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Overview

This act allows the EMS Regulatory Board to grant temporary variances from the staffing requirements for basic life support ambulances to allow an ambulance to be staffed by one EMT and one first responder, instead of one EMT and one EMT, registered nurse, or physician assistant. It also exempts certain EMT-P training programs from the requirement of being accredited by the Commission of Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs.

- 1 **Basic life support.** Amends § 144E.101, subd. 6. Amends a subdivision establishing staffing and other requirements for basic life support ambulances, by authorizing the EMS Regulatory Board to grant an ambulance service a temporary variance from the staffing requirements to allow the ambulance service to be staffed by one emergency medical technician and one first responder. (Current law requires basic life support ambulances to be staffed by at least two ambulance service personnel-defined as EMTs, registered nurses, and physician assistants-at least one of whom must be an EMT.) Allows a variance to apply for up to a year. Defines ambulance service.
- 2 **EMT-P requirements.** Amends § 144E.285. A new paragraph (d) exempts an EMT-P training program from the requirement of being accredited by the Commission of Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs (CAAHEP) if the program is operated by an advanced life support ambulance service licensed by the board, and if the ambulance service meets the listed criteria.