Overview

This bill modifies provisions governing ambulance services and emergency medical technicians, and the ability of the Emergency Medical Services Regulatory Board to regulate these services and individuals.

Section

1  **Specialized life support.** Amends § 144E.101, subd. 9. Establishes staffing requirements for specialized ground life support services; they must be staffed by at least one emergency medical technician (EMT) and one emergency medical technician paramedic (EMT-P), registered nurse, or physician assistant.

2  **Denial, suspension, revocation.** Amends § 144E.28, subd. 5. Gives the EMS Regulatory Board the authority to deny a person certification as an EMT, EMT-I, or EMT-P if the board determines that the person has violated one of the listed grounds for disciplinary action.

3  **Renewal.** Amends § 144E.28, subd. 7. To renew a certification as an EMT, current law requires a person to (1) complete a CPR course and (2) either complete an EMT refresher course and pass an EMT practical skills test, or complete 48 hours of continuing education. This section allows these requirements to be satisfied by including the practical skills test and CPR course as part of the EMT refresher course or a continuing education course. For EMT-I's and EMT-Ps, specifies that the required CPR refresher course and advanced cardiac life support course count towards satisfying the continuing education requirements.

4  **Approval required.** Amends § 144E.285, subd. 1. Requires an EMT, EMT-I, or EMT-P training program seeking approval by the board to submit to the board the names, addresses, and qualifications of all course instructors (current law only requires the submission of information on the course's certified instructors).

5  **Reapproval.** Amends § 144E.285, subd. 4. Modifies a cross-reference to conform with another statute that requires an EMT, EMT-I, or EMT-P training program applying to the board for reapproval to pay a $100 renewal of approval fee.
Fees. Amends § 144E.29. Modifies the per-month fee an ambulance service must pay to the board for each ambulance added to a service's fleet during a licensing period, if the additional ambulance is added for less than the full licensing period, from $8 to $4 per month. Also corrects a cross-reference.

Voluntary reporting. Amends § 144E.305, subd. 1. Corrects a cross-reference to the grounds for disciplinary action.

Mandatory reporting. Amends § 144E.305, subd. 2. Corrects a cross-reference to the grounds for disciplinary action.

Audits. Allows audits of each regional EMS board to occur either annually or biennially (current law requires biennial audits). Requires that an annual audit, if it occurs, must be performed within 120 days of the end of the regional board's fiscal year, and specifies who must be given copies of the audit and related materials. Gives the board authority to reduce funding to a regional EMS board by up to 100% if an audit was not conducted or if required copies of audit materials were not provided (current law requires the board to eliminate funding in such cases). Removes unnecessary language (the term "board" is already defined to mean the emergency medical services regulatory board).

Repealer. Repeals the following rules governing ambulance services: 4690.0100, subp. 28 (defining program medical director); 4690.3500 (prohibiting an ambulance service from regularly providing services outside its primary service area, except as specified); 4690.7900, subp. 2 (requiring ambulance services to submit renewal applications at least 90 days before the license expires); and 4735.5100 (establishing fees for copying records, files, or official documents held by the commissioner of health or the Health Department).

Effective date. Makes sections 1 to 10 effective the day following final enactment.