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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES.

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:**

1           SECTION 1. Act 119, Session Laws of Hawaii 2021 (Act 119),  
2 created an additional category for "emergency medical technician  
3 1", which is an individual who is certified at a higher practice  
4 level than emergency medical responders, but does not provide  
5 ambulance services. Act 119 required the Hawaii medical board  
6 to establish a pilot program to issue licenses to individuals  
7 qualified in emergency medical services upon application  
8 therefor; provided the applicant meets various levels of  
9 education and training based on national standards and  
10 qualifications. Act 119 also established license renewal  
11 criteria as set forth by the Hawaii medical board. The purpose  
12 of Act 119 was to align the State with national trends and  
13 mitigate the unintended consequences associated with the  
14 deregulation of the State's emergency medical services system by  
15 including emergency medical technicians who do not work on an  
16 ambulance, but provide life-saving care. However, Act 119 was  
17 limited to those counties having a population of greater than  
18 five hundred thousand, thereby excluding emergency medical



1 technicians, such as firefighters and lifeguards, for the  
2 counties of Maui, Kauai, and Hawaii.

3 Accordingly, the purpose of this Act is to repeal existing  
4 law that limits licensure as an emergency medical technician 1  
5 to individuals whose practice is performed in a county with a  
6 population of five hundred thousand or greater.

7 SECTION 2. Section 453-34, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
8 amended to read as follows:

9 "[+]§453-34[+] Licensure consistent with levels of  
10 practice; licensure of emergency medical technician 1. (a) The  
11 Hawaii medical board shall issue licenses upon application  
12 therefor, consistent with the following levels of practice:

- 13 (1) Emergency medical technician 1;
- 14 (2) Emergency medical technician;
- 15 (3) Advanced emergency medical technician; or
- 16 (4) Mobile intensive care technician or paramedic.

17 (b) Beginning July 1, 2022, the Hawaii medical board shall  
18 accept applications for licensure as an emergency medical  
19 technician 1; provided that the applicant shall:

- 20 (1) Demonstrate successful completion of a Hawaii medical  
21 board-approved emergency medical technician course



1           that meets or exceeds the National Emergency Medical  
2           Services Education Standards for Emergency Medical  
3           Technicians;  
4           (2) Provide a current cardiopulmonary resuscitation  
5           certification;  
6           (3) Demonstrate proficiency in basic life support for  
7           health care providers;  
8           (4) Demonstrate successful completion of the National  
9           Registry of Emergency Medical [+]Technicians[+]  
10          emergency medical technician cognitive examination and  
11          National Registry of Emergency Medical  
12          [+]Technicians[+] psychomotor examination;  
13          (5) Pay any fees assessed in amounts equivalent to fees  
14          paid by emergency medical technicians pursuant to  
15          section 16-53-21.5, Hawaii Administrative Rules; and  
16          (6) Meet any other requirements determined by the Hawaii  
17          medical board.  
18          (c) Any emergency medical technician 1 licensed under this  
19          part shall document care in a pre-hospital emergency medical  
20          records system compatible with the emergency medical services



1 system's pre-hospital medical records system. Emergency medical  
2 technicians 1 shall:

3 (1) Practice under a physician or osteopathic physician  
4 licensed pursuant to this chapter; and

5 (2) Restrict their scope of practice to the performance of  
6 basic emergency medical care of patients.

7 ~~[(d) Licensure under this section is limited to~~  
8 ~~individuals whose practice is performed in a county with a~~  
9 ~~population of 500,000 or greater.] "~~

10 SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed  
11 and stricken.

12 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.



**Report Title:**

State Fire Council Package; Emergency Medical Technician 1;  
Licensure; Hawaii Medical Board

**Description:**

Repeals existing law that limits licensure as an emergency  
medical technician 1 to individuals whose practice is performed  
in a county with a population of 500,000 or greater. (CD1)

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