



**H.B. 212**

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(As Introduced)

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**BILL SUMMARY**

- Provides that, during each emergency run made by an ambulance that is operated by an emergency medical service organization that does not substantially utilize any volunteer emergency medical service providers, the ambulance must be staffed by at least two emergency medical technicians-basic (EMTs-basic), emergency medical technicians-intermediate (EMTs-I), or emergency medical technicians-paramedics (paramedics).
- Provides that, during each emergency run made by an ambulance that is operated by an emergency medical service organization that substantially utilizes volunteer emergency medical service providers, the ambulance must be staffed by at least one first responder and one EMT-basic, EMT-I, or paramedic.
- Prohibits an emergency medical service organization from permitting an individual who is younger than 18 years of age to drive an ambulance, and requires in those cases in which a first responder drives an ambulance that the first responder be certified in emergency vehicle driving within one year of appointment or employment in the emergency medical service organization.

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**CONTENT AND OPERATION**

**Ambulance services**

**Staffing of an ambulance during an emergency run**

Existing law provides that, during each emergency run that is made by an ambulance that is equipped for emergency medical services and is operated by an

emergency medical service organization that does not utilize any volunteer emergency medical service providers, the ambulance must be staffed by at least two emergency medical technicians-basic (EMTs-basic), emergency medical technicians-intermediate (EMTs-I), or emergency medical technicians-paramedics (paramedics). The bill makes this provision also applicable to an ambulance that is operated by an emergency medical service organization that does not *substantially* utilize volunteer providers. (R.C. 4765.43(B)(1).)

Similarly, existing law provides that whenever a patient is being transported in an ambulance that is equipped for emergency medical services and is operated by an emergency medical service organization that utilizes volunteer emergency medical service providers, the ambulance must be staffed by at least two EMTs-basic, EMTs-I, or paramedics. At all other times during an emergency run, the ambulance must be staffed by at least one EMT-basic, EMT-I, or paramedic. When such an ambulance is so staffed, it may be driven by a person who is not certified as an EMT-basic, EMT-I, or paramedic.

The bill requires instead that, during each emergency run, an ambulance operated by an emergency medical service organization that *substantially* utilizes volunteer emergency medical service providers must be staffed by at least one first responder and one EMT-basic, EMT-I, or paramedic. When an ambulance is so staffed, it may be driven by a person who is not certified as an EMT-basic, EMT-I, or paramedic, but the driver must have the emergency driving course certification as determined by the medical director of the emergency medical service organization (R.C. 4765.43(B)(2)).

**Ambulance drivers**

The bill prohibits an emergency medical service organization from permitting an individual who is younger than 18 years of age to drive an ambulance. In all cases, the first responder who drives an ambulance must be certified in emergency vehicle driving within one year of appointment or employment in the emergency medical service organization. (R.C. 4765.431.)

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