SENATE BILL No. 216

By Committee on Ways and Means


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

Section 1. K.S.A. 65-6110 is hereby amended to read as follows: 65-6110. (a) The board shall adopt any rules and regulations necessary for the regulation of ambulance services. Such rules and regulations shall include: (1) A classification of the different types of ambulance services; (2) requirements as to equipment necessary for ambulances and rescue vehicles; (3) qualifications and training of attendants, instructor-coordinators and training officers; (4) requirements and fees for the licensure, temporary licensure, and renewal of licensure for ambulances and rescue vehicles; (5) records and equipment to be maintained by operators, instructor-coordinators, training officers, providers of training and attendants; and (6) requirements for a quality assurance and improvement program for ambulance services; (7) staffing requirements for attendant or medical personnel for ambulance services and vehicles; and (8) such other matters as the board deems necessary to implement and administer the provisions of this act.

(b) The provisions of this act shall not apply to rescue vehicles operated by a fire department.

Sec. 2. K.S.A. 2010 Supp. 65-6112 is hereby amended to read as follows: 65-6112. As used in this act:

(a) "Administrator" means the executive director of the emergency medical services board.

(b) "Advanced emergency medical technician" means a person who holds an advanced emergency medical technician certificate issued pursuant to this act.

(c) "Advanced registered nurse practitioner" means an advanced registered nurse practitioner as defined in K.S.A. 65-1113, and amendments thereto.

(d) "Ambulance" means any privately or publicly owned motor vehicle, airplane or helicopter designed, constructed, prepared, staffed and equipped for use in transporting and providing emergency care for
individuals who are ill or injured.

(e) "Ambulance service" means any organization operated for the purpose of transporting sick or injured persons to or from a place where medical care is furnished, whether or not such persons may be in need of emergency or medical care in transit.

(f) "Attendant" means a first responder, an emergency medical responder, emergency medical technician, emergency medical technician-intermediate, emergency medical technician-defibrillator, emergency medical technician-intermediate/defibrillator, advanced emergency medical technician, mobile intensive care technician or paramedic certified pursuant to this act.

(g) "Board" means the emergency medical services board established pursuant to K.S.A. 65-6102, and amendments thereto.

(h) "Emergency medical service" means the effective and coordinated delivery of such care as may be required by an emergency which includes the care and transportation of individuals by ambulance services and the performance of authorized emergency care by a physician, advanced registered nurse practitioner, professional nurse, a licensed physician assistant or attendant.

(i) "Emergency medical technician" means a person who holds an emergency medical technician certificate issued pursuant to this act.

(j) "Emergency medical technician-defibrillator" means a person who holds an emergency medical technician-defibrillator certificate issued pursuant to this act.

(k) "Emergency medical technician-intermediate" means a person who holds an emergency medical technician-intermediate certificate issued pursuant to this act.

(l) "Emergency medical technician-intermediate/defibrillator" means a person who holds both an emergency medical technician-intermediate and emergency medical technician defibrillator certificate issued pursuant to this act.

(m) "Emergency medical responder" means a person who holds an emergency medical responder certificate issued pursuant to this act.

(n) "First responder" means a person who holds a first responder certificate issued pursuant to this act.

(o) "Hospital" means a hospital as defined by K.S.A. 65-425, and amendments thereto.

(p) "Instructor-coordinator" means a person who is certified under this act to teach initial courses of certification of instruction and continuing education classes.

(q) "Medical adviser/director" means a physician.

(r) "Medical protocols" mean written guidelines which authorize attendants to perform certain medical procedures prior to contacting a
physician, physician assistant authorized by a physician, advanced
registered nurse practitioner authorized by a physician or professional
nurse authorized by a physician. The medical protocols shall be approved
by a county medical society or the medical staff of a hospital to which the
ambulance service primarily transports patients, or if neither of the above
are able or available to approve the medical protocols, then the medical
protocols shall be submitted to the medical advisory council for approval.

(s) "Mobile intensive care technician" means a person who holds a
mobile intensive care technician certificate issued pursuant to this act.

(t) "Municipality" means any city, county, township, fire district or
ambulance service district.

(u) "Nonemergency transportation" means the care and transport of a
sick or injured person under a foreseen combination of circumstances
calling for continuing care of such person. As used in this subsection,
transportation includes performance of the authorized level of services of
the attendant whether within or outside the vehicle as part of such
transportation services.

(v) "Operator" means a person or municipality who has a permit to
operate an ambulance service in the state of Kansas.

(w) "Paramedic" means a person who holds a paramedic certificate
issued pursuant to this act.

(x) "Person" means an individual, a partnership, an association, a
joint-stock company or a corporation.

(y) "Physician" means a person licensed by the state board of
healing arts to practice medicine and surgery.

(z) "Physician assistant" means a person who is licensed under the
physician assistant licensure act and who is acting under the direction of a
responsible physician.

(aa) "Professional nurse" means a licensed professional nurse as
defined by K.S.A. 65-1113, and amendments thereto.

(bb) "Provider of training" means a corporation, partnership,
accredited postsecondary education institution, ambulance service, fire
department, hospital or municipality that conducts training programs that
include, but are not limited to, initial courses of instruction and
continuing education for attendants, instructor-coordinators or training
officers.

(cc) "Responsible physician" means responsible physician as such
term is defined under K.S.A. 65-28a02, and amendments thereto.

(dd) "Training officer" means a person who is certified pursuant to
this act to teach, coordinate or both, initial courses of instruction for first
responders or emergency medical responders and continuing education as
prescribed by the board.

Sec. 3. K.S.A. 2010 Supp. 65-6120 is hereby amended to read as
follows: 65-6120. (a) Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, an emergency medical technician-intermediate may:

(1) Perform any of the activities identified by K.S.A. 65-6121, and amendments thereto;

(2) when approved by medical protocols and where voice contact by radio or telephone is monitored by a physician, physician assistant where authorized by a physician, advanced registered nurse practitioner where authorized by a physician or licensed professional nurse where authorized by a physician, and direct communication is maintained, upon order of such person, may perform veni-puncture for the purpose of blood sampling collection and initiation and maintenance of intravenous infusion of saline solutions, dextrose and water solutions or ringers lactate IV solutions, endotracheal intubation and administration of nebulized albuterol;

(3) perform, during an emergency, those activities specified in subsection (a)(2) before contacting the persons identified in subsection (a)(2) when specifically authorized to perform such activities by medical protocols; or

(4) perform, during nonemergency transportation, those activities specified in this section when specifically authorized to perform such activities by medical protocols.

(b) An individual who holds a valid certificate as an emergency medical technician-intermediate once successfully completing the board prescribed transition course, and validation of cognitive and psychomotor competency as determined by rules and regulations of the board, may apply to transition to become an advanced emergency medical technician. Alternatively, upon application for renewal, such individual shall be deemed to hold a certificate as an advanced emergency medical technician under this act, provided such individual has completed all continuing education hour requirements inclusive of the successful completion of a transition course and such individual shall not be required to file an original application for certification as an advanced emergency medical technician under this act.

(c) "Renewal" as used in subsection (b), refers to the first or second opportunity after December 31, 2011, that an emergency medical technician-intermediate has to apply for renewal of a certificate following the effective date of this act.

(d) Emergency medical technician-intermediates who fail to meet the transition requirements as specified will be required, at a minimum, to gain the continuing education applicable to emergency medical technician as defined by rules and regulations of the board. Failure to do so will result in loss of certification. may complete either the board prescribed emergency medical technician transition course or emergency medical
responder transition course, provide validation of cognitive and 
psychomotor competency and all continuing education hour requirements 
inclusive of the successful completion of a transition course as 
determined by rules and regulations of the board. Upon completion, such 
emergency medical technician-intermediate may apply to transition to 
become an emergency medical technician or an emergency medical 
responder, depending on the transition course that was successfully 
completed. Alternatively, upon application for renewal of an emergency 
medical technician-intermediate certificate, the applicant shall be 
renewed as an emergency medical technician or an emergency medical 
responder, depending on the transition course that was successfully 
completed. Such individual shall not be required to file an original 
application for certification as an emergency medical technician or 
emergency medical responder.

(e) Failure to successfully complete either an advanced emergency 
medical technician transition course, an emergency medical technician 
transition course or emergency medical responder transition course will 
result in loss of certification.

(e) (f) Upon transition, notwithstanding any other provision of law to 
the contrary, an advanced emergency medical technician may:

(1) Perform any of the activities identified by K.S.A. 65-6121, and 
amendments thereto; and

(2) any of the following interventions, by use of the devices, 
medications and equipment, or any combination thereof, as specifically 
identified in rules and regulations, after successfully completing an 
approved course of instruction, local specialized device training and 
competency validation and when authorized by medical protocols, or 
upon order when direct communication is maintained by radio, telephone 
or video conference with a physician, physician assistant where 
authorized by a physician, an advanced registered nurse practitioner 
where authorized by a physician, or licensed professional nurse where 
authorized by a physician upon order of such a person: (A) Continuous 
positive airway pressure devices; (B) advanced airway management; (C) 
referral of patient of alternate medical care site based on assessment; (D) 
transportation of a patient with a capped arterial line; (E) veni-puncture 
for obtaining blood sample; (F) initiation and maintenance of intravenous 
infusion or saline lock; (G) initiation of intraosseous infusion; (H) 
nebulized therapy; (I) manual defibrillation and cardioversion; (J) cardiac 
monitoring; (K) medication administration via ECG interpretation; (L) 
administration of generic or trade name medications by one or more of 
the following methods: (i) Aerosolization; (ii) nebulization; (iii) 
intravenous; (iv) intranasal; (v) rectal; (vi) subcutaneous; (vii) 
intraosseous; (viii) intramuscular; or (ix) sublingual.
(f) (g) An individual who holds a valid certificate as both an emergency medical technician-intermediate and as an emergency medical technician-defibrillator once successfully completing the board prescribed transition course, and validation of cognitive and psychomotor competency as determined by rules and regulations of the board, may apply to transition to an advanced emergency medical technician. Alternatively, upon application for renewal, such individual shall be deemed to hold a certificate as an advanced emergency medical technician under this act, provided such individual has completed all continuing education hour requirements inclusive of successful completion of transition course, and such individual shall not be required to file an original application for certification as an advanced emergency medical technician under this act.

(g) (h) "Renewal" as used in subsection (f), refers to the first or second opportunity after December 31, 2011, that an emergency medical technician-intermediate and emergency medical technician-defibrillator has to apply for renewal of a certificate following the effective date of this act.

(h) (i) Emergency medical technician-intermediate and emergency medical technician-defibrillator who fail to meet the transition requirements as specified will be required, at a minimum, to gain the continuing education applicable to emergency medical technician as defined by rules and regulations of the board. Failure to do so will result in loss of certification. An individual who holds both an emergency medical technician-intermediate certificate and an emergency medical technician-defibrillator certificate, who fails to meet the transition requirements as specified may complete either the board prescribed emergency medical technician transition course or emergency medical responder transition course, and provide validation of cognitive and psychomotor competency and all continuing education hour requirements inclusive of successful completion of a transition course as determined by rules and regulations of the board. Upon completion, such individual may apply to transition to become an emergency medical technician or emergency medical responder, depending on the transition course that was successfully completed. Alternatively, upon application for renewal of an emergency medical technician – intermediate certificate and an emergency medical technician -defibrillator certificate, the applicant shall be renewed as an emergency medical technician or an emergency medical responder, depending on the transition course that was successfully completed. Such individual shall not be required to file an original application for certification as an emergency medical technician or emergency medical responder.

(j) Failure to successfully complete either the advanced
emergency medical technician transition requirements, an emergency medical technician transition course or the emergency medical responder transition course will result in loss of certification.

Sec. 4. K.S.A. 2010 Supp. 65-6121 is hereby amended to read as follows: 65-6121. (a) Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, an emergency medical technician may perform any of the following activities:

1. Patient assessment and vital signs;
2. Airway maintenance including the use of:
   (A) Oropharyngeal and nasopharyngeal airways;
   (B) Esophageal obturator airways with or without gastric suction device;
   (C) Multi-lumen airway; and
   (D) Oxygen demand valves.
3. Oxygen therapy;
4. Oropharyngeal suctioning;
5. Cardiopulmonary resuscitation procedures;
6. Control accessible bleeding;
7. Apply pneumatic anti-shock garment;
8. Manage outpatient medical emergencies;
9. Extricate patients and utilize lifting and moving techniques;
10. Manage musculoskeletal and soft tissue injuries including dressing and bandaging wounds or the splinting of fractures, dislocations, sprains or strains;
11. Use of backboards to immobilize the spine;
12. Administer activated charcoal and glucose;
13. Monitor peripheral intravenous line delivering intravenous fluids during interfacility transport with the following restrictions:
   (A) The physician approves the transfer by an emergency medical technician;
   (B) No medications or nutrients have been added to the intravenous fluids; and
   (C) The emergency medical technician may monitor, maintain and shut off the flow of intravenous fluid;
14. Use automated external defibrillators;
15. Administer epinephrine auto-injectors provided that:
   (A) The emergency medical technician successfully completes a course of instruction approved by the board in the administration of epinephrine; and
   (B) The emergency medical technician serves with an ambulance service or a first response organization that provides emergency medical services; and
16. The emergency medical technician is acting pursuant to medical
protocols;

(16) perform, during nonemergency transportation, those activities specified in this section when specifically authorized to perform such activities by medical protocols; or

(17) when authorized by medical protocol, assist the patient in the administration of the following medications which have been prescribed for that patient: Auto-injection epinephrine, sublingual nitroglycerin and inhalers for asthma and emphysema.

(b) An individual who holds a valid certificate as an emergency medical technician at the current basic level once successfully completing the board prescribed transition course, and validation of cognitive and psychomotor competency as determined by rules and regulations of the board, may apply to transition to become an emergency medical technician. Alternatively, upon application for renewal, such individual shall be deemed to hold a certificate as an emergency medical technician under this act, provided such individual has completed all continuing education hour requirements inclusive of successful completion of a transition course, and such individual shall not be required to file an original application for certification as an emergency medical technician under this act.

(c) "Renewal" as used in subsection (b), refers to the first opportunity after December 31, 2011, that an emergency medical technician has to apply for renewal of a certificate following the effective date of this act.

(d) Emergency medical technicians who fail to meet the transition requirements as specified will be required, at a minimum, to gain the continuing education applicable to emergency medical responder as defined by rules and regulations of the board. Failure to do so will result in loss of certification. May successfully complete the board prescribed emergency medical responder transition course, provide validation of cognitive and psychomotor competency and all continuing education hour requirements inclusive of the successful completion of a transition course as determined by rules and regulations of the board. Alternatively, upon application for renewal of an emergency medical technician certificate, the applicant shall be deemed to hold a certificate as an emergency medical responder under this act, and such individual shall not be required to file an original application for certification as an emergency medical responder.

(e) Failure to successfully complete either an emergency medical technician transition course or emergency medical responder transition course will result in loss of certification.

(f) Upon transition, notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, an emergency medical technician may perform any activities
identified in K.S.A. 65-6144, and amendments thereto, and any of the
following interventions, by use of the devices, medications and
equipment, or any combination thereof, after successfully completing an
approved course of instruction, local specialized device training and
competency validation and when authorized by medical protocols, or
upon order when direct communication is maintained by radio, telephone
or video conference is monitored by a physician, physician assistant when
authorized by a physician, an advanced registered nurse practitioner when
authorized by a physician or a licensed professional nurse when
authorized by a physician, upon order of such person:

(1) Airway maintenance including use of:
   (A) Single lumen airways as approved by the board;
   (B) multilumen airways;
   (C) ventilator devices;
   (D) forceps removal of airway obstruction;
   (E) CO2 monitoring;
   (F) airway suctioning;

(2) apply pneumatic anti-shock garment;

(3) assist with childbirth;

(4) monitoring urinary catheter;

(5) capillary blood sampling;

(6) cardiac monitoring;

(7) administration of patient assisted medications as approved by the
board;

(8) administration of medications as approved by the board by
appropriate routes; and

(9) monitor, maintain or discontinue flow of IV line if a physician
approves transfer by an emergency medical technician.

Sec. 5. K.S.A. 2010 Supp. 65-6123 is hereby amended to read as
follows: 65-6123. (a) Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the
contrary, an emergency medical technician-defibrillator may:

(1) Perform any of the activities identified in K.S.A. 65-6121, and
amendments thereto;

(2) when approved by medical protocols or where voice contact
by radio or telephone is monitored by a physician, physician assistant
where authorized by a physician, advanced registered nurse practitioner
where authorized by a physician, or licensed professional nurse where
authorized by a physician, and direct communication is maintained, upon
order of such person, may perform electrocardiographic monitoring and
defibrillation;

(3) perform, during an emergency, those activities specified in
subsection (b) before contacting the persons identified in subsection (b)
when specifically authorized to perform such activities by medical
(4) perform, during nonemergency transportation, those activities specified in this section when specifically authorized to perform such activities by medical protocols.

(b) An individual who holds a valid certificate as an emergency medical technician-defibrillator once successfully completing an emergency medical technician-intermediate, initial course of instruction and the board prescribed transition course, and validation of cognitive and psychomotor competency as determined by rules and regulations of the board, may apply to transition to become an advanced emergency medical technician. Alternatively, upon application for renewal, such individual shall be deemed to hold a certificate as an advanced emergency medical technician under this act.

(c) "Renewal" as used in subsection (b), refers to the second opportunity after December 31, 2011, that an attendant has to apply for renewal of a certificate following the effective date of this act.

(d) EMT-D attendants who fail to meet the transition requirements as specified will be required, at a minimum, to gain the continuing education applicable to emergency medical technician as defined by rules and regulations of the board. Failure to do so will result in loss of certification. May complete either the board prescribed emergency medical technician transition course or emergency medical responder transition course, provide validation of cognitive and psychomotor competency provided such individual has completed all continuing education hour requirements inclusive of the successful completion of a transition course as determined by rules and regulations of the board. Upon completion, such emergency medical technician-defibrillator may apply to transition to become an emergency medical technician or an emergency medical responder, depending on the transition course that was successfully completed. Alternatively, upon application for renewal of an emergency medical technician-defibrillator certificate, the applicant shall be renewed as an emergency medical technician or an emergency medical responder, depending on the transition course that was successfully completed. Such individual shall not be required to file an original application for certification as an emergency medical technician or emergency medical responder.

(e) Failure to complete either the advanced emergency medical technician transition requirements, an emergency medical technician transition course or an emergency medical responder transition course...
will result in loss of certification.

Sec. 6. K.S.A. 65-6126 is hereby amended to read as follows: 65-6126. Each emergency medical service shall have a medical director appointed by the operator of the service to review, approve and monitor the activities and education of the attendants. The board may approve an alternative procedure for medical oversight if no medical director is available.

Sec. 7. K.S.A. 2010 Supp. 65-6129 is hereby amended to read as follows: 65-6129. (a) Application for an attendant's certificate shall be made to the board. The board shall not grant an attendant's certificate unless the applicant meets the following requirements:

(1) (A) Has successfully completed coursework required by the rules and regulations adopted by the board; or
(B) has successfully completed coursework in another jurisdiction that is substantially equivalent to that required by the rules and regulations adopted by the board; and

(2) (A) has passed the examination required by the rules and regulations adopted by the board; or
(B) has passed the certification or licensing examination in another jurisdiction that has been approved by the board; and

(3) has paid a fee required by the rules and regulations adopted by the board.

(b) (1) The board shall not grant a temporary attendant's certificate unless the applicant meets the following requirements:

(A) If the applicant is certified or licensed as an attendant in another jurisdiction, but the applicant's coursework is determined not to be substantially equivalent to that required by the board, such temporary certificate shall be valid for one year from the date of issuance or until the applicant has completed the required coursework, whichever occurs first; or

(B) if the applicant has completed the required coursework, has taken the required examination, but has not received the results of the examination, such temporary certificate shall be valid for 120 days from the date of the examination.

(2) An applicant who has been granted a temporary certificate shall be under the direct supervision of a physician, a physician's assistant, a professional nurse or an attendant holding a certificate at the same level or higher than that of the applicant.

(c) The board shall not grant an initial emergency medical technician-intermediate certificate, advanced emergency medical technician certificate, mobile intensive care technician certificate or paramedic certificate as a result of successful course completion in the state of Kansas, unless the applicant for such an initial certificate is
certified as an emergency medical technician.

(d) An attendant's certificate shall expire on the date prescribed by the board. An attendant's certificate may be renewed for a period of two years upon payment of a fee as prescribed by rule and regulation of the board and upon presentation of satisfactory proof that the attendant has successfully completed continuing education as prescribed by the board.

(e) All fees received pursuant to the provisions of this section shall be remitted to the state treasurer in accordance with the provisions of K.S.A. 75-4215, and amendments thereto. Upon receipt of each such remittance, the state treasurer shall deposit the entire amount in the state treasury to the credit of the emergency medical services operating fund established by K.S.A. 65-6151, and amendments thereto.

(f) If a person who was previously certified as an attendant applies for an attendant's certificate after the certificate's expiration, the board may grant a certificate without the person completing an initial course of instruction or passing a certification examination if the person has completed education requirements and has paid a fee as specified in rules and regulations adopted by the board.

(g) The board shall adopt, through rules and regulations, a formal list of graduated sanctions for violations of article 61 of chapter 65 of the Kansas Statutes Annotated, and amendments thereto, which shall specify the number and severity of violations for the imposition of each level of sanction.

Sec. 8. K.S.A. 65-6132 is hereby amended to read as follows: 65-6132. (a) An operator's permit may be denied, revoked, limited, modified or suspended by the board upon proof that such operator or any agent or employee thereof:

(1) Has been guilty of misrepresentation in obtaining the permit or in the operation of the ambulance service;

(2) has engaged or attempted to engage in, or represented themselves as entitled to perform, any ambulance service not authorized in the permit;

(3) has demonstrated incompetence as defined by rules and regulations adopted by the board or has shown themselves otherwise unable to provide adequate ambulance service;

(4) has failed to keep and maintain the records required by the provisions of this act, or the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder adopted by the board, or has failed to make reports when and as required;

(5) has knowingly operated faulty or unsafe equipment; or

(6) has violated or aided and abetted in the violation of any provision of this act or the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder adopted by the board; or
(7) has engaged in unprofessional conduct as defined by rules and regulations adopted by the board.

(b) The board shall not limit, modify, revoke or suspend any operator's permit pursuant to this section without first conducting a hearing in accordance with the provisions of the administrative procedure act.

Sec. 9. K.S.A. 65-6133 is hereby amended to read as follows: 65-6133. (a) An attendant's, or instructor-coordinator's or training officer's certificate may be denied, revoked, limited, modified or suspended by the board or the board may refuse to renew such certificate upon proof that such individual:

(1) Has made intentional misrepresentations in obtaining a certificate or renewing a certificate;
(2) has performed or attempted to perform activities not authorized by statute at the level of certification held by the individual;
(3) has demonstrated incompetence as defined by rules and regulations adopted by the board or has provided inadequate patient care as determined by the board;
(4) has violated or aided and abetted in the violation of any provision of this act or the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder;
(5) has been convicted of a felony and, after investigation by the board, it is determined that such person has not been sufficiently rehabilitated to warrant the public trust;
(6) has demonstrated an inability to perform authorized activities with reasonable skill and safety by reason of illness, alcoholism, excessive use of drugs, controlled substances or any physical or mental condition; or
(7) has engaged in unprofessional conduct, as defined by rules and regulations adopted by the board; or
(8) has had a certificate, license or permit to practice emergency medical services as an attendant denied, revoked, limited or suspended or has been publicly or privately censured, by a licensing or other regulatory authority of another state, agency of the United States government, territory of the United States or other country or has had other disciplinary action taken against the applicant or holder of a permit, license or certificate by a licensing or other regulatory authority of another state, agency of the United States government, territory of the United States or other country. A certified copy of the record or order of public or private censure, denial, suspension, limitation, revocation or other disciplinary action of the licensing or other regulatory authority of another state, agency of the United States government, territory of the United States or other country shall constitute prima facie evidence of such a fact for purposes of this paragraph.
(b) The board may limit, modify, revoke or suspend an attendant's or instructor-coordinator's certificate or the board may refuse to renew such certificate in accordance with the provisions of the Kansas administrative procedure act.

Sec. 10. K.S.A. 2010 Supp. 65-6144 is hereby amended to read as follows: 65-6144. (a) A first responder may perform any of the following activities:

1. Initial scene management including, but not limited to, gaining access to the individual in need of emergency care, extricating, lifting and moving the individual;
2. Cardiopulmonary resuscitation and airway management;
3. Control of bleeding;
4. Extremity splinting excluding traction splinting;
5. Stabilization of the condition of the individual in need of emergency care;
6. Oxygen therapy;
7. Use of oropharyngeal airways;
8. Use of bag valve masks;
9. Use of automated external defibrillators; and
10. Other techniques of preliminary care a first responder is trained to provide as approved by the board.

(b) An individual who holds a valid certificate as a first responder, once completing the board prescribed transition course, and validation of cognitive and psychomotor competency as determined by rules and regulations of the board, may apply to transition to become an emergency medical responder. Alternatively, upon application for renewal of such certificate, such individual shall be deemed to hold a certificate as an emergency medical responder under this act, provided such individual has completed all continuing education hour requirements inclusive of a transition course and such individual shall not be required to file an original application for certification as an emergency medical responder under this act.

(c) "Renewal" as used in subsection (b), refers to the first opportunity after December 31, 2011, that an attendant has to apply for renewal of a certificate following the effective date of this act.

(d) First responder attendants who fail to meet the transition requirements as specified will forfeit their certification.

(e) Upon transition, notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, an emergency medical responder may perform any of the following interventions, by use of the devices, medications and equipment, or any combination thereof, after successfully completing an approved course of instruction, local specialized device training and competency validation and when authorized by medical protocols, or
upon order when direct communication is maintained by radio, telephone
or video conference is monitored by a physician, physician assistant when
authorized by a physician, an advanced registered nurse practitioner when
authorized by a physician or a licensed professional nurse when
authorized by a physician, upon order of such person: (1) Emergency
vehicle operations; (2) initial scene management; (3) patient assessment
and stabilization; (4) cardiopulmonary resuscitation and airway
management; (5) control of bleeding; (6) extremity splinting; (7) spinal
immobilization; (8) oxygen therapy; (9) use of bag-valve-mask; (10) use
of automated external defibrillator; (11) nebulizer therapy; (12)
imtramuscular injections with auto-injector; (13) administration of oral
glucose; (14) administration of aspirin; (15) recognize and comply with
advanced directives; (16) insertion and maintenance of oral and nasal
pharyngeal airways; (17) use of blood glucose monitoring; and (18) other
techniques and devices of preliminary care an emergency medical
responder is trained to provide as approved by the board.

Sec. 11. K.S.A. 65-6110, 65-6126, 65-6132 and 65-6133 and K.S.A.
are hereby repealed.

Sec. 12. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its
publication in the statute book.