



# Central Emergency Services

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The Honorable Josh Revak  
State Senate  
State Capitol, Room 125  
Juneau, Alaska 99801

Dear Senator Revak,

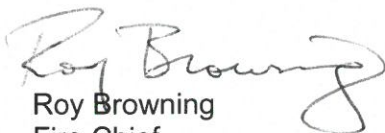
I am writing to you to express my support for Senate Bill 173, License Mobile Intensive Care Paramedics, which would move the oversight and licensure of Mobile Care Intensive Paramedics from the State Medical Board to the Office of Emergency Medical Services.

Central Emergency Services currently employs fifty-eight (58) certified or licensed medical personnel at various levels within the EMS system. All of these employees receive approval from the Office of Emergency Medical Services for any continuing education hours required to maintain these certifications. All of this information is maintained within one common EMS certification system, which is operated by the Office of Emergency Medical Services. However, twenty-two of these employees are Paramedics. Unfortunately under the current system, the Paramedics are required to upload the same information into a total of three different EMS certification systems to maintain their state and national certification.

By allowing the movement of Paramedics and their licensure to the Office of Emergency Medical Services, services provided to both Paramedics and the agencies where they work will be streamlined. A singular oversight and management office will all but eliminate many of the redundancies our Training Office and shift personnel deal with in order to maintain certifications. Additionally, Senate Bill 173 creates continuity within the pre-hospital care system by uniting the pre-hospital care providers under one office.

Thank you for your time and consideration in supporting Senate Bill 173.

Respectfully,

  
Roy Browning  
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