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**"AN ACT CONCERNING PATIENT SAFETY."**

1 After the last section, add the following and renumber sections and  
2 internal references accordingly:

3 "Sec. 501. Section 19a-175 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
4 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

5 As used in this chapter and section 502 of this act, unless the context  
6 otherwise requires:

7 (1) "Emergency medical service system" means a system which  
8 provides for the arrangement of personnel, facilities and equipment for  
9 the efficient, effective and coordinated delivery of health care services  
10 under emergency conditions;

11 (2) "Patient" means an injured, ill, crippled or physically  
12 handicapped person requiring assistance and transportation;

13 (3) "Ambulance" means a motor vehicle specifically designed to  
14 carry patients;

15 (4) "Ambulance service" means an organization which transports  
16 patients;

17 (5) "Emergency medical technician" means an individual who has  
18 successfully completed the training requirements established by the  
19 commissioner and has been certified by the Department of Public  
20 Health;

21 (6) "Ambulance driver" means a person whose primary function is  
22 driving an ambulance;

23 (7) "Emergency medical technician instructor" means a person who  
24 is certified by the Department of Public Health to teach courses, the  
25 completion of which is required in order to become an emergency  
26 medical technician;

27 (8) "Communications facility" means any facility housing the  
28 personnel and equipment for handling the emergency communications  
29 needs of a particular geographic area;

30 (9) "Life saving equipment" means equipment used by emergency  
31 medical personnel for the stabilization and treatment of patients;

32 (10) "Emergency medical service organization" means any  
33 organization whether public, private or voluntary which offers  
34 transportation or treatment services to patients under emergency  
35 conditions;

36 (11) "Invalid coach" means a vehicle used exclusively for the  
37 transportation of nonambulatory patients, who are not confined to  
38 stretchers, to or from either a medical facility or the patient's home in  
39 nonemergency situations or utilized in emergency situations as a  
40 backup vehicle when insufficient emergency vehicles exist;

41 (12) "Rescue service" means any organization, whether profit or

42 nonprofit, whose primary purpose is to search for persons who have  
43 become lost or to render emergency service to persons who are in  
44 dangerous or perilous circumstances;

45 (13) "Provider" means any person, corporation or organization,  
46 whether profit or nonprofit, whose primary purpose is to deliver  
47 medical care or services, including such related medical care services  
48 as ambulance transportation;

49 (14) "Commissioner" means the Commissioner of Public Health;

50 (15) "Paramedic" means a person licensed pursuant to section 20-  
51 206ll;

52 (16) "Commercial ambulance service" means an ambulance service  
53 which primarily operates for profit;

54 (17) "Licensed ambulance service" means a commercial ambulance  
55 service or a volunteer or municipal ambulance service issued a license  
56 by the commissioner;

57 (18) "Certified ambulance service" means a municipal or volunteer  
58 ambulance service issued a certificate by the commissioner;

59 (19) "Management service" means an employment organization that  
60 does not own or lease ambulances or other emergency medical  
61 vehicles and that provides emergency medical technicians or  
62 paramedics to an emergency medical service organization;

63 (20) "Automatic external defibrillator" means a device that: (A) Is  
64 used to administer an electric shock through the chest wall to the heart;  
65 (B) contains internal decision-making electronics, microcomputers or  
66 special software that allows it to interpret physiologic signals, make  
67 medical diagnosis and, if necessary, apply therapy; (C) guides the user  
68 through the process of using the device by audible or visual prompts;  
69 and (D) does not require the user to employ any discretion or  
70 judgment in its use;

71 (21) "Mutual aid call" means a call for emergency medical services  
72 that, pursuant to the terms of a written agreement, is responded to by a  
73 secondary or alternate emergency medical services provider if the  
74 primary or designated emergency medical services provider is unable  
75 to respond because such primary or designated provider is responding  
76 to another call for emergency medical services or the ambulance or  
77 nontransport emergency vehicle operated by such primary or  
78 designated provider is out of service. For purposes of this subdivision,  
79 "nontransport emergency vehicle" means a vehicle used by emergency  
80 medical technicians or paramedics in responding to emergency calls  
81 that is not used to carry patients;

82 (22) "Municipality" means the legislative body of a municipality or  
83 the board of selectmen in the case of a municipality in which the  
84 legislative body is a town meeting;

85 (23) "Primary service area" means a specific geographic area to  
86 which one designated emergency medical services provider is  
87 assigned for each category of emergency medical response services;  
88 [and]

89 (24) "Primary service area responder" means an emergency medical  
90 services provider who is designated to respond to a victim of sudden  
91 illness or injury in a primary service area; and

92 (25) "Interfacility critical care transport" means the interfacility  
93 transport of a patient between licensed hospitals.

94 Sec. 502. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) Any ambulance used for  
95 interfacility critical care transport shall meet the requirements for a  
96 basic level ambulance, as prescribed in regulations adopted pursuant  
97 to section 19a-179 of the general statutes, including requirements  
98 concerning medically necessary supplies and services, and may be  
99 supplemented by a licensed registered nurse, advanced practice  
100 registered nurse, physician assistant or respiratory care practitioner,  
101 provided such licensed professionals shall have current training and  
102 certification in pediatric or adult advanced life support, or from the

103 Neonatal Resuscitation Program of the American Academy of  
104 Pediatrics, as appropriate, based on the patient's condition."