

# ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE

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## SECTIONAL ANALYSIS

### Senate Bill 173

*"An Act relating to mobile intensive care paramedics; relating to duties of the State Medical Board and the Department of Health and Social Services; and providing for an effective date."*

**Sec. 1** amends 08.64.107, *State Medical Board/Regulation of physician assistants and intensive care paramedics*, to remove regulation of paramedic licensure from the Medical Board. (See also Sec. 8.)

**Sec. 2** amends 08.64.170, *License to practice medicine, podiatry, or osteopathy*, allowing paramedics to practice medicine to render emergency lifesaving service under "another law" instead of under the Medical Board's authority. (See also Sec. 6)

**Sec. 3** amends 08.64.360, *Penalty for practicing without a license or in violation of chapter*, to remove paramedics. (See also Sec. 10)

**Sec. 4** amends 08.64.369, *Health care professionals to report certain injuries*, to change paramedics licensed under the Medical Board to those licensed under DHSS, for health care providers who must report certain injuries to the Department of Public Safety.

**Sec. 5** amends 12.55.185(11), *Sentencing and Probation*, to change paramedics licensed under the Medical Board to those licensed under DHSS.

**Sec. 6** amends 18.08.075, *Authority of emergency medical technician*, to allow paramedics to provide emergency medical care. (See also Sec. 2.)

**Sec. 7** amends 18.08.080, *Emergency Medical Services/Regulation*, to require DHSS to adopt regulations establishing standards for paramedic licenses.

**Sec. 8** adds a new subsection 18.08.082(a)(5), *Issuance of certificates; designations*, to add regulation of paramedic licensure to DHSS. (See also Sec. 1.)

**Sec. 9** amends 18.08.082(b), *Issuance of certificates; designations*, to clarify that DHSS is the central certifying and licensing agency for all emergency medical services.

**Sec. 10** amends 18.08.084(a), *Certificate required*, to prohibit a person from practicing as a paramedic without a license. (See also Sec. 3.)

**Sec. 11** amends 18.08.089, *Authority to pronounce death*, to ensure consistent use of the term "mobile intensive care" paramedic throughout the law.

**Sec. 12** adds a new paragraph (14) to 18.08.200, *Emergency Medical Services/Definitions*, to add the definition of “mobile intensive care paramedic”. (See also Sec. 14.)

**Sec. 13** amends 37.05.146(c)(77)(F), *Definition of program receipts and non-general fund program receipts*, to add fees for licensure of paramedics to the list of fees collected by DHSS.

**Sec. 14** repeals 08.64.366, *Liability for services rendered by a mobile intensive care paramedic* (See 18.08.086, *Immunity from liability*, under DHSS). Repeals 08.64.380, *Medicine/Definitions* to remove (3) “emergency lifesaving service” and (4) “mobile intensive care paramedic” (See also Sec. 12).

**Sec. 15** amends the *uncodified law* to provide transitional authorities:

(a) A current paramedic license issued before January 1, 2021 remains valid until it expires under the Medical Board, is suspended or revoked, or is converted to a license under DHSS.

(b) The Department of Commerce, Community and Economic Development and the Medical Board will transfer to DHSS on January 1, 2021, files of all pending paramedic-related records and proceedings, applications, and disciplinary actions.

(c) Authority for DHSS to adopt regulations which shall include the conversion of unexpired paramedic licenses issued under the Medical Board.

**Sec. 16** provides an immediate effective date for DHSS to adopt regulations.

**Sec. 17** provides an effective date of January 1, 2021.