

1 **PROPOSED DRAFT BILL LANGUAGE CONCERNING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF**  
2 **THE EMS SYSTEM SUSTAINABILITY TASKFORCE AND MODERNIZATION OF**  
3 **THE EMERGENCY MEDICAL AND TRAUMA SERVICES ACT**

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5 *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:*

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7 **SECTION 1:** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **amend** 25-3.5-102 as follows:

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9 (4) COLORADO’S EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES (EMS) SYSTEM NOT ONLY  
10 PROVIDES EMERGENCY MEDICAL AND TRAUMA CARE TO THE ILL AND INJURED  
11 24 HOURS A DAY, 365 DAYS A YEAR, BUT THE SYSTEM ALSO SERVES AS A  
12 CRITICAL “SAFETY NET” FOR MANY COLORADANS WHO MIGHT NOT HAVE  
13 IMMEDIATE ACCESS TO OTHER HEALTH CARE SERVICES. ADDITIONALLY, AS  
14 HIGHLIGHTED BY THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC, COLORADO’S EMS SYSTEM  
15 AUGMENTS COMMUNITY HEALTH, PREVENTIVE HEALTH, AND PUBLIC HEALTH  
16 PROGRAMS.

17 (5) DESPITE THE PRESUMED ESSENTIAL NATURE OF EMS, AND THE ASSUMPTION  
18 BY THE PUBLIC THAT AN AMBULANCE WILL QUICKLY RESPOND WHEN A 911 CALL  
19 IS PLACED, THE PROVISION OF EMS IS NOT A MANDATORY SERVICE IN  
20 COLORADO. WHILE EMS SERVICES ARE GENERALLY AVAILABLE ACROSS  
21 COLORADO, SOME COLORADANS NO LONGER HAVE ACCESS TO A COLORADO  
22 BASED EMS SERVICE, AND OTHER COMMUNITIES ARE AT CONTINUED RISK OF  
23 LOSING THESE SERVICES. THE INSTABILITY AND UNSUSTAINABILITY OF  
24 EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES IN SOME PARTS OF COLORADO PUT LIVES AT  
25 RISK.

26 (6) GROUND AMBULANCE SERVICES ARE THE ONLY COMPONENT OF COLORADO’S  
27 EMERGENCY MEDICAL AND TRAUMA SYSTEM THAT DOES NOT HAVE THE  
28 SIGNIFICANT MEDICAL AND OPERATIONAL BENEFITS OF STATEWIDE  
29 STANDARDIZATION AND REGULATION. ADDITIONALLY, THE CURRENT  
30 APPROACH INHIBITS CONSUMER PROTECTIONS, INVESTIGATION, AND  
31 ADJUDICATION OF CONSUMER COMPLAINTS AS THE DEPARTMENT LACKS  
32 AUTHORITY TO INVESTIGATE AND ADJUDICATE COMPLAINTS INVOLVING  
33 GROUND AMBULANCES.

34 (7) TO ENSURE SUSTAINABILITY OF AND EQUITABLE ACCESS TO EMERGENCY  
35 MEDICAL SERVICES IN COLORADO, A COMPREHENSIVE ASSESSMENT OF THE  
36 SYSTEM, ALONG WITH RECOMMENDATIONS TO MODERNIZE AND SUSTAIN  
37 COLORADO’S EMS SYSTEM ARE REQUIRED.

38 **SECTION 2.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **amend** 25-3.5-103 as follows:

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2 25-3.5-103. Definitions.

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4 (10) “Permit” means the authorization issued by the DEPARTMENT ~~governing body of a local~~  
5 ~~government~~ with respect to an ambulance used or to be used to provide ambulance service in this  
6 state.

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8 (XX) “AUTHORIZATION TO OPERATE” MEANS THE APPROVAL BY THE BOARD OF  
9 COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF AN AMBULANCE SERVICE.

10 **SECTION 3.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add** 25-3.5-108 as follows:

11 **25-3.5-108. EMS SYSTEM SUSTAINABILITY TASKFORCE – CREATED–POWERS**  
12 **AND DUTIES–REPORT–SELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR–SUNSET**  
13 **REVIEW – REPEAL**

14 (1) THE EMS SYSTEM SUSTAINABILITY TASK FORCE, REFERRED TO IN THIS  
15 SECTION AS THE “TASK FORCE”, IS HEREBY CREATED.

16 (2) THE TASK FORCE CONSISTS OF THE FOLLOWING EIGHTEEN VOTING MEMBERS:

17 (A) TWO MEMBERS FROM THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, COLLECTIVELY  
18 REFERRED TO IN THIS SECTION AS THE “ELECTED MEMBERS”, AS FOLLOWS:

19 (I) ONE MEMBER OF THE SENATE, APPOINTED BY THE PRESIDENT OF  
20 THE SENATE; AND

21 (II) ONE MEMBER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, APPOINTED  
22 BY THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

23 (B) THE TASK FORCE CONSISTS OF THE FOLLOWING OTHER VOTING  
24 MEMBERS, COLLECTIVELY REFERRED TO IN THIS SECTION AS THE “NONELECTED  
25 MEMBERS” WHO SHALL BE APPOINTED BY THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE  
26 DEPARTMENT:

27 (I) FOUR INDIVIDUALS REPRESENTING EMS AGENCIES. THE  
28 APPOINTING AUTHORITY SHALL ENSURE THESE INDIVIDUALS REPRESENT  
29 A MIXTURE OF FIRE-BASED AMBULANCE SERVICES, HOSPITAL-BASED  
30 AMBULANCE SERVICES, CRITICAL CARE TRANSPORT AMBULANCE  
31 SERVICES, PRIVATE AMBULANCE SERVICES, FRONTIER COUNTIES, RURAL

1 COUNTIES, URBAN COUNTIES, VOLUNTEER SERVICES, AND AIR  
2 AMBULANCE SERVICES;

3 (II) TWO INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE CERTIFIED OR LICENSED EMS  
4 PROVIDERS, ONE OF WHICH SHALL BE A LICENSED OR CERTIFIED  
5 PARAMEDIC AND THE OTHER OF WHICH SHALL BE A LICENSED OR  
6 CERTIFIED EMT;

7 (III) ONE INDIVIDUAL REPRESENTING A LICENSED COMMUNITY  
8 INTEGRATED HEALTHCARE SERVICES AGENCY;

9 (IV) ONE INDIVIDUAL REPRESENTING THE EMERGENCY MEDICAL  
10 SERVICES ASSOCIATION OF COLORADO;

11 (V) THE CHAIR OF THE STATE EMERGENCY MEDICAL AND TRAUMA  
12 SERVICES ADVISORY COUNCIL, OR THEIR DESIGNEE;

13 (VI) ONE INDIVIDUAL REPRESENTING THE COLORADO STATE FIRE  
14 CHIEFS;

15 (VII) ONE INDIVIDUAL REPRESENTING THE COLORADO EMS  
16 EDUCATORS ASSOCIATION;

17 (VIII) ONE INDIVIDUAL REPRESENTING THE SPECIAL DISTRICT  
18 ASSOCIATION OF COLORADO;

19 (IX) TWO INDIVIDUALS REPRESENTING COLORADO COUNTIES  
20 INCORPORATED, ONE WHICH SHALL REPRESENT A RURAL OR FRONTIER  
21 COUNTY AND ONE WHICH SHALL REPRESENT AN URBAN COUNTY;

22 (X) ONE INDIVIDUAL REPRESENTING THE COLORADO MUNICIPAL  
23 LEAGUE; AND

24 (XI) ONE INDIVIDUAL REPRESENTING THE COLORADO HOSPITAL  
25 ASSOCIATION.

26 (C) THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT, OR THEIR DESIGNEE,  
27 SHALL SERVE AS AN EX-OFFICIO, NON-VOTING MEMBER OF THE TASK FORCE.

28 (D) THE MEMBERSHIP SHALL REFLECT, AS EQUALLY AS POSSIBLE,  
29 REPRESENTATION OF URBAN AND RURAL MEMBERS.

30 (3)(A) ALL APPOINTMENTS TO THE TASK FORCE SHALL BE MADE NO LATER  
31 THAN JULY 1, 2022.

1 (B) THE ELECTED MEMBERS APPOINTED TO SERVE ON THE TASK FORCE SHALL  
2 BE OF DIFFERENT PARTY AFFILIATIONS. THE TERMS OF THE ELECTED MEMBERS  
3 TERMINATE ON THE CONVENING DATE OF THE FIRST REGULAR SESSION OF THE  
4 SEVENTY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

5 (C) THE TERMS OF THE NONELECTED MEMBERS ARE FOR THE DURATION OF THE  
6 TASK FORCE. THE APPOINTING AUTHORITY SHALL FILL ANY VACANCY BY  
7 APPOINTMENT OR REAPPOINTMENT TO THE TASK FORCE FOR THE REMAINDER  
8 OF AN UNEXPIRED TERM. MEMBERS APPOINTED OR REAPPOINTED SERVE AT  
9 THE PLEASURE OF THE APPOINTING AUTHORITY AND CONTINUE TO SERVE  
10 UNTIL THE MEMBER’S SUCCESSOR IS APPOINTED.

11 (4)(A) THE ELECTED MEMBERS SHALL CONVENE THE FIRST MEETING OF THE  
12 TASK FORCE NO LATER THAN AUGUST 31, 2022. AT THE FIRST MEETING, THE  
13 MEMBERS SHALL SELECT A CHAIR AND A VICE-CHAIR FROM AMONG THE  
14 ELECTED MEMBERS. THE ELECTED MEMBERS SHALL ALTERNATE AS CHAIR AND  
15 VICE-CHAIR EVERY YEAR THEREAFTER FOR THE DURATION OF THE TASK  
16 FORCE.

17 (B) THE TASK FORCE SHALL MEET AT LEAST FOUR TIMES EACH YEAR AND AT  
18 SUCH OTHER TIMES AS IT DEEMS NECESSARY. THE CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR MAY  
19 ESTABLISH SUBCOMMITTEES AND SUCH OTHER ORGANIZATIONAL AND  
20 PROCEDURAL RULES AS ARE NECESSARY FOR THE OPERATION OF THE TASK  
21 FORCE.

22 (C) THE TASK FORCE MAY SEEK ADVICE AND COUNSEL, UP TO AND INCLUDING  
23 THE ESTABLISHMENT OF SPECIAL AD HOC COMMITTEES WITH OTHER  
24 INDIVIDUALS, GROUPS, ORGANIZATIONS, AND ASSOCIATIONS, WHEN IN THE  
25 JUDGMENT OF THE TASK FORCE SUCH IS ADVISABLE TO OBTAIN NECESSARY  
26 EXPERTISE FOR THE PURPOSE OF MEETING THE TASK FORCE’S  
27 RESPONSIBILITIES UNDER THIS ARTICLE. THE TASK FORCE IS AUTHORIZED TO  
28 ESTABLISH SPECIAL COMMITTEES FOR THE FUNCTIONS DESCRIBED IN  
29 PARAGRAPH 5.

30 (5) THE PURPOSE OF THE TASK FORCE IS TO MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR  
31 STATUTORY AND POLICY CHANGES REQUIRED TO PRESERVE, PROMOTE, AND  
32 EXPAND CONSUMER ACCESS TO LIFE PRESERVING EMERGENCY CARE AND  
33 SERVICES, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, THE FOLLOWING PHASES:

34 (A) PHASE ONE, WHICH SHALL INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING:

1 (I) PROVIDE INPUT ON THE REGULATORY STRUCTURE FOR  
2 AMBULANCE SERVICE OVERSIGHT, INCLUDING THE MECHANISM BY  
3 WHICH THE DEPARTMENT AND LOCAL JURISDICTIONS WILL SHARE  
4 ACCOUNTABILITY FOR THE PROCESS.

5 (II) OVERSEE THE COMPLETION OF AN ENVIRONMENTAL SCAN  
6 THAT SHALL GENERATE A REPORT ON THE STATE OF EMS IN  
7 COLORADO.

8 (B) PHASE TWO, WHICH SHALL INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING:

9 (I) REVIEW DATA FROM THE STATE OF EMS IN COLORADO  
10 REPORT AND COLLABORATE WITH STAKEHOLDERS TO FORMULATE  
11 RECOMMENDATIONS ADDRESSING INEQUITY OR DISPARITY OF  
12 ACCESS TO EMS SERVICES IN COLORADO.

13 (C) PHASE THREE, WHICH SHALL INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING:

14 (I) REVIEW DATA FROM THE STATE OF EMS IN COLORADO  
15 REPORT AND COLLABORATE WITH STAKEHOLDERS TO FORMULATE  
16 RECOMMENDATIONS ADDRESSING EMS WORKFORCE RECRUITMENT  
17 AND RETENTION IN COLORADO.

18 (D) PHASE FOUR, WHICH SHALL INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING:

19 (I) REVIEW DATA FROM THE STATE OF EMS IN COLORADO  
20 REPORT AND COLLABORATE WITH STAKEHOLDERS TO FORMULATE  
21 RECOMMENDATIONS ADDRESSING THE FINANCIAL  
22 SUSTAINABILITY OF COLORADO’S EMS SYSTEM.

23 (E) PHASE FIVE, WHICH SHALL INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING:

24 (I) REVIEW OF THE IMPLEMENTATION STATUS OF PRIOR  
25 TASKFORCE RECOMMENDATIONS AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS  
26 FOR LONG TERM EMS SYSTEM SUSTAINABILITY.

27 (6) THE TASK FORCE SHALL SUBMIT FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS,  
28 INCLUDING ADDITIONAL LEGISLATIVE CHANGES TO EFFECTUATE THE  
29 RECOMMENDATIONS, TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND THE DEPARTMENT IN  
30 ACCORDANCE WITH THE FOLLOWING SCHEDULE:

31 (A) ON OR BEFORE SEPTEMBER 1, 2023, THE TASK FORCE SHALL SUBMIT  
32 ITS PHASE ONE REPORT ON THE STATE OF EMS IN COLORADO.

1 (B) ON OR BEFORE SEPTEMBER 1, 2024, THE TASK FORCE SHALL SUBMIT  
2 ITS PHASE TWO REPORT ON THE ISSUE OF EQUITABLE ACCESS.

3 (C) ON OR BEFORE SEPTEMBER 1, 2025, THE TASK FORCE SHALL SUBMIT  
4 ITS PHASE THREE REPORT ON THE ISSUE OF WORKFORCE  
5 CONSIDERATIONS.

6 (D) ON OR BEFORE SEPTEMBER 1, 2026, THE TASK FORCE SHALL SUBMIT  
7 ITS PHASE FOUR REPORT ON THE ISSUE OF FINANCIAL SUSTAINABILITY.

8 (E) ON OR BEFORE JANUARY 1, 2027, THE TASK FORCE SHALL SUBMIT  
9 ITS FINAL, PHASE FIVE REPORT.

10 (6) THIS SECTION IS REPEALED, EFFECTIVE FEBRUARY 1, 2027.

11 **SECTION 4.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add** 25-3.5-314 as follows:

12 **25-3.5-314. AMBULANCE SERVICE - LICENSE REQUIRED - RULES - CIVIL AND**  
13 **CRIMINAL PENALTIES - LIABILITY INSURANCE.**

14 (1) ON OR AFTER JULY 1, 2024, A PERSON SHALL NOT OPERATE OR MAINTAIN AN  
15 AMBULANCE SERVICE WITHOUT A LICENSE ISSUED BY THE DEPARTMENT AND  
16 AUTHORIZATION FROM THE APPLICABLE COUNTY.

17 (A) THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SUBSECTION (1) SHALL NOT APPLY TO THE  
18 FOLLOWING:

19 (I) THE EXCEPTIONAL EMERGENCY USE OF A PRIVATELY OR  
20 PUBLICLY OWNED VEHICLE, INCLUDING SEARCH AND RESCUE UNIT  
21 VEHICLES, OR AIRCRAFT NOT ORDINARILY USED IN THE FORMAL  
22 ACT OF TRANSPORTING PATIENTS;

23  
24 (II) A VEHICLE RENDERING SERVICES AS AN AMBULANCE IN  
25 CASE OF A MAJOR CATASTROPHE OR EMERGENCY WHEN  
26 AMBULANCES WITH PERMITS BASED IN THE LOCALITIES OF THE  
27 CATASTROPHE OR EMERGENCY ARE INSUFFICIENT TO RENDER THE  
28 SERVICES REQUIRED;

29  
30 (III) AMBULANCES BASED OUTSIDE THIS STATE WHICH ARE  
31 TRANSPORTING A PATIENT INTO COLORADO;

32  
33 (IV) VEHICLES USED OR DESIGNED FOR THE SCHEDULED  
34 TRANSPORTATION OF CONVALESCENT PATIENTS, INDIVIDUALS

1 WITH DISABILITIES, OR PERSONS WHO WOULD NOT BE EXPECTED  
2 TO REQUIRE SKILLED TREATMENT OR CARE WHILE IN THE VEHICLE;  
3 OR

4  
5 (V) VEHICLES USED SOLELY FOR THE TRANSPORTATION OF  
6 INTOXICATED PERSONS OR PERSONS INCAPACITATED BY ALCOHOL  
7 AS DEFINED IN SECTION 27-81-102, C.R.S., BUT WHO ARE NOT  
8 OTHERWISE DISABLED OR SERIOUSLY INJURED AND WHO WOULD  
9 NOT BE EXPECTED TO REQUIRE SKILLED TREATMENT OR CARE  
10 WHILE IN THE VEHICLE.

11  
12 (B) BEGINNING JULY 1, 2024, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ISSUE AN  
13 INITIAL LICENSE TO ANY AMBULANCE SERVICE WITH A VALID LICENSE  
14 ISSUED BY A COUNTY PRIOR TO DECEMBER 31, 2023. THE BOARD SHALL  
15 ADOPT RULES GOVERNING THE ISSUANCE OF SUBSEQUENT LICENSES.

16  
17 (2)(A) ANY PERSON WHO VIOLATES ANY PROVISION OF THIS PART 3 COMMITS A  
18 PETTY OFFENSE AND SHALL BE PUNISHED AS PROVIDED IN SECTION 18-1.3-503.

19 (B) ANY OWNER OR OPERATOR OF AN AMBULANCE SERVICE OR OTHER PERSON  
20 WHO VIOLATES THIS PART 3, OR A RULE OF THE BOARD PROMULGATED  
21 PURSUANT TO THIS PART 3, OR WHO OPERATES WITHOUT A CURRENT AND  
22 VALID LICENSE IS SUBJECT TO A CIVIL PENALTY OF UP TO FIVE THOUSAND  
23 DOLLARS PER VIOLATION OR FOR EACH DAY OF A CONTINUING VIOLATION. THE  
24 DEPARTMENT SHALL ASSESS AND COLLECT THESE PENALTIES. BEFORE  
25 COLLECTING A PENALTY, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL PROVIDE THE ALLEGED  
26 VIOLATOR WITH NOTICE AND THE OPPORTUNITY FOR A HEARING IN  
27 ACCORDANCE WITH ARTICLE 4 OF TITLE 24, C.R.S. THE DEPARTMENT SHALL  
28 TRANSMIT ALL PENALTIES COLLECTED PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION TO THE  
29 STATE TREASURER, WHO SHALL CREDIT THEM TO THE GENERAL FUND.

30 (3) A LICENSE APPLICANT SHALL SUBMIT TO THE DEPARTMENT, IN THE  
31 MANNER DETERMINED BY THE BOARD BY RULE, PROOF THAT THE AMBULANCE  
32 SERVICE AND ANY STAFF THAT IT EMPLOYS OR CONTRACTS ARE COVERED BY  
33 GENERAL LIABILITY INSURANCE IN AN AMOUNT DETERMINED BY THE BOARD  
34 BY RULE, BUT NOT LESS THAN THE AMOUNT CALCULATED IN ACCORDANCE  
35 WITH SECTION 24-10-114 (1)(A)(I) AND (1)(B), C.R.S.

36 (4) COUNTY AUTHORIZATION

1 (A) ALL AMBULANCE SERVICES SEEKING TO OPERATE ON A  
2 PERMANENT OR REGULAR BASIS IN A COUNTY SHALL FILE AN INTENT TO  
3 OPERATE WITH THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS IN WHICH IT  
4 INTENDS TO OPERATE ON FORMS PROVIDED BY THE DEPARTMENT AND  
5 CONTAINING SUCH INFORMATION AS THE DEPARTMENT MAY REQUIRE.

6 (B) A COUNTY MAY ENACT AN ORDINANCE GOVERNING THE  
7 AUTHORIZATION OF AMBULANCE SERVICES WITHIN THE COUNTY. THE  
8 ORDINANCE MAY ADDRESS THE FOLLOWING:

9 (I) LIMIT THE NUMBER OF AMBULANCE SERVICES TO BE  
10 AUTHORIZED TO OPERATE WITHIN THE LOCAL JURISDICTION;

11 (II) DETERMINE AND PRESCRIBE AMBULANCE AGENCY SERVICE  
12 AREAS WITHIN THE LOCAL JURISDICTION;

13 (III) CONTRACT WITH AMBULANCE SERVICES, AND IMPOSE  
14 CONTRACTUAL OBLIGATIONS THAT ARE MORE STRINGENT THAN  
15 THE REGULATIONS PROMULGATED BY THE BOARD;

16 (IV) ESTABLISH OTHER NECESSARY REQUIREMENTS THAT ARE  
17 CONSISTENT WITH THIS PART 3 OR THE REGULATIONS  
18 PROMULGATED BY THE BOARD.

19 (5) NO COUNTY SHALL GRANT AUTHORIZATION TO OPERATE WITHOUT FIRST  
20 VERIFYING THE AMBULANCE SERVICE HAS A VALID LICENSE ISSUED BY THE  
21 DEPARTMENT.

22 (6) AS SET FORTH IN SECTION 25-3.5-317, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL HAVE THE  
23 SOLE RESPONSIBILITY FOR CONDUCTING VEHICLE INSPECTIONS OF  
24 AMBULANCE SERVICES.

25 (7) BY JULY 1 OF EACH YEAR, A COUNTY MAY OPT-OUT OF LOCAL  
26 AUTHORIZATION TO OPERATE BY NOTIFYING THE DEPARTMENT IN A FORM AND  
27 MANNER DETERMINED BY THE DEPARTMENT.

28 (A) IN ANY COUNTY THAT OPTS-OUT OF LOCAL AUTHORIZATION TO  
29 OPERATE, ALL THAT IS REQUIRED TO OPERATE AN AMBULANCE SERVICE  
30 IN THE JURISDICTION IS A DEPARTMENT-ISSUED LICENSE.

31 (8) NO COUNTY MAY IMPOSE ANY STANDARDS THAT ARE MORE OR LESS  
32 STRINGENT THAN THE REGULATIONS ADOPTED BY THE BOARD PURSUANT TO  
33 SECTION 25-3.5-309, C.R.S.



1 (9) NOTHING IN THIS PART 3 SHALL PREVENT A LOCAL JURISDICTION FROM  
2 ENTERING INTO EXCLUSIVE CONTRACTS OR OTHER SERVICE AGREEMENTS AND  
3 IMPOSING CONTRACTUAL OBLIGATIONS THAT EXCEED THE MINIMUM  
4 STANDARDS PROMULGATED BY THE BOARD.

5 (10) SUSPENSION OR REVOCATION OF LOCAL AUTHORIZATION

6 (A) UPON A DETERMINATION BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY  
7 COMMISSIONERS THAT ANY PERSON HAS VIOLATED OR FAILED TO  
8 COMPLY WITH ANY PROVISIONS OF THIS PART 3, THE BOARD MAY  
9 TEMPORARILY SUSPEND, FOR A PERIOD NOT TO EXCEED THIRTY DAYS,  
10 THE AUTHORIZATION TO OPERATE ISSUED PURSUANT TO THIS PART 3.  
11 THE AMBULANCE SERVICE SHALL RECEIVE WRITTEN NOTICE OF SUCH  
12 TEMPORARY SUSPENSION, AND A HEARING SHALL BE HELD NO LATER  
13 THAN TEN DAYS AFTER SUCH TEMPORARY SUSPENSION. AFTER SUCH  
14 HEARING, THE BOARD MAY SUSPEND ANY AUTHORIZATION TO OPERATE,  
15 ISSUED PURSUANT TO THIS PART 3, FOR ANY PORTION OF OR FOR THE  
16 REMAINDER OF ITS LIFE. AT THE END OF SUCH PERIOD, THE PERSON  
17 WHOSE AUTHORIZATION TO OPERATE WAS SUSPENDED MAY APPLY FOR  
18 A NEW AUTHORIZATION AS IN THE CASE OF AN ORIGINAL APPLICATION.

19 (B) UPON A SECOND VIOLATION OR FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH ANY  
20 PROVISION OF THIS PART 3 BY AN AMBULANCE SERVICE, THE BOARD OF  
21 COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MAY PERMANENTLY REVOKE SUCH  
22 AUTHORIZATION TO OPERATE.

23 (C) A COUNTY THAT SUSPENDS OR REVOKES THE AUTHORIZATION TO  
24 OPERATE OF ANY AMBULANCE SERVICE SHALL NOTIFY THE DEPARTMENT  
25 OF SUCH ACTION WITHIN THIRTY (30) DAYS AND PROVIDE ALL  
26 SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION FOR REVIEW BY THE DEPARTMENT.

27 **SECTION 5.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add** 25-3.5-315, as follows:

28 **25-3.5-315. MINIMUM STANDARDS FOR AMBULANCE SERVICES – RULES.**

29 (1) ON OR BEFORE JANUARY 1, 2024, THE BOARD SHALL PROMULGATE RULES  
30 PROVIDING MINIMUM STANDARDS FOR THE OPERATION OF AN AMBULANCE  
31 SERVICE WITHIN THE STATE. THE RULES MUST ADDRESS THE FOLLOWING:

32 (A) MINIMUM EQUIPMENT TO BE CARRIED ON AN AMBULANCE;

33 (B) STAFFING REQUIREMENTS FOR AMBULANCES;

- 1 (C) MEDICAL OVERSIGHT AND QUALITY ASSURANCE OF AMBULANCE  
2 SERVICES;
- 3 (D) THE PROCESS USED TO INVESTIGATE COMPLAINTS AGAINST AN  
4 AMBULANCE SERVICE;
- 5 (E) DATA COLLECTION AND REPORTING TO THE DEPARTMENT BY AN  
6 AMBULANCE SERVICE;
- 7 (F) INSPECTION OF AMBULANCE SERVICES BY THE DEPARTMENT OR THE  
8 DEPARTMENT’S DESIGNATED REPRESENTATIVE;
- 9 (G) MINIMUM EDUCATIONAL, TRAINING, AND EXPERIENCE STANDARDS  
10 FOR THE ADMINISTRATOR OF AN AMBULANCE SERVICE;
- 11 (H) THE AMOUNT OF GENERAL LIABILITY INSURANCE COVERAGE THAT  
12 AN AMBULANCE SERVICE SHALL MAINTAIN AND THE MANNER IN WHICH  
13 AN AMBULANCE SERVICE SHALL DEMONSTRATE PROOF OF INSURANCE  
14 TO THE DEPARTMENT. THE BOARD MAY ESTABLISH BY RULE THAT AN  
15 AMBULANCE SERVICE MAY OBTAIN A SURETY BOND IN LIEU OF  
16 LIABILITY INSURANCE COVERAGE;
- 17 (I) QUALIFICATIONS, TRAINING, AND ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES FOR A  
18 MEDICAL DIRECTOR FOR AN AMBULANCE SERVICE;
- 19 (J) COMMUNICATION EQUIPMENT, REPORTING CAPABILITIES, PATIENT  
20 SAFETY, AND CREW SAFETY AND STAFFING;
- 21 (K) MANAGEMENT OF PATIENT SAFETY WITH REGARD TO MINIMUM  
22 CLINICAL STAFFING;
- 23 (L) ADMINISTRATIVE AND OPERATIONAL STANDARDS FOR GOVERNANCE,  
24 PATIENT RECORDS AND RECORD RETENTION, PERSONNEL, AND POLICIES  
25 AND PROCEDURES;
- 26 (M) MANDATORY INCIDENT REPORTING TO THE DEPARTMENT, INCLUDING  
27 WHAT ACTS OR EVENTS TRIGGER MANDATORY REPORTING;
- 28 (N) LICENSURE FEES FOR AMBULANCE SERVICE APPLICATIONS AND  
29 LICENSURE, IF DEEMED NECESSARY;
- 30 (O) REQUIREMENTS FOR VEHICULAR LIABILITY INSURANCE, AS REQUIRED  
31 BY SECTION 10-4-601(2), C.R.S.; AND

1 (P) VEHICLE STANDARDS TO ENSURE MINIMUM SAFETY STANDARDS.

2 **SECTION 6.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add** 25-3.5-316, as follows:

3 **25-3.5-316. AMBULANCE SERVICES CASH FUND – CREATED.**

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5 THERE IS CREATED THE AMBULANCE SERVICES CASH FUND, REFERRED TO IN  
6 THIS SECTION AS THE “FUND”. THE DEPARTMENT SHALL TRANSMIT FEES  
7 COLLECTED PURSUANT TO THIS PART 3 TO THE STATE TREASURER FOR DEPOSIT  
8 IN THE FUND. THE MONEY IN THE FUND IS SUBJECT TO ANNUAL APPROPRIATION  
9 BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO THE DEPARTMENT FOR THE DEPARTMENT’S  
10 DIRECT AND INDIRECT COSTS IN IMPLEMENTING AND ADMINISTERING THIS  
11 PART 3. ANY UNENCUMBERED OR UNEXPENDED MONEY IN THE FUND AT THE  
12 END OF A FISCAL YEAR REMAINS IN THE FUND AND SHALL NOT BE CREDITED OR  
13 TRANSFERRED TO THE GENERAL FUND OR ANY OTHER FUND.

14 **SECTION 7.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add** 25-3.5-317, as follows:

15 **25-3.5-317. LICENSE - APPLICATION - INSPECTION - CRIMINAL HISTORY**  
16 **RECORD CHECK - ISSUANCE – INVESTIGATION.**

17  
18 (1) AN AMBULANCE SERVICE LICENSE EXPIRES AFTER TWO YEARS. THE  
19 DEPARTMENT SHALL DETERMINE THE FORM AND MANNER OF INITIAL AND  
20 RENEWAL LICENSE APPLICATIONS.

21  
22 (2)(A) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL INSPECT AN AMBULANCE SERVICE AS IT DEEMS  
23 NECESSARY, AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS PART 3 AND THE RULES  
24 PROMULGATED BY THE BOARD, TO ENSURE THE HEALTH, SAFETY, AND  
25 WELFARE OF AMBULANCE SERVICE PATIENTS. AN AMBULANCE SERVICE SHALL  
26 SUBMIT IN WRITING, IN A FORM AND MANNER PRESCRIBED BY THE  
27 DEPARTMENT, A PLAN DETAILING THE MEASURES THAT THE AGENCY WILL  
28 TAKE TO CORRECT ANY VIOLATIONS FOUND BY THE DEPARTMENT AS A RESULT  
29 OF AN INSPECTION.

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31 (B) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL KEEP ALL MEDICAL RECORDS AND PERSONALLY  
32 IDENTIFYING INFORMATION OBTAINED DURING AN INSPECTION OF AN  
33 AMBULANCE SERVICE CONFIDENTIAL.

34  
35 (3)

36 (A)

1 (I) WITH THE SUBMISSION OF AN APPLICATION FOR A LICENSE  
2 PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION, OR WITHIN 10 DAYS AFTER A CHANGE  
3 IN OWNER OR OPERATOR, EACH OWNER OR OPERATOR OF AN  
4 AMBULANCE SERVICE SHALL SUBMIT A COMPLETE SET OF HIS OR  
5 HER FINGERPRINTS TO THE COLORADO BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
6 FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONDUCTING A STATE AND NATIONAL  
7 FINGERPRINT-BASED CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORD CHECK. THE  
8 COLORADO BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION SHALL FORWARD THE  
9 FINGERPRINTS TO THE FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION FOR  
10 THE PURPOSE OF CONDUCTING FINGERPRINT-BASED CRIMINAL  
11 HISTORY RECORD CHECKS.

12  
13 (II) EACH OWNER OR OPERATOR OF AN AMBULANCE SERVICE IS  
14 RESPONSIBLE FOR PAYING THE FEE ESTABLISHED BY THE  
15 COLORADO BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION FOR CONDUCTING THE  
16 FINGERPRINT-BASED CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORD CHECK TO THE  
17 BUREAU.

18  
19 (B) THE DEPARTMENT MAY DENY A LICENSE OR RENEWAL OF A  
20 LICENSE IF THE RESULTS OF A CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORD CHECK OF AN  
21 OWNER OR OPERATOR DEMONSTRATES THAT THE OWNER OR OPERATOR  
22 HAS BEEN CONVICTED OF A FELONY OR A MISDEMEANOR INVOLVING  
23 CONDUCT THAT THE DEPARTMENT DETERMINES COULD POSE A RISK TO  
24 THE HEALTH, SAFETY, OR WELFARE OF AMBULANCE SERVICE PATIENTS.

25  
26 (C) IF AN AMBULANCE SERVICE APPLYING FOR AN INITIAL LICENSE IS  
27 TEMPORARILY UNABLE TO SATISFY ALL OF THE REQUIREMENTS FOR  
28 LICENSURE, THE DEPARTMENT MAY ISSUE A PROVISIONAL LICENSE TO  
29 THE AMBULANCE SERVICE; EXCEPT THAT THE DEPARTMENT SHALL NOT  
30 ISSUE A PROVISIONAL LICENSE TO AN AMBULANCE SERVICE IF  
31 OPERATION OF THE AMBULANCE SERVICE WILL ADVERSELY AFFECT THE  
32 HEALTH, SAFETY, OR WELFARE OF THE AMBULANCE SERVICE'S PATIENTS.  
33 THE DEPARTMENT MAY REQUIRE AN AMBULANCE SERVICE APPLYING  
34 FOR A PROVISIONAL LICENSE TO DEMONSTRATE TO THE DEPARTMENT'S  
35 SATISFACTION THAT THE AMBULANCE SERVICE IS TAKING SUFFICIENT  
36 STEPS TO SATISFY ALL OF THE REQUIREMENTS FOR FULL LICENSURE. A  
37 PROVISIONAL LICENSE IS VALID FOR NINETY DAYS AND MAY BE  
38 RENEWED ONE TIME AT THE DEPARTMENT'S DISCRETION.

1 (4)

2 (A) THE DEPARTMENT MAY ADMINISTER OATHS, TAKE AFFIRMATIONS  
3 OF WITNESSES, AND ISSUE SUBPOENAS TO COMPEL THE ATTENDANCE OF  
4 WITNESSES AND THE PRODUCTION OF ALL RELEVANT RECORDS AND  
5 DOCUMENTS TO INVESTIGATE ALLEGED VIOLATIONS OF THIS PART 3 OR  
6 THE RULES PROMULGATED BY THE BOARD.

7  
8 (B) UPON FAILURE OF A WITNESS TO COMPLY WITH A SUBPOENA, THE  
9 DEPARTMENT MAY APPLY TO A DISTRICT COURT FOR AN ORDER  
10 REQUIRING THE PERSON TO APPEAR BEFORE THE DEPARTMENT OR AN  
11 ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE, TO PRODUCE THE RELEVANT RECORDS OR  
12 DOCUMENTS, OR TO GIVE TESTIMONY OR EVIDENCE TOUCHING THE  
13 MATTER UNDER INVESTIGATION OR IN QUESTION. WHEN SEEKING AN  
14 ORDER, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL APPLY TO THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE  
15 COUNTY IN WHICH THE SUBPOENAED PERSON RESIDES OR CONDUCTS  
16 BUSINESS. THE COURT MAY PUNISH SUCH FAILURE AS A CONTEMPT OF  
17 COURT.

18  
19 (5) A PERSON ACTING AS A WITNESS OR CONSULTANT TO THE DEPARTMENT, A  
20 WITNESS TESTIFYING, AND A PERSON OR EMPLOYER WHO REPORTS  
21 MISCONDUCT TO THE DEPARTMENT UNDER THIS SECTION SHALL BE IMMUNE  
22 FROM LIABILITY IN ANY CIVIL ACTION BROUGHT FOR ACTS OCCURRING WHILE  
23 TESTIFYING, PRODUCING EVIDENCE, OR REPORTING MISCONDUCT UNDER THIS  
24 SECTION IF SUCH INDIVIDUAL OR EMPLOYER WAS ACTING IN GOOD FAITH AND  
25 WITH A REASONABLE BELIEF OF THE FACTS. A PERSON OR EMPLOYER  
26 PARTICIPATING IN GOOD FAITH IN AN INVESTIGATION OR AN ADMINISTRATIVE  
27 PROCEEDING PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION SHALL BE IMMUNE FROM ANY CIVIL  
28 OR CRIMINAL LIABILITY THAT MAY RESULT FROM SUCH PARTICIPATION.

29  
30 (6) ALL RECORDS, DOCUMENTS, TESTIMONY, OR EVIDENCE OBTAINED UNDER  
31 THIS SECTION SHALL REMAIN CONFIDENTIAL EXCEPT TO THE EXTENT  
32 NECESSARY TO SUPPORT THE ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION TAKEN BY THE  
33 DEPARTMENT, TO REFER THE MATTER TO ANOTHER REGULATORY AGENCY, OR  
34 TO REFER THE MATTER TO A LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY FOR CRIMINAL  
35 PROSECUTION.

36 **SECTION 8.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add** 25-3.5-318, as follows:

37 **25-3.5-318. LICENSE DENIAL - SUSPENSION - REVOCATION.**

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1 (1) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ISSUE DENIALS OF A LICENSE APPLICATION IN  
2 ACCORDANCE WITH ARTICLE 4 OR TITLE 24, C.R.S.

3  
4 (2) THE DEPARTMENT MAY SUSPEND, REVOKE, OR REFUSE TO RENEW THE  
5 LICENSE OF AN AMBULANCE SERVICE THAT IS OUT OF COMPLIANCE WITH THE  
6 REQUIREMENTS OF THIS PART 3 OR RULES PROMULGATED PURSUANT TO THIS  
7 PART 3. BEFORE TAKING FINAL ACTION TO SUSPEND, REVOKE, OR REFUSE TO  
8 RENEW A LICENSE, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL CONDUCT A HEARING ON THE  
9 MATTER IN ACCORDANCE WITH ARTICLE 4 OF TITLE 24, C.R.S. THE DEPARTMENT  
10 MAY IMPLEMENT A SUMMARY SUSPENSION BEFORE A HEARING IN  
11 ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 24-4-104 (4)(A), C.R.S.

12  
13 (3) AFTER CONDUCTING A HEARING ON THE MATTER IN ACCORDANCE WITH  
14 ARTICLE 4 OF TITLE 24, C.R.S., THE DEPARTMENT MAY REVOKE OR REFUSE TO  
15 RENEW AN AMBULANCE SERVICE LICENSE WHERE THE OWNER OR OPERATOR  
16 OF THE AMBULANCE SERVICE HAS BEEN CONVICTED OF A FELONY OR  
17 MISDEMEANOR INVOLVING CONDUCT THAT THE DEPARTMENT DETERMINES  
18 COULD POSE A RISK TO THE HEALTH, SAFETY, OR WELFARE OF THE  
19 AMBULANCE SERVICE’S PATIENTS.

20  
21 (4) THE DEPARTMENT MAY IMPOSE INTERMEDIATE RESTRICTIONS OR  
22 CONDITIONS ON AN AMBULANCE SERVICE THAT MAY REQUIRE THE  
23 AMBULANCE SERVICE TO:

24  
25 (A) RETAIN A CONSULTANT TO ADDRESS CORRECTIVE MEASURES;

26  
27 (B) BE MONITORED BY THE DEPARTMENT FOR A SPECIFIC PERIOD;

28  
29 (C) PROVIDE ADDITIONAL TRAINING TO ITS EMPLOYEES, OWNERS OR  
30 OPERATORS;

31  
32 (D) COMPLY WITH A DIRECTED WRITTEN PLAN TO CORRECT THE  
33 VIOLATION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROCEDURES ESTABLISHED UNDER  
34 SECTION 25-27.5-108 (2)(B); OR

35  
36 (E) PAY A CIVIL PENALTY OF UP TO FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS PER  
37 VIOLATION. THE DEPARTMENT, AFTER PROVIDING THE AMBULANCE  
38 SERVICE WITH THE OPPORTUNITY FOR A HEARING IN ACCORDANCE WITH  
39 SECTION 24-4-105, C.R.S., ON ANY PENALTIES ASSESSED, SHALL TRANSMIT  
40 ALL PENALTIES COLLECTED PURSUANT TO THIS PARAGRAPH (E) TO THE

1 STATE TREASURER, WHO SHALL CREDIT THE MONEY TO THE GENERAL FUND.  
2 AN AMBULANCE SERVICE MAY REQUEST, AND THE DEPARTMENT SHALL  
3 GRANT, A STAY IN PAYMENT OF A CIVIL PENALTY UNTIL FINAL DISPOSITION  
4 OF THE RESTRICTION OR CONDITION.  
5

6 **SECTION 9.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **amend** 25-3.5-301, as follows:  
7

8 ~~(1) After January 1, 1978, no person shall provide ambulance service publicly or privately in this~~  
9 ~~state unless that person holds a valid license to do so issued by the board of county~~  
10 ~~commissioners of the county in which the ambulance service is based, except as provided in~~  
11 ~~subsection (5) of this section. Licenses, permits, and renewals thereof, issued under this part 3,~~  
12 ~~shall require the payment of fees in amounts to be determined by the board to reflect the direct~~  
13 ~~and indirect costs incurred by the department in implementing such licensure, but the board may~~  
14 ~~waive payment of such fees for ambulance services operated by municipalities or special~~  
15 ~~districts.~~  
16

17 ~~(2) (a) (I) Each ambulance operated by an ambulance service shall be issued a permit and, in~~  
18 ~~order to be approved, shall bear evidence that its equipment meets or is equivalent to the~~  
19 ~~minimum requirements set forth in the minimum equipment list established by the council and~~  
20 ~~approved by the state board of health. The board of county commissioners of any county may~~  
21 ~~impose by resolution additional requirements for ambulances based in such county.~~  
22

23 ~~(II) Repealed.~~

24 ~~(a.1) Repealed.~~

25 ~~(b) The council shall make available to the board of county commissioners guidelines for~~  
26 ~~ambulance design criteria for use in developing standards for vehicle replacement.~~

27 (3) No patient shall be transported in an ambulance in this state after January 1, 1978, unless  
28 there are two or more individuals, including the driver, present and authorized to operate said  
29 ambulance except under unusual conditions when only one authorized person is available.  
30

31 ~~(4) (Deleted by amendment, L. 2002, p. 696, § 1, effective May 29, 2002.)~~  
32

33 ~~(5) The provisions of subsections (1) to (3) of this section shall not apply to the following:~~

34 ~~(a) The exceptional emergency use of a privately or publicly owned vehicle, including search~~  
35 ~~and rescue unit vehicles, or aircraft not ordinarily used in the formal act of transporting patients;~~

36 ~~(b) A vehicle rendering services as an ambulance in case of a major catastrophe or emergency~~  
37 ~~when ambulances with permits based in the localities of the catastrophe or emergency are~~  
38 ~~insufficient to render the services required;~~

39 ~~(c) Ambulances based outside this state which are transporting a patient in Colorado;~~

1 ~~(d) Vehicles used or designed for the scheduled transportation of convalescent patients,~~  
2 ~~individuals with disabilities, or persons who would not be expected to require skilled treatment~~  
3 ~~or care while in the vehicle;~~

4 ~~(e) Vehicles used solely for the transportation of intoxicated persons or persons incapacitated by~~  
5 ~~alcohol as defined in section 27-81-102, C.R.S., but who are not otherwise disabled or seriously~~  
6 ~~injured and who would not be expected to require skilled treatment or care while in the vehicle.~~

7  
8 **SECTION 10.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **repeal** 25-3.5-302.

9 ~~(1)~~

10 ~~(a) After receipt of an original application for a license to provide ambulance service, the board~~  
11 ~~of county commissioners shall review the application and the applicant's record and provide for~~  
12 ~~the inspection of equipment to determine compliance with the provisions of this part 3.~~

13  
14 ~~(b) The board of county commissioners shall issue a license to the applicant to provide~~  
15 ~~ambulance service and a permit for each ambulance used, both of which shall be valid for twelve~~  
16 ~~months following the date of issue, upon a finding that the applicant's staff, vehicle, and~~  
17 ~~equipment comply with the provisions of this part 3 and any other requirement established by~~  
18 ~~said board.~~

19  
20 ~~(2) Any such license or permit, unless revoked by the board of county commissioners, may be~~  
21 ~~renewed by filing an application as in the case of an original application for such license or~~  
22 ~~permit. Applications for renewal shall be filed annually but not less than thirty days before the~~  
23 ~~date the license or permit expires.~~

24  
25 ~~(3) No license or permit issued pursuant to this section shall be sold, assigned, or otherwise~~  
26 ~~transferred.~~

27  
28 **SECTION 11.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **repeal** 25-3.5-303.

29  
30 ~~No ambulance shall operate in this state unless it is covered by a complying policy as defined in~~  
31 ~~section 10-4-601 (2), C.R.S.~~

32  
33 **SECTION 12.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **repeal** 25-3.5-304.

34  
35 ~~(1) Upon a determination by the board of county commissioners that any person has violated or~~  
36 ~~failed to comply with any provisions of this part 3, the board may temporarily suspend, for a~~  
37 ~~period not to exceed thirty days, any license or permit issued pursuant to this part 3. The licensee~~  
38 ~~shall receive written notice of such temporary suspension, and a hearing shall be held no later~~  
39 ~~than ten days after such temporary suspension. After such hearing, the board may suspend any~~  
40 ~~license or permit, issued pursuant to this part 3, for any portion of or for the remainder of its life.~~



1 ~~At the end of such period, the person whose license or permit was suspended may apply for a~~  
2 ~~new license or permit as in the case of an original application.~~

3  
4 ~~(2) Upon a second violation or failure to comply with any provision of this part 3 by any~~  
5 ~~licensee, the board of county commissioners may permanently revoke such license or permit.~~

6  
7 **SECTION 13.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **amend** 25-3.5-305 as follows:

8  
9 (1) In any legal action filed against a person who has been issued a license pursuant to this part 3  
10 in which it is alleged that the plaintiff's injury, illness, or incapacity was exacerbated or that he  
11 was otherwise injured by the negligence of the licensee, an act of negligence shall not be  
12 presumed based on the fact of the allegation.

13  
14 (2) In the event a judgment is entered against any such licensee, within thirty days thereof, the  
15 licensee shall file a copy of the findings of fact, conclusions of law, and order in such case with  
16 the DEPARTMENT ~~clerk and recorder of the county issuing the license.~~ Said board THE  
17 DEPARTMENT shall take note of such judgment for purposes of investigation and appropriate  
18 action if a violation of this part 3 is present. Any and all complaints received directly by ~~said~~  
19 ~~board~~ THE DEPARTMENT shall be subject to review.

20  
21 **SECTION 14.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **repeal** 25-3.5-308.

22  
23 ~~(1) The board shall adopt rules establishing the minimum requirements for ground ambulance~~  
24 ~~service licensing, including but not limited to:~~

25 ~~(a) Minimum equipment to be carried on an ambulance pursuant to section 25-3.5-104;~~

26 ~~(b) Staffing requirements for ambulances as required in section 25-3.5-104;~~

27 ~~(c) Medical oversight and quality improvement of ambulance services pursuant to section 25-~~  
28 ~~3.5-704 (2)(h);~~

29 ~~(d) The process used to investigate complaints against an ambulance service; and~~

30 ~~(e) Data collection and reporting to the department by an ambulance service.~~

31  
32 **SECTION 15.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **repeal** 25-3.5-502.

33  
34 ~~The department shall provide the necessary forms and copies of quarterly statistical report forms~~  
35 ~~for local and state evaluation of ambulance service unless specifically exempted by the board of~~  
36 ~~county commissioners of a particular county for that county.~~