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S.B. NO. 1359

A Bill for an Act Relating to State Comprehensive Emergency Medical Services System.

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 “basic life support” to read:

““Basic life support” means initiating non-invasive emergency patient care designed to optimize the patient’s chances of surviving the emergency situation. The care rendered consists of all first aid procedures needed, but does not include invasive procedures which constitute the practice of medicine[.]; provided that state-approved basic life support personnel may use fully automatic external defibrillators, initiate intravenous lines, and perform manual external defibrillation under the direction and personal supervision of a mobile intensive care technician and in accordance with rules adopted by the department.”

SECTION 2. Section 321-225, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended by amending subsection (b) to read as follows:

“(b) The advisory committee shall be composed of [sixteen] twenty members: three non-voting ex-officio members, who shall be the director of transportation, the adjutant general, and the administrator of the state health planning

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and development agency, or the designated representatives thereof, and [thirteen] seventeen members representing all counties of the State and who shall be appointed by the governor subject to section 26-34 as follows:

- (1) Five members who shall be physicians experienced in the conduct and delivery of emergency medical services; provided that at least two shall be engaged in the full time practice of emergency medicine and be board eligible or board certified by the American Board of Emergency Medicine;
- (2) Four members who shall be consumers of health care and who shall have no connection with or relationship to the health care system of the State and who shall be representative of all counties;
- (3) Four members of allied health professions related to emergency medical services[.]; and
- (4) Four members, one from each county, who shall be mobile intensive care technicians or emergency medical technicians engaged in the full time practice of prehospital emergency medical service.

The members of the advisory committee shall serve without compensation, but shall be reimbursed for necessary expenses incurred in the performance of their duties, including travel expenses. The chairperson of the advisory committee shall be elected by the members from among their numbers. A majority of the members of the advisory committee shall constitute a quorum for the conduct of business of the advisory committee. A majority vote of the members present at a meeting at which a quorum is established shall be necessary to validate any action of the committee.”

SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed. New statutory material is underscored.

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

(Approved May 10, 1991.)