications; 687

(7) The amount of penalties the board imposed and 688  
collected under section 4766.08 of the Revised Code; 689

(8) Other information the board determines reflects the 690  
board's operations. 691

(B) The board shall post the annual report required by 692  
this section on its web site and make it available to the public 693  
on request. 694

**Sec. 4766.23.** ~~The Ohio medical transportation board state~~ 695  
~~board of emergency medical, fire, and transportation services~~ 696  
shall comply with section 4776.20 of the Revised Code. 697

**Section 2.** That existing sections 4766.01, 4766.03, 698  
4766.04, 4766.05, 4766.06, 4766.07, 4766.08, 4766.22, and 699  
4766.23 of the Revised Code are hereby repealed. 700