

**CHAPTER 160****(SB 196)**

AN ACT relating to emergency medical services.

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky:*

Section 1. KRS 311.658 is amended to read as follows:

- (1) At the discretion of the employer's medical director, a paramedic may perform any procedure specified in the most recent curriculum of the United States Department of Transportation training course for paramedics published by the United States Department of Transportation. An emergency medical technician may perform any procedure specified in the most recent curriculum of the United States Department of Transportation training course for emergency medical technicians. An emergency medical technician first responder may perform any procedure specified in the most recent curriculum of the United States Department of Transportation training course for emergency medical technician first responders. Any paramedic, emergency medical technician first responder, or emergency medical technician may perform any additional procedure authorized by the Kentucky Board of Emergency Medical Services if approved by the employer's medical director and within the scope of the designated practice based upon national practice standards. With the approval of the employer's medical director, a paramedic, emergency medical technician first responder, or emergency medical technician may perform any procedure specified in the most recent curriculum of the United States Department of Transportation training course for paramedics or the most recent national standard curriculum for emergency medical technicians-basic or emergency medical technician first responder published by the United States Department of Transportation respectively, and other procedure authorized by the Kentucky Board of Emergency Medical Services. Nothing in this subsection shall prevent an employer from exercising reasonable fiscal control over the costs of providing emergency medical services to its citizens nor prevent the employer from exercising any reasonable control over paramedics, emergency medical technician first responders, or emergency medical technicians providing emergency medical care upon behalf of the licensed entity.
- (2) Any paramedic may draw blood samples from a criminal defendant upon the request of a peace officer and the consent of the defendant, or without the consent of the defendant upon receipt of a court order requiring the procedure, if the paramedic is authorized to do so by his or her employer. The authorization shall be in writing and may be by general written policy of the employer and the service's medical director. The paramedic who drew the blood sample shall deliver the sample to the peace officer or other person specified by the court in a court order and shall testify in court with regard thereto upon service of a proper subpoena.
- (3) ***Any emergency medical technician-basic or paramedic may administer epinephrine to any person who the EMT-basic or paramedic has been called to attend if the EMT-basic or paramedic makes an assessment that the person is exhibiting symptoms consistent with an anaphylactic reaction. The EMT-basic or paramedic shall follow the medical protocol established by the medical director of the employing licensed ambulance service in determining the appropriate dose or doses of epinephrine and the routes for administration.***

- (4) Paramedics shall be permitted to render services only under supervision of a qualified and licensed physician.

SECTION 2. A NEW SECTION OF KRS 311.652 TO 311.658 IS CREATED TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

*Every ambulance provider in the Commonwealth shall:*

- (1) *Maintain an adequate supply of epinephrine and disposable sterile needles and syringes on every ambulance that it operates; and*
- (2) *Establish medical protocols to be used by EMT-basic providers and paramedics in determining symptoms of an anaphylactic reaction, the appropriate dose or doses of epinephrine, and the routes for administration.*

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