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State of Minnesota
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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H. F. No. 2457

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Health and Human Services Reform

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to health occupations; modifying the verification requirements for the
1.3 Cooper/Sams volunteer ambulance program; amending Minnesota Statutes 2010,
1.4 section 144E.41.

1.5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2010, section 144E.41, is amended to read:

1.7 **144E.41 PROGRAM ELIGIBILITY; QUALIFIED AMBULANCE SERVICE**
1.8 **PERSONNEL.**

1.9 (a) Persons eligible to participate in the Cooper/Sams volunteer ambulance program
1.10 are qualified ambulance service personnel.

1.11 (b) Qualified ambulance service personnel are ambulance attendants, ambulance
1.12 drivers, and ambulance service medical directors or medical advisors who meet the
1.13 following requirements:

1.14 (1) employment of the person by or provision by the person of service to an
1.15 ambulance service that is licensed as such by the state of Minnesota and that provides
1.16 ambulance services that are generally available to the public and are free of unfair
1.17 discriminatory practices under chapter 363A;

1.18 (2) performance by the person during the 12 months ending as of the immediately
1.19 previous June 30 of all or a predominant portion of the person's services in the state of
1.20 Minnesota or on behalf of Minnesota residents, ~~as verified by August 1 annually in an~~
1.21 ~~affidavit from the chief administrative officer of the ambulance service;~~

1.22 (3) current certification of the person during the 12 months ending as of the
1.23 immediately previous June 30 by the board as an ambulance attendant, ambulance driver,
1.24 or ambulance service medical director or medical advisor under section 144E.265 or

2.1 144E.28, and supporting rules, and current active ambulance service employment or
2.2 service provision status of the person, ~~as verified by August 1 annually in an affidavit from~~
2.3 ~~the chief administrative officer of the ambulance service;~~ and

2.4 (4) conformance by the person with the definition of the phrase "volunteer
2.5 ambulance attendant" under section 144E.001, subdivision 15, except that for the salary
2.6 limit specified in that provision there must be substituted, for purposes of this section
2.7 only, a limit of \$6,000 for calendar year 2004, and \$6,000 multiplied by the cumulative
2.8 percentage increase in the national Consumer Price Index, all items, for urban wage
2.9 earners and clerical workers, as published by the federal Department of Labor, Bureau
2.10 of Labor Statistics, since December 31, 2004, and for an ambulance service medical
2.11 director, conformance based solely on the person's hourly stipends or salary for service as
2.12 a medical director.

2.13 (c) The term "active ambulance service employment or service provision status"
2.14 means being in good standing with and on the active roster of the ambulance service
2.15 making the certification.

2.16 (d) For a person who is employed by or provides service to more than one ambulance
2.17 service concurrently during any period during the 12-month period, credit towards an
2.18 award under this chapter is limited to one ambulance service during any period. The
2.19 creditable period is with the ambulance service for which the person undertakes the
2.20 greatest portion of employment or service hours.

2.21 (e) Verification of the person's performance and certification as required in paragraph
2.22 (b), clauses (2) and (3), must be reported annually to the board by August 1 in a notarized
2.23 affidavit from the chief administrative officer of the ambulance service.

2.24 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.

2.25 Sec. 2. **COOPER/SAMS VOLUNTEER AMBULANCE PROGRAM SERVICE**
2.26 **CREDIT REPORTING.**

2.27 Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, section 144E.41, paragraph (b), clause (2),
2.28 the Emergency Medical Services Regulatory Board shall accept verification of service
2.29 that was performed by qualified ambulance service personnel during the 12 months
2.30 immediately preceding June 30, 2010, in the form of a notarized affidavit from the chief
2.31 administrative officer of the ambulance service. If a notarized affidavit is submitted to the
2.32 board by August 1, 2012, verifying service performed during this time period, the board
2.33 shall credit the record of potential award accumulations for each qualified ambulance
2.34 service person according to Minnesota Statutes, section 144E.45.

3.1 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.