SENATE BILL No. 212

By Senator Straub

AN ACT concerning health and healthcare; relating to emergency medical services; staffing of ambulances; permitting an ambulance to operate with one emergency medical service provider in rural counties; amending K.S.A. 2022 Supp. 65-6135 and repealing the existing section.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:

Section 1. K.S.A. 2022 Supp. 65-6135 is hereby amended to read as follows: 65-6135. (a) All ambulance services providing emergency care as defined by the rules and regulations adopted by the board shall offer service 24 hours per day every day of the year.

(b) Whenever an operator is required to have a permit, at least one person on each vehicle providing emergency medical service shall be an emergency medical service provider certified pursuant to K.S.A. 65-6119, 65-6120 or 65-6121, and amendments thereto, an individual licensed by the state board of healing arts to practice medicine and surgery, a physician assistant, an advanced practice registered nurse or a professional nurse.

(c) In counties with a population of less than 10,000, a vehicle providing emergency care may operate with:

(1) One individual certified as an emergency medical service provider pursuant to K.S.A. 65-6119, 65-6120 or 65-6121, and amendments thereto, an individual licensed by the state board of healing arts to practice medicine and surgery, a physician assistant, an advanced practice registered nurse or a professional nurse; and

(2) one individual who meets the certification requirements of paragraph (1) or who holds a valid certificate for the successful completion of a course in first aid or cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) offered or approved by the American Red Cross, American Heart Association, mining enforcement and safety administration of the bureau of mines of the department of interior or national safety council.

Sec. 2. K.S.A. 2022 Supp. 65-6135 is hereby repealed.

Sec. 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its publication in the statute book.