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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

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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



1 five hundred thousand, thereby excluding emergency medical  
2 technicians, such as firefighters and lifeguards, for the  
3 counties of Maui and Kauai.

4 Accordingly, the purpose of this Act is to repeal section  
5 453-34(d), Hawaii Revised Statutes, which limits licensure as an  
6 emergency medical technician 1 to individuals whose practice is  
7 performed in a county with a population of five hundred thousand  
8 or greater.

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

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

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

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



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



1 records system compatible with the emergency medical services  
2 system's pre-hospital medical records system. Emergency medical  
3 technicians 1 shall:

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

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

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

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

13 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 section 453-34(d), Hawaii Revised Statutes, which 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. (SD1)

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