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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, 2
4765.42, and 4766.01 and to enact sections 3
4765.431 and 4765.53 of the Revised Code to 4
modify the laws governing services provided by 5
emergency medical service (EMS) personnel and 6
qualifications for serving as a medical director 7
of an EMS organization. 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, 4765.42, and 10
4766.01 be amended and sections 4765.431 and 4765.53 of the 11
Revised Code be enacted to read as follows: 12

Sec. 4765.01. As used in this chapter: 13

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

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

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

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

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

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

(G) "Emergency medical service" means any of the services
~~described in sections 4765.35, 4765.37, 4765.38, and 4765.39 of~~
~~the Revised Code that are performed by~~ first responders,
emergency medical technicians-basic, emergency medical

technicians-intermediate, and paramedics are authorized to 43
perform pursuant to rules adopted by the state board of 44
emergency medical, fire, and transportation services under 45
section 4765.11 of the Revised Code. "Emergency medical service" 46
includes such services performed before or during any transport 47
of a patient, including transports between hospitals and 48
transports to and from helicopters. 49

(H) "Emergency medical service organization" means a 50
public or private organization using first responders, EMTs- 51
basic, EMTs-I, or paramedics, or a combination of first 52
responders, EMTs-basic, EMTs-I, and paramedics, to provide 53
emergency medical services. 54

(I) "Physician" means an individual who holds a current, 55
valid license issued under Chapter 4731. of the Revised Code 56
authorizing the practice of medicine and surgery or osteopathic 57
medicine and surgery. 58

(J) "Registered nurse" means an individual who holds a 59
current, valid license issued under Chapter 4723. of the Revised 60
Code authorizing the practice of nursing as a registered nurse. 61

(K) "Volunteer" means a person who provides services 62
either for no compensation or for compensation that does not 63
exceed the actual expenses incurred in providing the services or 64
in training to provide the services. 65

(L) "Emergency medical service personnel" means first 66
responders, emergency medical technicians-basic, emergency 67
medical technicians-intermediate, emergency medical technicians- 68
paramedic, and persons who provide medical direction to such 69
persons. 70

(M) "Hospital" has the same meaning as in section 3727.01 71

of the Revised Code.	72
(N) "Trauma" or "traumatic injury" means severe damage to	73
or destruction of tissue that satisfies both of the following	74
conditions:	75
(1) It creates a significant risk of any of the following:	76
(a) Loss of life;	77
(b) Loss of a limb;	78
(c) Significant, permanent disfigurement;	79
(d) Significant, permanent disability.	80
(2) It is caused by any of the following:	81
(a) Blunt or penetrating injury;	82
(b) Exposure to electromagnetic, chemical, or radioactive	83
energy;	84
(c) Drowning, suffocation, or strangulation;	85
(d) A deficit or excess of heat.	86
(O) "Trauma victim" or "trauma patient" means a person who	87
has sustained a traumatic injury.	88
(P) "Trauma care" means the assessment, diagnosis,	89
transportation, treatment, or rehabilitation of a trauma victim	90
by emergency medical service personnel or by a physician, nurse,	91
physician assistant, respiratory therapist, physical therapist,	92
chiropractor, occupational therapist, speech-language	93
pathologist, audiologist, or psychologist licensed to practice	94
as such in this state or another jurisdiction.	95
(Q) "Trauma center" means all of the following:	96

(1) Any hospital that is verified by the American college of surgeons as an adult or pediatric trauma center;	97 98
(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;	99 100 101
(3) Until December 31, 2004, any hospital in this state that is designated by the director of health as a level II pediatric trauma center under section 3727.081 of the Revised Code;	102 103 104 105
(4) Any hospital in another state that is licensed or designated under the laws of that state as capable of providing specialized trauma care appropriate to the medical needs of the trauma patient.	106 107 108 109
(R) "Pediatric" means involving a patient who is less than sixteen years of age.	110 111
(S) "Adult" means involving a patient who is not a pediatric patient.	112 113
(T) "Geriatric" means involving a patient who is at least seventy years old or exhibits significant anatomical or physiological characteristics associated with advanced aging.	114 115 116
(U) "Air medical organization" means an organization that provides emergency medical services, or transports emergency victims, by means of fixed or rotary wing aircraft.	117 118 119
(V) "Emergency care" and "emergency facility" have the same meanings as in section 3727.01 of the Revised Code.	120 121
(W) " Stabilize, " except as it is used in division (B) of section 4765.35 of the Revised Code with respect to the manual stabilization of fractures, has the same meaning as in section	122 123 124

1753.28 of the Revised Code.	125
(X) "Transfer" has the same meaning as in section 1753.28 of the Revised Code.	126 127
(Y) "Firefighter" means any member of a fire department as defined in section 742.01 of the Revised Code.	128 129
(Z) "Volunteer firefighter" has the same meaning as in section 146.01 of the Revised Code.	130 131
(AA) "Part-time paid firefighter" means a person who provides firefighting services on less than a full-time basis, is routinely scheduled to be present on site at a fire station or other designated location for purposes of responding to a fire or other emergency, and receives more than nominal compensation for the provision of firefighting services.	132 133 134 135 136 137
(BB) "Physician assistant" means an individual who holds a valid license to practice as a physician assistant issued under Chapter 4730. of the Revised Code.	138 139 140
<u>(CC) "Advanced practice registered nurse" has the same meaning as in section 4723.01 of the Revised Code.</u>	141 142
Sec. 4765.11. (A) The state board of emergency medical, fire, and transportation services shall adopt, and may amend and rescind, rules in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code and division <u>divisions</u> (C) <u>and (D)</u> of this section that establish all of the following:	143 144 145 146 147
(1) Procedures for its governance and the control of its actions and business affairs;	148 149
(2) Standards for the performance of emergency medical services by first responders, emergency medical technicians-basic, emergency medical technicians-intermediate, and emergency	150 151 152

medical technicians-paramedic;	153
(3) Application fees for certificates of accreditation,	154
certificates of approval, certificates to teach, and	155
certificates to practice, which shall be deposited into the	156
trauma and emergency medical services fund created in section	157
4513.263 of the Revised Code;	158
(4) Criteria for determining when the application or	159
renewal fee for a certificate to practice may be waived because	160
an applicant cannot afford to pay the fee;	161
(5) Procedures for issuance and renewal of certificates of	162
accreditation, certificates of approval, certificates to teach,	163
and certificates to practice, including any measures necessary	164
to implement section 9.79 of the Revised Code and any procedures	165
necessary to ensure that adequate notice of renewal is provided	166
in accordance with division (D) of section 4765.30 of the	167
Revised Code;	168
(6) Procedures for suspending or revoking certificates of	169
accreditation, certificates of approval, certificates to teach,	170
and certificates to practice;	171
(7) Grounds for suspension or revocation of a certificate	172
to practice issued under section 4765.30 of the Revised Code and	173
for taking any other disciplinary action against a first	174
responder, EMT-basic, EMT-I, or paramedic;	175
(8) Procedures for taking disciplinary action against a	176
first responder, EMT-basic, EMT-I, or paramedic;	177
(9) Standards for certificates of accreditation and	178
certificates of approval;	179
(10) Qualifications for certificates to teach;	180

(11) Requirements for a certificate to practice;	181
(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;	182 183 184 185 186
(13) Procedures for conducting courses in recognizing symptoms of life-threatening allergic reactions and in calculating proper dosage levels and administering injections of epinephrine to adult and pediatric patients who suffer life-threatening allergic reactions;	187 188 189 190 191
(14) Examinations for certificates to practice;	192
(15) Procedures for administering examinations for certificates to practice;	193 194
(16) Procedures for approving examinations that demonstrate competence to have a certificate to practice renewed without completing an emergency medical services continuing education program;	195 196 197 198
(17) Procedures for granting extensions and exemptions of emergency medical services continuing education requirements;	199 200
(18) Procedures for approving <u>Specifications of the additional-emergency medical services that first responders are authorized by division (C) of to perform under section 4765.35 of the Revised Code to perform, that EMTs-basic are authorized by division (C) of to perform under section 4765.37 of the Revised Code to perform, that EMTs-I are authorized by division (B) (5) of to perform under section 4765.38 of the Revised Code to perform, and that paramedics are authorized by division (B) (6) of to perform under section 4765.39 of the Revised Code to</u>	201 202 203 204 205 206 207 208 209

perform;	210
(19) Standards and procedures for implementing the requirements of section 4765.06 of the Revised Code, including designations of the persons who are required to report information to the board and the types of information to be reported;	211 212 213 214 215
(20) Procedures for administering the emergency medical services grant program established under section 4765.07 of the Revised Code;	216 217 218
(21) Procedures consistent with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code for appealing decisions of the board;	219 220
(22) Minimum qualifications and peer review and quality improvement requirements for persons who provide medical direction to emergency medical service personnel, <u>including, subject to division (B) of section 4765.42 of the Revised Code, qualifications for a physician to be eligible to serve as the medical director of an emergency medical service organization or a member of its cooperating physician advisory board;</u>	221 222 223 224 225 226 227
(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;	228 229 230 231
(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;	232 233 234 235 236
(25) Certification cycles for certificates issued under sections 4765.23 and 4765.30 of the Revised Code and	237 238

certificates issued by the executive director of the state board 239
of emergency medical, fire, and transportation services under 240
section 4765.55 of the Revised Code that establish a common 241
expiration date for all certificates. 242

(B) The board may adopt, and may amend and rescind, rules 243
in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code and ~~division-~~ 244
divisions (C) and (D) of this section that establish any of the 245
following: 246

(1) Specifications of information that may be collected 247
under the trauma system registry and incidence reporting system 248
created under section 4765.06 of the Revised Code; 249

(2) Standards and procedures for implementing any of the 250
recommendations made by any committees of the board or under 251
section 4765.04 of the Revised Code; 252

~~(3) Requirements that a person must meet to receive a~~ 253
~~certificate to practice as a first responder pursuant to~~ 254
~~division (A) (2) of section 4765.30 of the Revised Code;~~ 255

~~(4) Any other rules necessary to implement this chapter.~~ 256

(C) In developing and administering rules adopted under 257
this chapter, the state board of emergency medical, fire, and 258
transportation services shall consult with regional directors 259
and regional ~~physician~~ advisory boards created by appointed 260
under section 4765.05 of the Revised Code and emphasize the 261
special needs of pediatric and geriatric patients. 262

(D) Except as otherwise provided in this division, before 263
adopting, amending, or rescinding any rule under this chapter, 264
the board shall submit the proposed rule to the director of 265
public safety for review. The director may review the proposed 266
rule for not more than sixty days after the date it is 267

submitted. If, within this sixty-day period, the director 268
approves the proposed rule or does not notify the board that the 269
rule is disapproved, the board may adopt, amend, or rescind the 270
rule as proposed. If, within this sixty-day period, the director 271
notifies the board that the proposed rule is disapproved, the 272
board shall not adopt, amend, or rescind the rule as proposed 273
unless at least twelve members of the board vote to adopt, 274
amend, or rescind it. 275

This division does not apply to an emergency rule adopted 276
in accordance with section 119.03 of the Revised Code. 277

Sec. 4765.30. ~~(A)(1) The~~ All of the following apply to the 278
state board of emergency medical, fire, and transportation 279
services ~~shall issue with respect to issuing and renewing~~ 280
certificates to practice: 281

(A) The board shall issue a certificate to practice as a 282
first responder to an applicant who meets all of the following 283
conditions: 284

~~(a) Except as provided in division (A)(2) of this section,~~ 285
~~is a volunteer for a nonprofit emergency medical service~~ 286
~~organization or a nonprofit fire department;~~ 287

~~(b)(1)~~ (1) Holds the appropriate certificate of completion 288
issued in accordance with section 4765.24 of the Revised Code; 289

~~(c)(2)~~ (2) Passes the appropriate examination conducted under 290
section 4765.29 of the Revised Code; 291

~~(d)(3)~~ (3) Is not in violation of any provision of this 292
chapter or the rules adopted under it; 293

~~(e)(4)~~ (4) Meets any other certification requirements 294
established in rules adopted under section 4765.11 of the 295

Revised Code.	296
(2) The board may waive the requirement to be a volunteer for a nonprofit entity if the applicant meets other requirements established in rules adopted under division (B) (3) of section 4765.11 of the Revised Code relative to a person's eligibility to practice as a first responder.	297 298 299 300 301
(B) The state board of emergency medical, fire, and transportation services shall issue a certificate to practice as an emergency medical technician-basic to an applicant who meets all of the following conditions:	302 303 304 305
(1) Holds a the appropriate certificate of completion in emergency medical services training basic issued in accordance with section 4765.24 of the Revised Code;	306 307 308
(2) Passes the appropriate examination for emergency medical technicians basic conducted under section 4765.29 of the Revised Code;	309 310 311
(3) Is not in violation of any provision of this chapter or the rules adopted under it;	312 313
(4) Meets any other certification requirements established in rules adopted under section 4765.11 of the Revised Code.	314 315
(C) The state board of emergency medical, fire, and transportation services shall issue a certificate to practice as an emergency medical technician-intermediate or emergency medical technician-paramedic to an applicant who meets all of the following conditions:	316 317 318 319 320
(1) Holds a certificate to practice as an emergency medical technician-basic;	321 322
(2) Holds the appropriate certificate of completion issued	323

in accordance with section 4765.24 of the Revised Code;	324
(3) Passes the appropriate examination conducted under section 4765.29 of the Revised Code;	325 326
(4) Is not in violation of any provision of this chapter or the rules adopted under it;	327 328
(5) Meets any other certification requirements established in rules adopted under section 4765.11 of the Revised Code.	329 330
(D) A certificate to practice shall have a certification cycle established by the board and may be renewed by the board pursuant to rules adopted under section 4765.11 of the Revised Code. Not later than sixty days prior to the expiration date of an individual's certificate to practice, the board shall notify the individual of the scheduled expiration.	331 332 333 334 335 336
An application for renewal shall be accompanied by the appropriate renewal fee established in rules adopted under section 4765.11 of the Revised Code, unless the board waives the fee on determining pursuant to those rules that the applicant cannot afford to pay the fee. Except as provided in division (B) of section 4765.31 of the Revised Code, the application shall include evidence of either of the following:	337 338 339 340 341 342 343
(1) That the applicant received a certificate of completion from the appropriate emergency medical services continuing education program pursuant to section 4765.24 of the Revised Code;	344 345 346 347
(2) That the applicant has successfully passed an examination that demonstrates the competence to have a certificate renewed without completing an emergency medical services continuing education program. The board shall approve such examinations in accordance with rules adopted under section	348 349 350 351 352

4765.11 of the Revised Code. 353

(E) The board shall not require an applicant for renewal 354
of a certificate to practice to take an examination as a 355
condition of renewing the certificate. This division does not 356
preclude the use of examinations by operators of approved 357
emergency medical services continuing education programs as a 358
condition for issuance of a certificate of completion in 359
emergency medical services continuing education. 360

Sec. 4765.35. (A) A first responder may perform any of the 361
emergency medical services specified for first responders in 362
rules adopted under section 4765.11 of the Revised Code by the 363
state board of emergency medical, fire, and transportation 364
services. A first responder shall perform the emergency medical 365
services ~~described in this section~~ in accordance with this 366
chapter and any rules adopted under it by the board. 367

~~(B) A first responder may provide limited emergency~~ 368
~~medical services to patients until the arrival of an emergency~~ 369
~~medical technician basic, emergency medical technician~~ 370
~~intermediate, or emergency medical technician paramedic. In an~~ 371
~~emergency, a first responder may render emergency medical~~ 372
~~services such as opening and maintaining an airway, giving mouth~~ 373
~~to barrier ventilation, chest compressions, electrical~~ 374
~~interventions with automated defibrillators to support or~~ 375
~~correct the cardiac function and other methods determined by the~~ 376
~~board, controlling of hemorrhage, manual stabilization of~~ 377
~~fractures, bandaging, assisting in childbirth, and determining~~ 378
~~triage of trauma victims.~~ 379

~~(C) A first responder may perform any other emergency~~ 380
~~medical services approved pursuant to rules adopted under~~ 381
~~section 4765.11 of the Revised Code. The board shall determine~~ 382

~~whether the nature of any such service requires that a first- 383
responder receive authorization prior to performing the service. 384~~

~~(D)(1)-(B)(1) Except as provided in division (D)(2)-(B)(2) 385
of this section, if the board determines under division (C) of 386
this section that a service requires prior authorization, the 387
service the emergency medical services provided by a first 388
responder shall be performed only pursuant to one of the 389
following: 390~~

~~(a) The written or verbal authorization of a physician or 391
of the cooperating physician advisory board, or pursuant to an; 392~~

~~(b) An authorization transmitted through a direct 393
communication device by a physician, physician assistant 394
designated by a physician, or registered nurse designated by a 395
physician. 396~~

~~(2) If communications fail during an emergency situation 397
or the required response time prohibits communication, a first- 398
responder may perform services subject to this division, if, in 399
the judgment of the first responder, the life of the patient is 400
in immediate danger. Services performed under these 401
circumstances shall be performed in accordance with the written 402
protocols for triage of adult and pediatric trauma victims 403
established in rules adopted under sections 4765.11 and 4765.40 404
of the Revised Code and any; 405~~

~~(c) Any applicable protocols adopted by the emergency 406
medical service organization with which the first responder is 407
affiliated. 408~~

~~(2) Division (B)(1) of this section does not prohibit a 409
first responder from complying with a do-not-resuscitate order 410
issued by a physician assistant or advanced practice registered 411~~

nurse pursuant to section 2133.211 of the Revised Code. 412

Sec. 4765.37. (A) An emergency medical technician-basic 413
may perform any of the emergency medical services specified for 414
EMTs-basic in rules adopted under section 4765.11 of the Revised 415
Code by the state board of emergency medical, fire, and 416
transportation services. An EMT-basic shall perform the 417
emergency medical services ~~described in this section~~ in 418
accordance with this chapter and any rules adopted under it by 419
the ~~state board of emergency medical, fire, and transportation~~ 420
~~services.~~ 421

~~(B) An emergency medical technician-basic may operate, or~~ 422
~~be responsible for operation of, an ambulance and may provide~~ 423
~~emergency medical services to patients. In an emergency, an EMT-~~ 424
~~basic may determine the nature and extent of illness or injury~~ 425
~~and establish priority for required emergency medical services.~~ 426
~~An EMT basic may render emergency medical services such as~~ 427
~~opening and maintaining an airway, giving positive pressure~~ 428
~~ventilation, cardiac resuscitation, electrical interventions~~ 429
~~with automated defibrillators to support or correct the cardiac~~ 430
~~function and other methods determined by the board, controlling~~ 431
~~of hemorrhage, treatment of shock, immobilization of fractures,~~ 432
~~bandaging, assisting in childbirth, management of mentally~~ 433
~~disturbed patients, initial care of poison and burn patients,~~ 434
~~and determining triage of adult and pediatric trauma victims.~~ 435
~~Where patients must in an emergency be extricated from~~ 436
~~entrapment, an EMT-basic may assess the extent of injury and~~ 437
~~render all possible emergency medical services and protection to~~ 438
~~the entrapped patient; provide light rescue services if an~~ 439
~~ambulance has not been accompanied by a specialized unit; and~~ 440
~~after extrication, provide additional care in sorting of the~~ 441
~~injured in accordance with standard emergency procedures.~~ 442

~~(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.~~ 443
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~~(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:~~ 448
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~~(a) The written or verbal authorization of a physician or of the cooperating physician advisory board, or pursuant to an;~~ 453
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~~(b) An authorization transmitted through a direct communication device by a physician, physician assistant designated by a physician, or registered nurse designated by a physician.~~ 455
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~~(2) If communications fail during an emergency situation or the required response time prohibits communication, an EMT-basic may perform services subject to this division, if, in the judgment of the EMT-basic, 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;~~ 459
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~~(c) Any applicable protocols adopted by the emergency medical service organization with which the EMT-basic is affiliated.~~ 468
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(2) Division (B) (1) of this section does not prohibit an 471

EMT-basic from complying with a do-not-resuscitate order issued 472
by a physician assistant or advanced practice registered nurse 473
pursuant to section 2133.211 of the Revised Code. 474

Sec. 4765.38. (A) An emergency medical technician- 475
intermediate may perform any of the emergency medical services 476
specified for EMTs-I in rules adopted under section 4765.11 of 477
the Revised Code by the state board of emergency medical, fire, 478
and transportation services. An EMT-I shall perform the- 479
emergency medical services ~~described in this section~~ in 480
accordance with this chapter and any rules adopted under it by 481
the board. 482

~~(B) An EMT-I may do any of the following:~~ 483

~~(1) Establish and maintain an intravenous lifeline that~~ 484
~~has been approved by a cooperating physician or physician-~~ 485
~~advisory board;~~ 486

~~(2) Perform cardiac monitoring;~~ 487

~~(3) Perform electrical interventions to support or correct~~ 488
~~the cardiac function;~~ 489

~~(4) Administer epinephrine;~~ 490

~~(5) Determine triage of adult and pediatric trauma-~~ 491
~~victims;~~ 492

~~(6) Perform any other emergency medical services approved~~ 493
~~pursuant to rules adopted under section 4765.11 of the Revised-~~ 494
~~Code.~~ 495

~~(C) (1) (B) (1)~~ Except as provided in division (C) (2) (B) (2) 496
of this section, the emergency medical services described in- 497
division (B) of this section provided by an EMT-I shall be 498
performed ~~by an EMT-I~~ only pursuant to one of the following: 499

(a) The written or verbal authorization of a physician or 500
of the cooperating physician advisory board, ~~or pursuant to an;~~ 501

(b) An authorization transmitted through a direct 502
communication device by a physician, physician assistant 503
designated by a physician, or registered nurse designated by a 504
physician. 505

~~(2) If communications fail during an emergency situation~~ 506
~~or the required response time prohibits communication, an EMT-I~~ 507
~~may perform any of the services described in division (B) of~~ 508
~~this section, if, in the judgment of the EMT-I, the life of the~~ 509
~~patient is in immediate danger. Services performed under these~~ 510
~~circumstances shall be performed in accordance with the~~ 511
~~protocols for triage of adult and pediatric trauma victims~~ 512
~~established in rules adopted under sections 4765.11 and 4765.40~~ 513
~~of the Revised Code and any;~~ 514

(c) Any applicable protocols adopted by the emergency 515
medical service organization with which the EMT-I is affiliated. 516

~~(D)~~ (2) Division (B) (1) of this section does not prohibit 517
an EMT-I from complying with a do-not-resuscitate order issued 518
by a physician assistant or advanced practice registered nurse 519
pursuant to section 2133.211 of the Revised Code. 520

(C) In addition to, and in the course of, providing 521
emergency medical treatment, an ~~emergency medical technician~~ 522
~~intermediate EMT-I~~ may withdraw blood as provided under sections 523
1547.11, 4506.17, and 4511.19 of the Revised Code. An ~~emergency~~ 524
~~medical technician intermediate EMT-I~~ shall withdraw blood in 525
accordance with this chapter and any rules adopted under it by 526
the ~~state board of emergency medical, fire, and transportation~~ 527
~~services.~~ 528

Sec. 4765.39. (A) An emergency medical technician- 529
paramedic may perform any of the emergency medical services 530
specified for paramedics in rules adopted under section 4765.11 531
of the Revised Code by the state board of emergency medical, 532
fire, and transportation services. A paramedic shall perform the 533
emergency medical services described in this section in 534
accordance with this chapter and any rules adopted under it by 535
the state board of emergency medical, fire, and transportation 536
services. 537

~~(B) A paramedic may do any of the following:~~ 538

~~(1) Perform cardiac monitoring;~~ 539

~~(2) Perform electrical interventions to support or correct~~ 540
~~the cardiac function;~~ 541

~~(3) Perform airway procedures;~~ 542

~~(4) Perform relief of pneumothorax;~~ 543

~~(5) Administer appropriate drugs and intravenous fluids;~~ 544

~~(6) Determine triage of adult and pediatric trauma~~ 545
~~victims;~~ 546

~~(7) Perform any other emergency medical services,~~ 547
~~including life support or intensive care techniques, approved~~ 548
~~pursuant to rules adopted under section 4765.11 of the Revised~~ 549
~~Code.~~ 550

~~(C)(1) (B)(1) Except as provided in division (C)(2) (B)(2)~~ 551
~~of this section, the emergency medical services described in~~ 552
~~division (B) of this section provided by a paramedic shall be~~ 553
~~performed by a paramedic only pursuant to one of the following:~~ 554

(a) The written or verbal authorization of a physician or 555

of the cooperating physician advisory board, ~~or pursuant to an;~~ 556

(b) An authorization transmitted through a direct 557
communication device by a physician, physician assistant 558
designated by a physician, or registered nurse designated by a 559
physician. 560

~~(2) If communications fail during an emergency situation 561
or the required response time prohibits communication, a 562
paramedic may perform any of the services described in division 563
(B) of this section, if, in the paramedic's judgment, the life 564
of the patient is in immediate danger. Services performed under 565
these circumstances shall be performed in accordance with the 566
protocols for triage of adult and pediatric trauma victims 567
established in rules adopted under sections 4765.11 and 4765.40 568
of the Revised Code and any;~~ 569

(c) Any applicable protocols adopted by the emergency 570
medical service organization with which the paramedic is 571
affiliated. 572

~~(D)~~ (2) Division (B) (1) of this section does not prohibit 573
a paramedic from complying with a do-not-resuscitate order 574
issued by a physician assistant or advanced practice registered 575
nurse pursuant to section 2133.211 of the Revised Code. 576

(C) In addition to, and in the course of, providing 577
emergency medical treatment, ~~an emergency medical technician 578
paramedic a paramedic~~ may withdraw blood as provided under 579
sections 1547.11, 4506.17, and 4511.19 of the Revised Code. ~~An 580
emergency medical technician paramedic~~ A paramedic shall 581
withdraw blood in accordance with this chapter and any rules 582
adopted under it by the ~~state board of emergency medical, fire, 583
and transportation services.~~ 584

Sec. 4765.41. The medical director or cooperating 585
physician advisory board of each emergency medical service 586
organization shall establish written protocols to be followed by 587
first responders, emergency medical technicians-basic, emergency 588
medical technicians-intermediate, and emergency medical 589
technicians-paramedic in performing emergency medical services 590
~~when communications have failed or the required response~~ 591
~~prevents communication and the life of the patient is in~~ 592
~~immediate danger.~~ Those protocols shall be consistent with 593
applicable trauma triage protocols adopted under division (A) or 594
approved under division (B) (2) of section 4765.40 of the Revised 595
Code, but may direct to an adult or pediatric trauma center 596
emergency victims that the applicable trauma triage protocols do 597
not require to be transported to an adult or pediatric trauma 598
center. 599

Sec. 4765.42. (A) Each emergency medical service 600
organization shall appoint a medical director or a cooperating 601
physician advisory board. The organization shall give notice of 602
the name of its medical director or the names of the members of 603
its cooperating physician advisory board to the state board of 604
emergency medical, fire, and transportation services. The notice 605
shall be made in writing. 606

(B) To be eligible to serve as a medical director or 607
member of a cooperating physician advisory board, an individual 608
shall be a physician who meets the qualifications established in 609
rules adopted under section 4765.11 of the Revised Code. In 610
adopting the rules, the state board shall require that all 611
physicians meet the same qualifications regarding medical 612
experience and completion of a medical director course, subject 613
to both of the following: 614

(1) With respect to medical experience, the state board shall not limit eligibility to only those physicians who have completed a residency or fellowship program in emergency medicine or a related area or who are certified or eligible to be certified in a specialty or subspecialty of emergency medicine or a related area. 615
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(2) With respect to completion of a medical director course, the state board shall permit a physician who has completed a residency or fellowship program in emergency medicine or a related area to use completion of that program as evidence of completing a medical director course. 621
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Sec. 4765.431. (A) As used in this section: 626

(1) "Emergency medical technician" and "EMT" have the same meanings as "emergency medical technician-basic" and "EMT-basic," respectively. 627
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(2) "Advanced emergency medical technician" and "AEMT" have the same meanings as "emergency medical technician-intermediate" and "AEMT," respectively. 630
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(3) "Nonemergency transport" means the transport of an individual who requires routine transportation to or from a medical appointment or service, is convalescent or otherwise nonambulatory, and, during transport to the destination facility, does not require medical monitoring, aid, care, or treatment. 633
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(B) When an ambulance is used for the nonemergency transport of a patient, the emergency medical service organization operating the ambulance shall staff the ambulance as follows: 639
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(1) One individual to serve as the driver who meets the 643

requirements established in rules adopted under this section, 644
but is not necessarily an emergency medical technician, advanced 645
emergency medical technician, or paramedic; 646

(2) In addition to the driver, at least one EMT, AEMT, or 647
paramedic. 648

(C) The state board of emergency medical, fire, and 649
transportation services shall adopt rules necessary to implement 650
this section. The rules shall be adopted in accordance with 651
Chapter 119. of the Revised Code. 652

Sec. 4765.53. Notwithstanding any conflicting provision of 653
the Revised Code, an emergency medical technician-basic, 654
emergency medical technician-intermediate, or emergency medical 655
technician-paramedic may administer a test for COVID-19 and may 656
collect and label specimens from a test for COVID-19 if that 657
individual has received proper training to engage in those 658
activities. 659

Sec. 4766.01. As used in this chapter: 660

(A) "Advanced life support" means treatment ~~described in~~ 661
~~section 4765.39 of the Revised Code that a paramedic an~~ 662
emergency medical technician-paramedic is certified authorized 663
to perform under section 4765.39 of the Revised Code. 664

(B) "Air medical service organization" means an 665
organization that furnishes, conducts, maintains, advertises, 666
promotes, or otherwise engages in providing medical services 667
with a rotorcraft air ambulance or fixed wing air ambulance. 668

(C) "Air medical transportation" means the transporting of 669
a patient by rotorcraft air ambulance or fixed wing air 670
ambulance with appropriately licensed and certified medical 671
personnel. 672

(D) "Ambulance" means any motor vehicle that is 673
specifically designed, constructed, or modified and equipped and 674
is intended to be used to provide basic life support, 675
intermediate life support, advanced life support, or mobile 676
intensive care unit services and transportation upon the streets 677
or highways of this state of persons who are seriously ill, 678
injured, wounded, or otherwise incapacitated or helpless. 679
"Ambulance" does not include air medical transportation or a 680
vehicle designed and used solely for the transportation of 681
nonstretcher-bound persons, whether hospitalized or handicapped 682
or whether ambulatory or confined to a wheelchair. 683

(E) "Ambulette" means a motor vehicle that is specifically 684
designed, constructed, or modified and equipped and is intended 685
to be used for transportation upon the streets or highways of 686
this state of persons who require use of a wheelchair or other 687
mobility aid. 688

(F) "Basic life support" means treatment ~~described in~~ 689
~~section 4765.37 of the Revised Code~~ that an EMT emergency 690
medical technician-basic is ~~certified~~ authorized to perform 691
under section 4765.37 of the Revised Code. 692

(G) "Disaster situation" means any condition or situation 693
described by rule of the state board of emergency medical, fire, 694
and transportation services as a mass casualty, major emergency, 695
natural disaster, or national emergency. 696

(H) "Emergency medical service organization" means an 697
organization that uses ~~EMTs~~ emergency medical technicians-basic, 698
~~AEMTs~~ emergency medical technicians-intermediate, or ~~paramedics~~ 699
emergency medical technicians-paramedic, or a combination of 700
~~EMTs~~ EMTs-basic, ~~AEMTs~~ EMTs-I, and paramedics, to provide 701
medical care to victims of illness or injury. An emergency 702

medical service organization includes, but is not limited to, a 703
commercial ambulance service organization, a hospital, and a 704
funeral home. 705

(I) ~~"EMT," "AEMT," "Emergency medical technician-basic,"~~ 706
~~"EMT-basic," "emergency medical technician-intermediate," "EMT-~~ 707
~~I," "emergency medical technician-paramedic,"~~ and "paramedic" 708
have the same meanings as in ~~sections~~ section 4765.01 ~~and of the~~ 709
Revised Code. Pursuant to section 4765.011 of the Revised Code, 710
an emergency medical technician-basic or EMT-basic is also known 711
as an emergency medical technician or EMT, respectively, and an 712
emergency medical technician-intermediate or EMT-I is also known 713
as an advanced emergency medical technician or AEMT, 714
respectively. 715

(J) "Fixed wing air ambulance" means a fixed wing aircraft 716
that is specifically designed, constructed, or modified and 717
equipped and is intended to be used as a means of air medical 718
transportation. 719

(K) "Health care practitioner" has the same meaning as in 720
section 3701.74 of the Revised Code. 721

(L) "Health care services" has the same meaning as in 722
section 3922.01 of the Revised Code. 723

(M) "Intermediate life support" means treatment ~~described~~ 724
~~in section 4765.38 of the Revised Code~~ that an ~~AEMT~~ emergency 725
medical technician-intermediate is certified-authorized to 726
perform under section 4765.38 of the Revised Code. 727

(N) "Major emergency" means any emergency event that 728
cannot be resolved through the use of locally available 729
emergency resources. 730

(O) "Mass casualty" means an emergency event that results 731

in ten or more persons being injured, incapacitated, made ill, 732
or killed. 733

(P) "Medical emergency" means an unforeseen event 734
affecting an individual in such a manner that a need for 735
immediate care is created. 736

(Q) "Mobile intensive care unit" means an ambulance used 737
only for maintaining specialized or intensive care treatment and 738
used primarily for interhospital transports of patients whose 739
conditions require care beyond the ~~scope of services~~ a paramedic 740
~~as provided in~~ is authorized to perform under section 4765.39 of 741
the Revised Code. 742

(R) (1) "Nonemergency medical service organization" means a 743
person that does both of the following: 744

(a) Provides services to the public on a regular basis for 745
the purpose of transporting individuals who require the use of a 746
wheelchair or other mobility aid to receive health care services 747
in nonemergency circumstances; 748

(b) Provides the services for a fee, regardless of whether 749
the fee is paid by the person being transported, a third party 750
payer, as defined in section 3702.51 of the Revised Code, or any 751
other person or government entity. 752

(2) "Nonemergency medical service organization" does not 753
include a health care facility, as defined in section 1751.01 of 754
the Revised Code, that provides ambulette services only to 755
patients of that facility. 756

(S) "Nontransport vehicle" means a motor vehicle operated 757
by a licensed emergency medical service organization not as an 758
ambulance, but as a vehicle for providing services in 759
conjunction with the ambulances operated by the organization or 760

other emergency medical service organizations. 761

(T) "Patient" means any individual who as a result of 762
illness or injury needs medical attention, whose physical or 763
mental condition is such that there is imminent danger of loss 764
of life or significant health impairment, or who may be 765
otherwise incapacitated or helpless as a result of a physical or 766
mental condition, or any individual whose physical condition 767
requires the use of a wheelchair or other mobility aid. 768

(U) "Rotorcraft air ambulance" means a helicopter or other 769
aircraft capable of vertical takeoffs, vertical landings, and 770
hovering that is specifically designed, constructed, or modified 771
and equipped and is intended to be used as a means of air 772
medical transportation. 773

(V) "Taxicab" means a taxicab vehicle operated by a 774
taxicab service company, provided the company is not a 775
nonemergency medical service organization. 776

(W) "Transportation network company driver" has the same 777
meaning as in section 3942.01 of the Revised Code. 778

(X) "Transportation network company services" has the same 779
meaning as in section 3942.01 of the Revised Code. 780

Section 2. That existing sections 4765.01, 4765.11, 781
4765.30, 4765.35, 4765.37, 4765.38, 4765.39, 4765.41, 4765.42, 782
and 4766.01 of the Revised Code are hereby repealed. 783

Section 3. The qualifications for serving as a medical 784
director or member of a cooperating physician advisory board for 785
an emergency medical service organization established by rules 786
adopted under section 4765.11 of the Revised Code, in accordance 787
with the amendments to section 4765.42 of Revised Code made by 788
this act, apply only to physicians who are appointed to serve as 789

a medical director or member of a cooperating physician advisory board on or after the effective date of this section. 790
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