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To amend section 4764.43 and to enact section 1
4765.431 of the Revised Code to modify the 2
staffing requirements for ambulances during 3
emergency runs and while transporting patients, 4
and to require certain minimum standards for 5
ambulance drivers. 6

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF OHIO:

Section 1. That section 4765.43 be amended and section 7
4765.431 of the Revised Code be enacted to read as follows: 8

Sec. 4765.43. (A) A person who drives an ambulance that is 9
equipped for emergency medical services, is not required by this 10
chapter to be certified as an emergency medical technician-basic, 11
emergency medical technician-intermediate, or emergency medical 12
technician-paramedic. 13

(B) (1) During each emergency run made by an ambulance that is 14
equipped for emergency medical services and is operated by an 15
emergency medical service organization that does not utilize any 16
volunteer emergency medical service providers or does not 17
substantially utilize those providers, the ambulance shall be 18

staffed by at least two EMTs-basic, EMTs-I, or paramedics. ~~At any~~ 19
~~time a patient is being transported in~~ 20

(2) During each emergency run made by an ambulance that is 21
equipped for emergency medical services and is operated by an 22
emergency medical service organization that substantially utilizes 23
volunteer emergency medical service providers, the ambulance shall 24
be staffed by at least ~~two EMTs basic, EMTs I, or paramedics~~ one 25
first responder and one EMT-basic, EMT-I, or paramedic. ~~At all~~ 26
~~other times during an emergency run, the ambulance shall be~~ 27
~~staffed by at least one EMT basic, EMT I, or paramedic.~~ When an 28
ambulance is so staffed, it may be driven by a person who is not 29
certified as an EMT-basic, EMT-I, or paramedic, but that person 30
shall have the emergency driving course certification, as 31
determined by the medical director of the emergency medical 32
service organization. 33

Sec. 4765.431. No emergency medical service organization 34
shall permit an individual who is younger than eighteen years of 35
age to drive an ambulance. In all cases the first responder who 36
drives an ambulance shall be certified in emergency vehicle 37
driving within one year of appointment or employment in the 38
emergency medical service organization. 39

Section 2. That existing section 4765.43 of the Revised Code 40
is hereby repealed. 41