

A Bill for an Act Relating to Emergency Medical Services.

*Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Hawaii:*

SECTION 1. Section 321-222, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended by amending the definition of "State system" to read:

"(4) "State system" means the state comprehensive prehospitalization emergency medical services system."

SECTION 2. Section 321-228, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended to read as follows:

**"Sec. 321-228 Emergency medical services; counties.** The department of health shall determine, in consultation with the advisory committee under section 321-225, the levels of emergency medical services which shall be implemented in each county. The department of health may contract to provide emergency medical services or any necessary component of a county emergency services system in conformance with the state system. In the event any county shall apply to the department to operate emergency medical ambulance services within the respective county, the department of health may contract with the county for the provision of such services. The department shall operate emergency medical ambulance services or contract with a private agency in those counties which do not apply to it under this section. Any county or private agency contracting to provide emergency medical ambulance services under this section shall be required by the department to implement such services in a manner and at a level consistent with the levels determined under this section.

The department of health shall be responsible for providing for the training of first responders and basic life support personnel within counties not applying to provide emergency medical services under this section. The department of health shall adopt rules subject to chapter 91 for the implementation of this section."

SECTION 3. Section 321-229, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended to read as follows:

**"Sec. 321-229 Emergency medical services personnel, training programs.** The department of health and the counties in the fulfillment of their responsibilities under this part shall be responsible for the training of basic life support personnel, shall negotiate and enter into contract for the provision of such training with community colleges or other organization or institutions with expertise in such training. The department of health shall negotiate and enter into contract for the training of advance

life support personnel with a professional medical organization which has experience in such training; provided that such training shall be conducted in the State to the extent that such training is available within the State, to minimize costs and more importantly, to familiarize and instruct personnel in conjunction with the state system and the environs in which they will be working. The department of health and the counties in consultation with the advisory committee shall select a contractor who shall provide such services.”

SECTION 4. Section 321-230, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended to read as follows:

“**Sec. 321-230 Technical assistance, data collection, evaluation.** The department of health shall negotiate and enter into contract with appropriate professional medical organizations with expertise in emergency medical services for technical assistance and consultation, including but not limited to categorization, data collection, and evaluation appropriate to the needs of the state system. The department of health in consultation with the advisory committee shall select a contractor who shall provide such services.

For the purposes of this section, “categorization” means systematic identification of the readiness and capabilities of hospitals and their staffs to adequately, expeditiously, and efficiently receive and treat emergency patients. The department of health in consultation with the advisory committee shall determine the parameters of any contract services under this section.”

SECTION 5. New statutory material is underscored. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed.\*

SECTION 6. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

(Approved June 16, 1980.)

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\*The text has been edited pursuant to HRS §23G-16.5, authorizing omission of the brackets, bracketed material, and underscoring.