

1 IN THE SENATE

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SENATE BILL NO. 442 *am*

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3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 EIGHTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act authorizing physician-trained mobile intensive
7 care paramedics."

8 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:

9 * Section 1. AS 08.64.170(a) is amended to read:

10 (a) No person may practice medicine or osteopathy in the state
11 unless he is licensed under this chapter, except that

12 (1) a physician assistant may examine, diagnose or treat
13 persons under the supervision, control, and responsibility of either a
14 physician licensed under this chapter or a physician exempted from
15 licensure under sec. 370 of this chapter; and

16 (2) a physician-trained mobile intensive care paramedic may
17 render emergency lifesaving service.

18 * Sec. 2. AS 08.64.360 is amended to read:

19 Sec. 08.64.360. PENALTY FOR PRACTICING WITHOUT A LICENSE OR IN
20 VIOLATION OF CHAPTER. Except for a physician assistant and a physician-
21 trained mobile intensive care paramedic under sec. 170 of this chapter,
22 a person practicing medicine or osteopathy in the state without obtain-
23 ing and filing an appropriate license is guilty of a misdemeanor and
24 upon conviction is punishable by a fine of not less than \$50 nor more
25 than \$100, or by imprisonment for not less than 10 days nor more than
26 90 days, or by both. Evidence that the defendant has failed to file a
27 license with the clerk of the court is prima facie evidence that the
28 defendant is not licensed. Each day of illegal practice is a separate
29 offense.

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1 * Sec. 3. AS 08.64.380 is amended by adding new paragraphs to read:

2 (6) "physician-trained mobile intensive care paramedic" means
3 a person who

4 (A) has successfully completed the advanced first aid
5 course prescribed by the board;

6 (B) is trained by a licensed physician

7 (i) to carry out all phases of cardio-pulmonary
8 resuscitation,

9 (ii) to administer drugs under written or oral
10 authorization of a licensed physician, and

11 (iii) to administer intravenous solutions under
12 written or oral authorization of a licensed physician; and

13 (C) has been examined and certified as a physician-
14 trained mobile intensive care paramedic by the board or by the
15 board's designated representatives;

16 (7) "emergency lifesaving service" means medical assistance
17 given to a person whose physical condition, in the opinion of a reason-
18 ably prudent person, is such that his life is endangered.

19 * Sec. 4. AS 08.64 is amended by adding a new section to read:

20 Sec. 08.64.366. LIABILITY FOR SERVICES RENDERED BY A PHYSICIAN-
21 TRAINED MOBILE INTENSIVE CARE PARAMEDIC. No act or omission of a
22 physician-trained mobile intensive care paramedic done or omitted in
23 good faith while rendering emergency lifesaving service to a person who
24 is in immediate danger of loss of life shall impose any liability upon
25 the physician-trained mobile intensive care paramedic, the supervising
26 physician, a hospital, the officers, members of the staff, nurses, or
27 other employees of a hospital or upon a federal, state, borough, city
28 or other local governmental unit or upon other employees of a govern-
29 mental unit; however, this section does not relieve a physician or a

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hospital of a duty otherwise imposed by law upon the physician or hospital for the designation or training of a physician-trained mobile intensive care paramedic or for the provision or maintenance of equipment to be used by the physician-trained mobile intensive care paramedic.