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**A BILL**

To amend sections 4765.01, 4765.11, 4765.30, 1  
4765.35, 4765.37, 4765.38, 4765.39, 4765.41, and 2  
4766.01 of the Revised Code and to amend the 3  
version of section 4765.11 of the Revised Code 4  
that is scheduled to take effect October 9, 5  
2021, regarding the scope of emergency medical 6  
services provided by emergency medical service 7  
personnel. 8

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

**Section 1.** That sections 4765.01, 4765.11, 4765.30, 9  
4765.35, 4765.37, 4765.38, 4765.39, 4765.41, and 4766.01 of the 10  
Revised Code be amended to read as follows: 11

**Sec. 4765.01.** As used in this chapter: 12

(A) "First responder" means an individual who holds a 13  
current, valid certificate issued under section 4765.30 of the 14  
Revised Code to practice as a first responder. 15

(B) "Emergency medical technician-basic" or "EMT-basic" 16  
means an individual who holds a current, valid certificate 17  
issued under section 4765.30 of the Revised Code to practice as 18

an emergency medical technician-basic. 19

(C) "Emergency medical technician-intermediate" or "EMT-I" 20  
means an individual who holds a current, valid certificate 21  
issued under section 4765.30 of the Revised Code to practice as 22  
an emergency medical technician-intermediate. 23

(D) "Emergency medical technician-paramedic" or 24  
"paramedic" means an individual who holds a current, valid 25  
certificate issued under section 4765.30 of the Revised Code to 26  
practice as an emergency medical technician-paramedic. 27

(E) "Ambulance" means any motor vehicle that is used, or 28  
is intended to be used, for the purpose of responding to 29  
emergency medical situations, transporting emergency patients, 30  
and administering emergency medical service to patients before, 31  
during, or after transportation. 32

(F) "Cardiac monitoring" means a procedure used for the 33  
purpose of observing and documenting the rate and rhythm of a 34  
patient's heart by attaching electrical leads from an 35  
electrocardiograph monitor to certain points on the patient's 36  
body surface. 37

(G) "Emergency medical service" means any of the services 38  
~~described in sections 4765.35, 4765.37, 4765.38, and 4765.39 of~~ 39  
~~the Revised Code that are performed by first responders,~~ 40  
emergency medical technicians-basic, emergency medical 41  
technicians-intermediate, and paramedics are authorized to 42  
perform pursuant to rules adopted by the state board of 43  
emergency medical, fire, and transportation services under 44  
section 4765.11 of the Revised Code. "Emergency medical service" 45  
includes such services performed before or during any transport 46  
of a patient, including transports between hospitals and 47

transports to and from helicopters. 48

(H) "Emergency medical service organization" means a 49  
public or private organization using first responders, EMTs- 50  
basic, EMTs-I, or paramedics, or a combination of first 51  
responders, EMTs-basic, EMTs-I, and paramedics, to provide 52  
emergency medical services. 53

(I) "Physician" means an individual who holds a current, 54  
valid license issued under Chapter 4731. of the Revised Code 55  
authorizing the practice of medicine and surgery or osteopathic 56  
medicine and surgery. 57

(J) "Registered nurse" means an individual who holds a 58  
current, valid license issued under Chapter 4723. of the Revised 59  
Code authorizing the practice of nursing as a registered nurse. 60

(K) "Volunteer" means a person who provides services 61  
either for no compensation or for compensation that does not 62  
exceed the actual expenses incurred in providing the services or 63  
in training to provide the services. 64

(L) "Emergency medical service personnel" means first 65  
responders, emergency medical technicians-basic, emergency 66  
medical technicians-intermediate, emergency medical technicians- 67  
paramedic, and persons who provide medical direction to such 68  
persons. 69

(M) "Hospital" has the same meaning as in section 3727.01 70  
of the Revised Code. 71

(N) "Trauma" or "traumatic injury" means severe damage to 72  
or destruction of tissue that satisfies both of the following 73  
conditions: 74

(1) It creates a significant risk of any of the following: 75

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| (a) Loss of life;   | 76                                     |
| (b) Loss of a limb;   | 77                                     |
| (c) Significant, permanent disfigurement;   | 78                                     |
| (d) Significant, permanent disability.  | 79                                     |
| (2) It is caused by any of the following:   | 80                                     |
| (a) Blunt or penetrating injury;  | 81                                     |
| (b) Exposure to electromagnetic, chemical, or radioactive energy;   | 82<br>83                               |
| (c) Drowning, suffocation, or strangulation;  | 84                                     |
| (d) A deficit or excess of heat.  | 85                                     |
| (O) "Trauma victim" or "trauma patient" means a person who has sustained a traumatic injury.  | 86<br>87                               |
| (P) "Trauma care" means the assessment, diagnosis, transportation, treatment, or rehabilitation of a trauma victim by emergency medical service personnel or by a physician, nurse, physician assistant, respiratory therapist, physical therapist, chiropractor, occupational therapist, speech-language pathologist, audiologist, or psychologist licensed to practice as such in this state or another jurisdiction. | 88<br>89<br>90<br>91<br>92<br>93<br>94 |
| (Q) "Trauma center" means all of the following:   | 95                                     |
| (1) Any hospital that is verified by the American college of surgeons as an adult or pediatric trauma center;   | 96<br>97                               |
| (2) Any hospital that is operating as an adult or pediatric trauma center under provisional status pursuant to section 3727.101 of the Revised Code;  | 98<br>99<br>100                        |
| (3) Until December 31, 2004, any hospital in this state   | 101                                    |

that is designated by the director of health as a level II 102  
pediatric trauma center under section 3727.081 of the Revised 103  
Code; 104

(4) Any hospital in another state that is licensed or 105  
designated under the laws of that state as capable of providing 106  
specialized trauma care appropriate to the medical needs of the 107  
trauma patient. 108

(R) "Pediatric" means involving a patient who is less than 109  
sixteen years of age. 110

(S) "Adult" means involving a patient who is not a 111  
pediatric patient. 112

(T) "Geriatric" means involving a patient who is at least 113  
seventy years old or exhibits significant anatomical or 114  
physiological characteristics associated with advanced aging. 115

(U) "Air medical organization" means an organization that 116  
provides emergency medical services, or transports emergency 117  
victims, by means of fixed or rotary wing aircraft. 118

(V) "Emergency care" and "emergency facility" have the 119  
same meanings as in section 3727.01 of the Revised Code. 120

(W) "Stabilize," ~~except as it is used in division (B) of~~ 121  
~~section 4765.35 of the Revised Code with respect to the manual~~ 122  
~~stabilization of fractures,~~ has the same meaning as in section 123  
1753.28 of the Revised Code. 124

(X) "Transfer" has the same meaning as in section 1753.28 125  
of the Revised Code. 126

(Y) "Firefighter" means any member of a fire department as 127  
defined in section 742.01 of the Revised Code. 128

(Z) "Volunteer firefighter" has the same meaning as in 129  
section 146.01 of the Revised Code. 130

(AA) "Part-time paid firefighter" means a person who 131  
provides firefighting services on less than a full-time basis, 132  
is routinely scheduled to be present on site at a fire station 133  
or other designated location for purposes of responding to a 134  
fire or other emergency, and receives more than nominal 135  
compensation for the provision of firefighting services. 136

(BB) "Physician assistant" means an individual who holds a 137  
valid license to practice as a physician assistant issued under 138  
Chapter 4730. of the Revised Code. 139

(CC) "Advanced practice registered nurse" has the same 140  
meaning as in section 4723.01 of the Revised Code. 141

**Sec. 4765.11.** (A) The state board of emergency medical, 142  
fire, and transportation services shall adopt, and may amend and 143  
rescind, rules in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised 144  
Code and ~~division~~ divisions (C) and (D) of this section that 145  
establish all of the following: 146

(1) Procedures for its governance and the control of its 147  
actions and business affairs; 148

(2) Standards for the performance of emergency medical 149  
services by first responders, emergency medical technicians- 150  
basic, emergency medical technicians-intermediate, and emergency 151  
medical technicians-paramedic; 152

(3) Application fees for certificates of accreditation, 153  
certificates of approval, certificates to teach, and 154  
certificates to practice, which shall be deposited into the 155  
trauma and emergency medical services fund created in section 156  
4513.263 of the Revised Code; 157

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| (4) Criteria for determining when the application or renewal fee for a certificate to practice may be waived because an applicant cannot afford to pay the fee;   | 158<br>159<br>160                      |
| (5) Procedures for issuance and renewal of certificates of accreditation, certificates of approval, certificates to teach, and certificates to practice, including any procedures necessary to ensure that adequate notice of renewal is provided in accordance with division (D) of section 4765.30 of the Revised Code; | 161<br>162<br>163<br>164<br>165<br>166 |
| (6) Procedures for suspending or revoking certificates of accreditation, certificates of approval, certificates to teach, and certificates to practice;   | 167<br>168<br>169                      |
| (7) Grounds for suspension or revocation of a certificate to practice issued under section 4765.30 of the Revised Code and for taking any other disciplinary action against a first responder, EMT-basic, EMT-I, or paramedic;  | 170<br>171<br>172<br>173               |
| (8) Procedures for taking disciplinary action against a first responder, EMT-basic, EMT-I, or paramedic;  | 174<br>175                             |
| (9) Standards for certificates of accreditation and certificates of approval;   | 176<br>177                             |
| (10) Qualifications for certificates to teach;  | 178                                    |
| (11) Requirements for a certificate to practice;  | 179                                    |
| (12) The curricula, number of hours of instruction and training, and instructional materials to be used in adult and pediatric emergency medical services training programs and adult and pediatric emergency medical services continuing education programs;   | 180<br>181<br>182<br>183<br>184        |
| (13) Procedures for conducting courses in recognizing   | 185                                    |

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| symptoms of life-threatening allergic reactions and in                                | 186 |
| calculating proper dosage levels and administering injections of                      | 187 |
| epinephrine to adult and pediatric patients who suffer life-                          | 188 |
| threatening allergic reactions;   | 189 |
| (14) Examinations for certificates to practice;                                       | 190 |
| (15) Procedures for administering examinations for                                    | 191 |
| certificates to practice;   | 192 |
| (16) Procedures for approving examinations that                                       | 193 |
| demonstrate competence to have a certificate to practice renewed                      | 194 |
| without completing an emergency medical services continuing                           | 195 |
| education program;  | 196 |
| (17) Procedures for granting extensions and exemptions of                             | 197 |
| emergency medical services continuing education requirements;                         | 198 |
| (18) <del>Procedures for approving Specifications of the</del>                        | 199 |
| <del>additional</del> emergency medical services <u>that</u> first responders are     | 200 |
| authorized <del>by division (C) of to perform under</del> section 4765.35             | 201 |
| of the Revised Code <del>to perform, that</del> EMTs-basic are authorized             | 202 |
| <del>by division (C) of to perform under</del> section 4765.37 of the                 | 203 |
| Revised Code <del>to perform, that</del> EMTs-I are authorized <del>by division</del> | 204 |
| <del>(B) (5) of to perform under</del> section 4765.38 of the Revised Code            | 205 |
| <del>to perform, and that</del> paramedics are authorized <del>by division (B)</del>  | 206 |
| <del>(6) of to perform under</del> section 4765.39 of the Revised Code <del>to</del>  | 207 |
| <del>perform;</del>   | 208 |
| (19) Standards and procedures for implementing the                                    | 209 |
| requirements of section 4765.06 of the Revised Code, including                        | 210 |
| designations of the persons who are required to report                                | 211 |
| information to the board and the types of information to be                           | 212 |
| reported;   | 213 |
| (20) Procedures for administering the emergency medical                               | 214 |



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| services grant program established under section 4765.07 of the Revised Code;   | 215<br>216                             |
| (21) Procedures consistent with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code for appealing decisions of the board;  | 217<br>218                             |
| (22) Minimum qualifications and peer review and quality improvement requirements for persons who provide medical direction to emergency medical service personnel;  | 219<br>220<br>221                      |
| (23) The manner in which a patient, or a patient's parent, guardian, or custodian, may consent to the board releasing identifying information about the patient under division (D) of section 4765.102 of the Revised Code;   | 222<br>223<br>224<br>225               |
| (24) Circumstances under which a training program or continuing education program, or portion of either type of program, may be taught by a person who does not hold a certificate to teach issued under section 4765.23 of the Revised Code;   | 226<br>227<br>228<br>229<br>230        |
| (25) Certification cycles for certificates issued under sections 4765.23 and 4765.30 of the Revised Code and certificates issued by the executive director of the state board of emergency medical, fire, and transportation services under section 4765.55 of the Revised Code that establish a common expiration date for all certificates. | 231<br>232<br>233<br>234<br>235<br>236 |
| (B) The board may adopt, and may amend and rescind, rules in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code and <del>division</del> <u>divisions</u> (C) <u>and (D)</u> of this section that establish <u>any of the</u> following:   | 237<br>238<br>239<br>240               |
| (1) Specifications of information that may be collected under the trauma system registry and incidence reporting system created under section 4765.06 of the Revised Code;  | 241<br>242<br>243                      |

(2) Standards and procedures for implementing any of the 244  
recommendations made by any committees of the board or under 245  
section 4765.04 of the Revised Code; 246

~~(3) Requirements that a person must meet to receive a 247  
certificate to practice as a first responder pursuant to 248  
division (A) (2) of section 4765.30 of the Revised Code; 249~~

~~(4) Any other rules necessary to implement this chapter. 250~~

(C) In developing and administering rules adopted under 251  
this chapter, the state board of emergency medical, fire, and 252  
transportation services shall consult with regional directors 253  
and regional ~~physician~~ advisory boards ~~created by appointed~~ 254  
under section 4765.05 of the Revised Code and emphasize the 255  
special needs of pediatric and geriatric patients. 256

(D) Except as otherwise provided in this division, before 257  
adopting, amending, or rescinding any rule under this chapter, 258  
the board shall submit the proposed rule to the director of 259  
public safety for review. The director may review the proposed 260  
rule for not more than sixty days after the date it is 261  
submitted. If, within this sixty-day period, the director 262  
approves the proposed rule or does not notify the board that the 263  
rule is disapproved, the board may adopt, amend, or rescind the 264  
rule as proposed. If, within this sixty-day period, the director 265  
notifies the board that the proposed rule is disapproved, the 266  
board shall not adopt, amend, or rescind the rule as proposed 267  
unless at least twelve members of the board vote to adopt, 268  
amend, or rescind it. 269

This division does not apply to an emergency rule adopted 270  
in accordance with section 119.03 of the Revised Code. 271

**Sec. 4765.30.** ~~(A) (1) The~~ All of the following apply to the 272

state board of emergency medical, fire, and transportation 273  
services ~~shall issue with respect to issuing and renewing~~ 274  
certificates to practice: 275

(A) The board shall issue a certificate to practice as a 276  
first responder to an applicant who meets all of the following 277  
conditions: 278

~~(a) Except as provided in division (A) (2) of this section,~~ 279  
~~is a volunteer for a nonprofit emergency medical service~~ 280  
~~organization or a nonprofit fire department;~~ 281

~~(b) (1)~~ Holds the appropriate certificate of completion 282  
issued in accordance with section 4765.24 of the Revised Code; 283

~~(c) (2)~~ Passes the appropriate examination conducted under 284  
section 4765.29 of the Revised Code; 285

~~(d) (3)~~ Is not in violation of any provision of this 286  
chapter or the rules adopted under it; 287

~~(e) (4)~~ Meets any other certification requirements 288  
established in rules adopted under section 4765.11 of the 289  
Revised Code. 290

~~(2) The board may waive the requirement to be a volunteer~~ 291  
~~for a nonprofit entity if the applicant meets other requirements~~ 292  
~~established in rules adopted under division (B) (3) of section~~ 293  
~~4765.11 of the Revised Code relative to a person's eligibility~~ 294  
~~to practice as a first responder.~~ 295

(B) ~~The state board of emergency medical, fire, and~~ 296  
~~transportation services~~ shall issue a certificate to practice as 297  
an emergency medical technician-basic to an applicant who meets 298  
all of the following conditions: 299

(1) Holds a ~~the appropriate~~ certificate of completion ~~in~~ 300

~~emergency medical services training basic~~ issued in accordance 301  
with section 4765.24 of the Revised Code; 302

(2) Passes the appropriate examination ~~for emergency~~ 303  
~~medical technicians basic~~ conducted under section 4765.29 of the 304  
Revised Code; 305

(3) Is not in violation of any provision of this chapter 306  
or the rules adopted under it; 307

(4) Meets any other certification requirements established 308  
in rules adopted under section 4765.11 of the Revised Code. 309

(C) The ~~state board of emergency medical, fire, and~~ 310  
~~transportation services~~ shall issue a certificate to practice as 311  
an emergency medical technician-intermediate or emergency 312  
medical technician-paramedic to an applicant who meets all of 313  
the following conditions: 314

(1) Holds a certificate to practice as an emergency 315  
medical technician-basic; 316

(2) Holds the appropriate certificate of completion issued 317  
in accordance with section 4765.24 of the Revised Code; 318

(3) Passes the appropriate examination conducted under 319  
section 4765.29 of the Revised Code; 320

(4) Is not in violation of any provision of this chapter 321  
or the rules adopted under it; 322

(5) Meets any other certification requirements established 323  
in rules adopted under section 4765.11 of the Revised Code. 324

(D) A certificate to practice shall have a certification 325  
cycle established by the board and may be renewed by the board 326  
pursuant to rules adopted under section 4765.11 of the Revised 327

Code. Not later than sixty days prior to the expiration date of 328  
an individual's certificate to practice, the board shall notify 329  
the individual of the scheduled expiration. 330

An application for renewal shall be accompanied by the 331  
appropriate renewal fee established in rules adopted under 332  
section 4765.11 of the Revised Code, unless the board waives the 333  
fee on determining pursuant to those rules that the applicant 334  
cannot afford to pay the fee. Except as provided in division (B) 335  
of section 4765.31 of the Revised Code, the application shall 336  
include evidence of either of the following: 337

(1) That the applicant received a certificate of 338  
completion from the appropriate emergency medical services 339  
continuing education program pursuant to section 4765.24 of the 340  
Revised Code; 341

(2) That the applicant has successfully passed an 342  
examination that demonstrates the competence to have a 343  
certificate renewed without completing an emergency medical 344  
services continuing education program. The board shall approve 345  
such examinations in accordance with rules adopted under section 346  
4765.11 of the Revised Code. 347

(E) The board shall not require an applicant for renewal 348  
of a certificate to practice to take an examination as a 349  
condition of renewing the certificate. This division does not 350  
preclude the use of examinations by operators of approved 351  
emergency medical services continuing education programs as a 352  
condition for issuance of a certificate of completion in 353  
emergency medical services continuing education. 354

**Sec. 4765.35.** (A) A first responder may perform any of the 355  
emergency medical services specified for first responders in 356

rules adopted under section 4765.11 of the Revised Code by the 357  
state board of emergency medical, fire, and transportation 358  
services. A first responder shall perform the emergency medical 359  
services ~~described in this section~~ in accordance with this 360  
chapter and any rules adopted under it by the board. 361

~~(B) A first responder may provide limited emergency~~ 362  
~~medical services to patients until the arrival of an emergency~~ 363  
~~medical technician basic, emergency medical technician~~ 364  
~~intermediate, or emergency medical technician paramedic. In an~~ 365  
~~emergency, a first responder may render emergency medical~~ 366  
~~services such as opening and maintaining an airway, giving mouth-~~ 367  
~~to barrier ventilation, chest compressions, electrical~~ 368  
~~interventions with automated defibrillators to support or~~ 369  
~~correct the cardiac function and other methods determined by the~~ 370  
~~board, controlling of hemorrhage, manual stabilization of~~ 371  
~~fractures, bandaging, assisting in childbirth, and determining~~ 372  
~~triage of trauma victims.~~ 373

~~(C) A first responder may perform any other emergency~~ 374  
~~medical services approved pursuant to rules adopted under~~ 375  
~~section 4765.11 of the Revised Code. The board shall determine~~ 376  
~~whether the nature of any such service requires that a first~~ 377  
~~responder receive authorization prior to performing the service.~~ 378

~~(D)(1)(B)(1)~~ Except as provided in division (D)(2)(B)(2) 379  
~~of this section, if the board determines under division (C) of~~ 380  
~~this section that a service requires prior authorization, the~~ 381  
~~service~~ the emergency medical services provided by a first 382  
responder shall be performed only pursuant to one of the 383  
following: 384

(a) The written or verbal authorization of a physician or 385  
of the cooperating physician advisory board, ~~or pursuant to an~~ 386

(b) An authorization transmitted through a direct 387  
communication device by a physician, physician assistant 388  
designated by a physician, or registered nurse designated by a 389  
physician. 390

~~(2) If communications fail during an emergency situation 391  
or the required response time prohibits communication, a first- 392  
responder may perform services subject to this division, if, in 393  
the judgment of the first responder, the life of the patient is 394  
in immediate danger. Services performed under these 395  
circumstances shall be performed in accordance with the written 396  
protocols for triage of adult and pediatric trauma victims 397  
established in rules adopted under sections 4765.11 and 4765.40 398  
of the Revised Code and any;~~ 399

(c) Any applicable protocols adopted by the emergency 400  
medical service organization with which the first responder is 401  
affiliated. 402

(2) Division (B)(1) of this section does not prohibit a 403  
first responder from complying with a do-not-resuscitate order 404  
issued by a physician assistant or advanced practice registered 405  
nurse pursuant to section 2133.211 of the Revised Code. 406

**Sec. 4765.37.** (A) An emergency medical technician-basic 407  
may perform any of the emergency medical services specified for 408  
EMTs-basic in rules adopted under section 4765.11 of the Revised 409  
Code by the state board of emergency medical, fire, and 410  
transportation services. An EMT-basic shall perform the 411  
emergency medical services described in this section in 412  
accordance with this chapter and any rules adopted under it by 413  
the state board of emergency medical, fire, and transportation 414  
services. 415

~~(B) An emergency medical technician basic may operate, or  
be responsible for operation of, an ambulance and may provide  
emergency medical services to patients. In an emergency, an EMT-  
basic may determine the nature and extent of illness or injury  
and establish priority for required emergency medical services.  
An EMT basic may render emergency medical services such as  
opening and maintaining an airway, giving positive pressure  
ventilation, cardiac resuscitation, electrical interventions  
with automated defibrillators to support or correct the cardiac  
function and other methods determined by the board, controlling  
of hemorrhage, treatment of shock, immobilization of fractures,  
bandaging, assisting in childbirth, management of mentally  
disturbed patients, initial care of poison and burn patients,  
and determining triage of adult and pediatric trauma victims.  
Where patients must in an emergency be extricated from  
entrapment, an EMT basic may assess the extent of injury and  
render all possible emergency medical services and protection to  
the entrapped patient; provide light rescue services if an  
ambulance has not been accompanied by a specialized unit; and  
after extrication, provide additional care in sorting of the  
injured in accordance with standard emergency procedures.~~

~~(C) An EMT basic may perform any other emergency medical  
services approved pursuant to rules adopted under section  
4765.11 of the Revised Code. The board shall determine whether  
the nature of any such service requires that an EMT basic  
receive authorization prior to performing the service.~~

~~(D) (1) (B) (1) Except as provided in division (D) (2) (B) (2)  
of this section, if the board determines under division (C) of  
this section that a service requires prior authorization, the  
service the emergency medical services provided by an EMT-basic  
shall be performed only pursuant to one of the following:~~



(a) The written or verbal authorization of a physician or 447  
of the cooperating physician advisory board, ~~or pursuant to an;~~ 448

(b) An authorization transmitted through a direct 449  
communication device by a physician, physician assistant 450  
designated by a physician, or registered nurse designated by a 451  
physician~~;~~ 452

~~(2) If communications fail during an emergency situation~~ 453  
~~or the required response time prohibits communication, an EMT-~~ 454  
~~basic may perform services subject to this division, if, in the~~ 455  
~~judgment of the EMT-basic, the life of the patient is in~~ 456  
~~immediate danger. Services performed under these circumstances~~ 457  
~~shall be performed in accordance with the protocols for triage~~ 458  
~~of adult and pediatric trauma victims established in rules~~ 459  
~~adopted under sections 4765.11 and 4765.40 of the Revised Code~~ 460  
~~and any;~~ 461

(c) Any applicable protocols adopted by the emergency 462  
medical service organization with which the EMT-basic is 463  
affiliated. 464

(2) Division (B) (1) of this section does not prohibit an 465  
EMT-basic from complying with a do-not-resuscitate order issued 466  
by a physician assistant or advanced practice registered nurse 467  
pursuant to section 2133.211 of the Revised Code. 468

**Sec. 4765.38.** (A) An emergency medical technician- 469  
intermediate may perform any of the emergency medical services 470  
specified for EMTs-I in rules adopted under section 4765.11 of 471  
the Revised Code by the state board of emergency medical, fire, 472  
and transportation services. An EMT-I shall perform the 473  
emergency medical services described in this section in 474  
accordance with this chapter and any rules adopted under it by 475

the board. 476

~~(B) An EMT-I may do any of the following:~~ 477

~~(1) Establish and maintain an intravenous lifeline that~~ 478  
~~has been approved by a cooperating physician or physician-~~ 479  
~~advisory board;~~ 480

~~(2) Perform cardiac monitoring;~~ 481

~~(3) Perform electrical interventions to support or correct-~~ 482  
~~the cardiac function;~~ 483

~~(4) Administer epinephrine;~~ 484

~~(5) Determine triage of adult and pediatric trauma-~~ 485  
~~victims;~~ 486

~~(6) Perform any other emergency medical services approved-~~ 487  
~~pursuant to rules adopted under section 4765.11 of the Revised-~~ 488  
~~Code.~~ 489

~~(C) (1) (B) (1) Except as provided in division (C) (2) (B) (2)~~ 490  
~~of this section, the emergency medical services described in-~~ 491  
~~division (B) of this section provided by an EMT-I shall be~~ 492  
~~performed by an EMT-I only pursuant to one of the following:~~ 493

(a) The written or verbal authorization of a physician or 494  
of the cooperating physician advisory board, ~~or pursuant to an;~~ 495

(b) An authorization transmitted through a direct 496  
communication device by a physician, physician assistant 497  
designated by a physician, or registered nurse designated by a 498  
physician. 499

~~(2) If communications fail during an emergency situation-~~ 500  
~~or the required response time prohibits communication, an EMT-I-~~ 501  
~~may perform any of the services described in division (B) of-~~ 502

~~this section, if, in the judgment of the EMT-I, the life of the patient is in immediate danger. Services performed under these circumstances shall be performed in accordance with the protocols for triage of adult and pediatric trauma victims established in rules adopted under sections 4765.11 and 4765.40 of the Revised Code and any;~~ 503  
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(c) Any applicable protocols adopted by the emergency medical service organization with which the EMT-I is affiliated. 509  
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~~(D) (2) Division (B) (1) of this section does not prohibit an EMT-I from complying with a do-not-resuscitate order issued by a physician assistant or advanced practice registered nurse pursuant to section 2133.211 of the Revised Code.~~ 511  
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(C) In addition to, and in the course of, providing emergency medical treatment, an emergency medical technician-intermediate EMT-I may withdraw blood as provided under sections 1547.11, 4506.17, and 4511.19 of the Revised Code. An emergency medical technician-intermediate EMT-I shall withdraw blood in accordance with this chapter and any rules adopted under it by the state board of emergency medical, fire, and transportation services. 515  
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**Sec. 4765.39.** (A) An emergency medical technician-paramedic may perform any of the emergency medical services specified for paramedics in rules adopted under section 4765.11 of the Revised Code by the state board of emergency medical, fire, and transportation services. A paramedic shall perform the emergency medical services described in this section in accordance with this chapter and any rules adopted under it by the state board of emergency medical, fire, and transportation services. 523  
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| <del>(B) A paramedic may do any of the following:</del>   | 532 |
| <del>(1) Perform cardiac monitoring;</del>  | 533 |
| <del>(2) Perform electrical interventions to support or correct the cardiac function;</del>   | 534 |
| <del>(3) Perform airway procedures;</del>   | 535 |
| <del>(4) Perform relief of pneumothorax;</del>  | 536 |
| <del>(5) Administer appropriate drugs and intravenous fluids;</del>   | 537 |
| <del>(6) Determine triage of adult and pediatric trauma victims;</del>  | 538 |
| <del>(7) Perform any other emergency medical services, including life support or intensive care techniques, approved pursuant to rules adopted under section 4765.11 of the Revised Code.</del>   | 539 |
| <del>(C) (1) (B) (1) Except as provided in division (C) (2) (B) (2) of this section, the <u>emergency medical services described in division (B) of this section provided by a paramedic shall be performed by a paramedic only pursuant to one of the following:</u></del> | 540 |
| <del>(a) <u>The</u> written or verbal authorization of a physician or of the cooperating physician advisory board, <u>or pursuant to an;</u></del>  | 541 |
| <del>(b) <u>An</u> authorization transmitted through a direct communication device by a physician, physician assistant designated by a physician, or registered nurse designated by a physician.</del>  | 542 |
| <del>(2) If communications fail during an emergency situation or the required response time prohibits communication, a paramedic may perform any of the services described in division (B) of this section, if, in the paramedic's judgment, the life</del>                 | 543 |
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~~of the patient is in immediate danger. Services performed under 559  
these circumstances shall be performed in accordance with the 560  
protocols for triage of adult and pediatric trauma victims 561  
established in rules adopted under sections 4765.11 and 4765.40 562  
of the Revised Code and any; 563~~

(c) Any applicable protocols adopted by the emergency 564  
medical service organization with which the paramedic is 565  
affiliated. 566

~~(D) (2) Division (B) (1) of this section does not prohibit 567  
a paramedic from complying with a do-not-resuscitate order 568  
issued by a physician assistant or advanced practice registered 569  
nurse pursuant to section 2133.211 of the Revised Code. 570~~

(C) In addition to, and in the course of, providing 571  
emergency medical treatment, ~~an emergency medical technician- 572  
paramedic~~ a paramedic may withdraw blood as provided under 573  
sections 1547.11, 4506.17, and 4511.19 of the Revised Code. ~~An 574  
emergency medical technician-paramedic~~ A paramedic shall 575  
withdraw blood in accordance with this chapter and any rules 576  
adopted under it by the ~~state board of emergency medical, fire, 577  
and transportation services.~~ 578

**Sec. 4765.41.** The medical director or cooperating 579  
physician advisory board of each emergency medical service 580  
organization shall establish written protocols to be followed by 581  
first responders, emergency medical technicians-basic, emergency 582  
medical technicians-intermediate, and emergency medical 583  
technicians-paramedic in performing emergency medical services 584  
~~when communications have failed or the required response 585  
prevents communication and the life of the patient is in 586  
immediate danger.~~ Those protocols shall be consistent with 587  
applicable trauma triage protocols adopted under division (A) or 588

approved under division (B) (2) of section 4765.40 of the Revised Code, but may direct to an adult or pediatric trauma center emergency victims that the applicable trauma triage protocols do not require to be transported to an adult or pediatric trauma center.

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

(A) "Advanced life support" means treatment ~~described in~~ section 4765.39 of the Revised Code that a paramedic an emergency medical technician-paramedic is certified authorized to perform under section 4765.39 of the Revised Code.

(B) "Air medical service organization" means an organization that furnishes, conducts, maintains, advertises, promotes, or otherwise engages in providing medical services with a rotorcraft air ambulance or fixed wing air ambulance.

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

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

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

(F) "Basic life support" means treatment ~~described in section 4765.37 of the Revised Code~~ that an EMT-emergency medical technician-basic is certified-authorized to perform under section 4765.37 of the Revised Code.

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

(H) "Emergency medical service organization" means an organization that uses ~~EMTs~~ emergency medical technicians-basic, AEMTs emergency medical technicians-intermediate, or paramedics-emergency medical technicians-paramedic, or a combination of ~~EMTs~~ EMTs-basic, AEMTs EMTs-I, and paramedics, to provide medical care to victims of illness or injury. An emergency medical service organization includes, but is not limited to, a commercial ambulance service organization, a hospital, and a funeral home.

(I) ~~"EMT," "AEMT,"~~ "Emergency medical technician-basic," "EMT-basic," "emergency medical technician-intermediate," "EMT-I," "emergency medical technician-paramedic," and "paramedic" have the same meanings as in ~~sections~~ section 4765.01 and of the Revised Code. Pursuant to section 4765.011 of the Revised Code, an emergency medical technician-basic or EMT-basic is also known as an emergency medical technician or EMT, respectively, and an emergency medical technician-intermediate or EMT-I is also known

as an advanced emergency medical technician or AEMT, 648  
respectively. 649

(J) "Fixed wing air ambulance" means a fixed wing aircraft 650  
that is specifically designed, constructed, or modified and 651  
equipped and is intended to be used as a means of air medical 652  
transportation. 653

(K) "Health care practitioner" has the same meaning as in 654  
section 3701.74 of the Revised Code. 655

(L) "Health care services" has the same meaning as in 656  
section 3922.01 of the Revised Code. 657

(M) "Intermediate life support" means treatment ~~described~~ 658  
~~in section 4765.38 of the Revised Code that an AEMT~~ emergency 659  
medical technician-intermediate is certified authorized to 660  
perform under section 4765.38 of the Revised Code. 661

(N) "Major emergency" means any emergency event that 662  
cannot be resolved through the use of locally available 663  
emergency resources. 664

(O) "Mass casualty" means an emergency event that results 665  
in ten or more persons being injured, incapacitated, made ill, 666  
or killed. 667

(P) "Medical emergency" means an unforeseen event 668  
affecting an individual in such a manner that a need for 669  
immediate care is created. 670

(Q) "Mobile intensive care unit" means an ambulance used 671  
only for maintaining specialized or intensive care treatment and 672  
used primarily for interhospital transports of patients whose 673  
conditions require care beyond the ~~scope of services~~ a paramedic 674  
~~as provided in~~ is authorized to perform under section 4765.39 of 675



the Revised Code. 676

(R) (1) "Nonemergency medical service organization" means a 677  
person that does both of the following: 678

(a) Provides services to the public on a regular basis for 679  
the purpose of transporting individuals who require the use of a 680  
wheelchair or other mobility aid to receive health care services 681  
in nonemergency circumstances; 682

(b) Provides the services for a fee, regardless of whether 683  
the fee is paid by the person being transported, a third party 684  
payer, as defined in section 3702.51 of the Revised Code, or any 685  
other person or government entity. 686

(2) "Nonemergency medical service organization" does not 687  
include a health care facility, as defined in section 1751.01 of 688  
the Revised Code, that provides ambulette services only to 689  
patients of that facility. 690

(S) "Nontransport vehicle" means a motor vehicle operated 691  
by a licensed emergency medical service organization not as an 692  
ambulance, but as a vehicle for providing services in 693  
conjunction with the ambulances operated by the organization or 694  
other emergency medical service organizations. 695

(T) "Patient" means any individual who as a result of 696  
illness or injury needs medical attention, whose physical or 697  
mental condition is such that there is imminent danger of loss 698  
of life or significant health impairment, or who may be 699  
otherwise incapacitated or helpless as a result of a physical or 700  
mental condition, or any individual whose physical condition 701  
requires the use of a wheelchair or other mobility aid. 702

(U) "Rotorcraft air ambulance" means a helicopter or other 703  
aircraft capable of vertical takeoffs, vertical landings, and 704

hovering that is specifically designed, constructed, or modified 705  
and equipped and is intended to be used as a means of air 706  
medical transportation. 707

(V) "Taxicab" means a taxicab vehicle operated by a 708  
taxicab service company, provided the company is not a 709  
nonemergency medical service organization. 710

(W) "Transportation network company driver" has the same 711  
meaning as in section 3942.01 of the Revised Code. 712

(X) "Transportation network company services" has the same 713  
meaning as in section 3942.01 of the Revised Code. 714

**Section 2.** That existing sections 4765.01, 4765.11, 715  
4765.30, 4765.35, 4765.37, 4765.38, 4765.39, 4765.41, and 716  
4766.01 of the Revised Code are hereby repealed. 717

**Section 3.** That the version of section 4765.11 of the 718  
Revised Code that is scheduled to take effect October 9, 2021, 719  
be amended to read as follows: 720

**Sec. 4765.11.** (A) The state board of emergency medical, 721  
fire, and transportation services shall adopt, and may amend and 722  
rescind, rules in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised 723  
Code and ~~division~~divisions (C) and (D) of this section that 724  
establish all of the following: 725

(1) Procedures for its governance and the control of its 726  
actions and business affairs; 727

(2) Standards for the performance of emergency medical 728  
services by first responders, emergency medical technicians- 729  
basic, emergency medical technicians-intermediate, and emergency 730  
medical technicians-paramedic; 731

(3) Application fees for certificates of accreditation, 732

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| certificates of approval, certificates to teach, and             | 733 |
| certificates to practice, which shall be deposited into the      | 734 |
| trauma and emergency medical services fund created in section    | 735 |
| 4513.263 of the Revised Code;                                    | 736 |
| (4) Criteria for determining when the application or             | 737 |
| renewal fee for a certificate to practice may be waived because  | 738 |
| an applicant cannot afford to pay the fee;                       | 739 |
| (5) Procedures for issuance and renewal of certificates of       | 740 |
| accreditation, certificates of approval, certificates to teach,  | 741 |
| and certificates to practice, including any measures necessary   | 742 |
| to implement section 9.79 of the Revised Code and any procedures | 743 |
| necessary to ensure that adequate notice of renewal is provided  | 744 |
| in accordance with division (D) of section 4765.30 of the        | 745 |
| Revised Code;  | 746 |
| (6) Procedures for suspending or revoking certificates of        | 747 |
| accreditation, certificates of approval, certificates to teach,  | 748 |
| and certificates to practice;                                    | 749 |
| (7) Grounds for suspension or revocation of a certificate        | 750 |
| to practice issued under section 4765.30 of the Revised Code and | 751 |
| for taking any other disciplinary action against a first         | 752 |
| responder, EMT-basic, EMT-I, or paramedic;                       | 753 |
| (8) Procedures for taking disciplinary action against a          | 754 |
| first responder, EMT-basic, EMT-I, or paramedic;                 | 755 |
| (9) Standards for certificates of accreditation and              | 756 |
| certificates of approval;  | 757 |
| (10) Qualifications for certificates to teach;                   | 758 |
| (11) Requirements for a certificate to practice;                 | 759 |
| (12) The curricula, number of hours of instruction and           | 760 |

training, and instructional materials to be used in adult and 761  
pediatric emergency medical services training programs and adult 762  
and pediatric emergency medical services continuing education 763  
programs; 764

(13) Procedures for conducting courses in recognizing 765  
symptoms of life-threatening allergic reactions and in 766  
calculating proper dosage levels and administering injections of 767  
epinephrine to adult and pediatric patients who suffer life- 768  
threatening allergic reactions; 769

(14) Examinations for certificates to practice; 770

(15) Procedures for administering examinations for 771  
certificates to practice; 772

(16) Procedures for approving examinations that 773  
demonstrate competence to have a certificate to practice renewed 774  
without completing an emergency medical services continuing 775  
education program; 776

(17) Procedures for granting extensions and exemptions of 777  
emergency medical services continuing education requirements; 778

(18) ~~Procedures for approving~~ Specifications of the 779  
~~additional~~ emergency medical services that first responders are 780  
authorized ~~by division (C) of to perform under~~ section 4765.35 781  
of the Revised Code ~~to perform, that~~ EMTs-basic are authorized 782  
~~by division (C) of to perform under~~ section 4765.37 of the 783  
Revised Code ~~to perform, that~~ EMTs-I are authorized ~~by division~~ 784  
~~(B) (5) of to perform under~~ section 4765.38 of the Revised Code 785  
~~to perform, and that~~ paramedics are authorized ~~by division (B)~~ 786  
~~(6) of to perform under~~ section 4765.39 of the Revised Code ~~to~~ 787  
~~perform;~~ 788

(19) Standards and procedures for implementing the 789

requirements of section 4765.06 of the Revised Code, including 790  
designations of the persons who are required to report 791  
information to the board and the types of information to be 792  
reported; 793

(20) Procedures for administering the emergency medical 794  
services grant program established under section 4765.07 of the 795  
Revised Code; 796

(21) Procedures consistent with Chapter 119. of the 797  
Revised Code for appealing decisions of the board; 798

(22) Minimum qualifications and peer review and quality 799  
improvement requirements for persons who provide medical 800  
direction to emergency medical service personnel; 801

(23) The manner in which a patient, or a patient's parent, 802  
guardian, or custodian, may consent to the board releasing 803  
identifying information about the patient under division (D) of 804  
section 4765.102 of the Revised Code; 805

(24) Circumstances under which a training program or 806  
continuing education program, or portion of either type of 807  
program, may be taught by a person who does not hold a 808  
certificate to teach issued under section 4765.23 of the Revised 809  
Code; 810

(25) Certification cycles for certificates issued under 811  
sections 4765.23 and 4765.30 of the Revised Code and 812  
certificates issued by the executive director of the state board 813  
of emergency medical, fire, and transportation services under 814  
section 4765.55 of the Revised Code that establish a common 815  
expiration date for all certificates. 816

(B) The board may adopt, and may amend and rescind, rules 817  
in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code and ~~division~~ 818

divisions (C) and (D) of this section that establish any of the 819  
following: 820

(1) Specifications of information that may be collected 821  
under the trauma system registry and incidence reporting system 822  
created under section 4765.06 of the Revised Code; 823

(2) Standards and procedures for implementing any of the 824  
recommendations made by any committees of the board or under 825  
section 4765.04 of the Revised Code; 826

~~(3) Requirements that a person must meet to receive a~~ 827  
~~certificate to practice as a first responder pursuant to~~ 828  
~~division (A) (2) of section 4765.30 of the Revised Code;~~ 829

~~(4) Any other rules necessary to implement this chapter.~~ 830

(C) In developing and administering rules adopted under 831  
this chapter, the state board of emergency medical, fire, and 832  
transportation services shall consult with regional directors 833  
and regional ~~physician~~ advisory boards ~~created by appointed~~ 834  
under section 4765.05 of the Revised Code and emphasize the 835  
special needs of pediatric and geriatric patients. 836

(D) Except as otherwise provided in this division, before 837  
adopting, amending, or rescinding any rule under this chapter, 838  
the board shall submit the proposed rule to the director of 839  
public safety for review. The director may review the proposed 840  
rule for not more than sixty days after the date it is 841  
submitted. If, within this sixty-day period, the director 842  
approves the proposed rule or does not notify the board that the 843  
rule is disapproved, the board may adopt, amend, or rescind the 844  
rule as proposed. If, within this sixty-day period, the director 845  
notifies the board that the proposed rule is disapproved, the 846  
board shall not adopt, amend, or rescind the rule as proposed 847

unless at least twelve members of the board vote to adopt, 848  
amend, or rescind it. 849

This division does not apply to an emergency rule adopted 850  
in accordance with section 119.03 of the Revised Code. 851

**Section 4.** That the existing version of section 4765.11 of 852  
the Revised Code that is scheduled to take effect October 9, 853  
2021, is hereby repealed. 854