



2023 South Dakota Legislature

House Bill 1059

Introduced by: **Representative Emery**

1 **An Act to establish a certification for community paramedics.**

2 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA:

3 **Section 1. That chapter 36-4B be amended with a NEW SECTION:**

4 The board may issue a certification as a community paramedic to a person who:

5 (1) Is licensed as an emergency medical technician-paramedic;

6 (2) Completes the education requirements and training approved by the board and
 7 promulgated in accordance with § 36-4B-35;

8 (3) Applies on a form prescribed by the board; and

9 (4) Pays the fee for certification as a community paramedic set forth in § 36-4B-29.

10 **Section 2. That chapter 36-4B be amended with a NEW SECTION:**

11 A person who holds a certification from the board as a community paramedic shall
 12 practice in accordance with protocols and supervisory standards established by the
 13 medical director of an ambulance service. A person certified as a community paramedic
 14 may provide services as directed by a patient care plan if the plan has been developed by
 15 the patient's primary physician, an advanced practice registered nurse, or a physician
 16 assistant, in conjunction with the medical director of the ambulance service.

17 **Section 3. That § 36-4B-29 be AMENDED:**

18 **36-4B-29.** The board shall promulgate rules pursuant to chapter 1-26 to set fees
 19 in each of the following categories in an amount ~~which will produce~~ that produces sufficient
 20 revenue for the ensuing fiscal year not to exceed one hundred twenty percent of the
 21 anticipated expenses of the board for the operation of the advanced life support program
 22 by the board for that year.

23 ~~The license fees for all advanced life support personnel shall be as follows~~ are:

24 (1) License by examination, not less than fifteen dollars nor more than fifty dollars;

- 1 (2) Reexamination within one year, not less than fifteen dollars nor more than fifty
- 2 dollars;
- 3 (3) Licensure by reciprocity, not less than twenty-five dollars nor more than seventy-
- 4 five dollars;
- 5 (4) Renewal of a license, not less than ten dollars, nor more than twenty-five dollars;
- 6 (5) Reissuance of a lost or destroyed license, following approval of the board, not more
- 7 than ten dollars; and
- 8 (6) Certification as a community paramedic, not more than fifty dollars.

9 **Section 4. That § 36-4B-35 be AMENDED:**

- 10 **36-4B-35.** The board shall ~~adopt~~ promulgate rules, pursuant to chapter 1-26, to:
- 11 (1) Establish the educational and training curriculum requirements and the
 - 12 examination requirements for applicants to become licensed as advanced life
 - 13 support personnel;
 - 14 (2) Establish the procedure for the administration of the advanced life support program
 - 15 and designate the responsibilities of the department and the board;
 - 16 (3) Regulate the professional conduct of licensees; ~~and~~
 - 17 (4) Establish the educational and training requirements and conditions for issuance of
 - 18 a critical care endorsement, as provided for in § 36-4B-18.1; and
 - 19 (5) Establish the:
 - 20 (a) Educational and training requirements for certification as a community
 - 21 paramedic; and
 - 22 (b) Process for issuance, renewal, suspension, and revocation of a certification.