2023 South Dakota Legislature

House Bill 1059

HOUSE HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES ENGROSSED

Introduced by: Representative Emery

An Act to establish a community paramedic endorsement.

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

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

A community paramedic endorsement is hereby created. The board may issue a community paramedic endorsement to a person who:

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

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

(3) Applies on a form prescribed by the board.

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

A person who holds a community paramedic endorsement shall practice in accordance with protocols and supervisory standards established by the board in accordance with § 36-4B-35. A person with a community paramedic endorsement may provide services as directed by a patient care plan if the plan has been developed by the patient's primary physician, an advanced practice registered nurse, or a physician assistant, in conjunction with the medical director of the ambulance service.

Section 3. That § 36-4B-35 be AMENDED:

36-4B-35. The board shall adopt promulgate rules, pursuant to chapter 1-26, to:

(1) Establish the educational and training curriculum requirements and the examination requirements for applicants to become licensed as advanced life support personnel;

(2) Establish the procedure for the administration of the advanced life support program and designate the responsibilities of the department and the board;

(3) Regulate the professional conduct of licensees; and
(4) Establish the educational and training requirements and conditions for issuance of a critical care endorsement, as provided for in § 36-4B-18.1; and

(5) Establish the:

(a) Educational and training requirements and conditions for issuance of a community paramedic endorsement; and

(b) Practice protocols and supervisory requirements for a person with a community paramedic endorsement.