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## **HB 2365**

Introduced by  
Representatives Crandall: Adams, Konopnicki, Reagan, Senators Tibshraeny,  
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AN ACT

AMENDING SECTION 36-2204, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES; RELATING TO EMERGENCY  
MEDICAL SERVICES.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

1 Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:

2 Section 1. Section 36-2204, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to  
3 read:

4 36-2204. Medical control

5 The medical director of emergency medical services and the emergency  
6 medical services council shall recommend to the director the following  
7 standards and criteria ~~which~~ THAT pertain to the quality of emergency patient  
8 care:

9 1. Statewide standardized training, certification and recertification  
10 standards for all classifications of emergency medical technicians.

11 2. A standardized and validated testing procedure for all  
12 classifications of emergency medical technicians.

13 3. Medical standards for certification and recertification of training  
14 programs for all classifications of emergency medical technicians.

15 4. Standardized continuing education criteria for all classifications  
16 of emergency medical technicians.

17 5. Medical standards for certification and recertification of  
18 certified emergency receiving facilities and advanced life support base  
19 hospitals and approval of physicians providing medical control or medical  
20 direction for any level of emergency medical technicians who are required to  
21 be under medical control or medical direction.

22 6. Standards and mechanisms for monitoring and ongoing evaluation of  
23 performance levels of all classifications of emergency medical technicians,  
24 emergency receiving facilities and advanced life support base hospitals and  
25 approval of physicians providing medical control or medical direction for any  
26 level of emergency medical technicians who are required to be under medical  
27 control or medical direction.

28 7. Objective criteria and mechanisms for decertification of all  
29 classifications of emergency medical technicians, emergency receiving  
30 facilities and advanced life support base hospitals and for disapproval of  
31 physicians providing medical control or medical direction for any level of  
32 emergency technicians who are required to be under medical control or medical  
33 direction.

34 8. Medical standards for nonphysician pre-hospital treatment and  
35 pre-hospital triage of patients requiring emergency medical services.

36 9. Standards for emergency medical dispatcher training, including  
37 prearrival instructions. For the purposes of this paragraph, "emergency  
38 medical dispatch" means the receipt of calls requesting emergency medical  
39 services and the response of appropriate resources to the appropriate  
40 location.

41 10. Standards for a quality assurance process for components of the  
42 emergency medical services system, including standards for maintaining the  
43 confidentiality of the information considered in the course of quality  
44 assurance and the records of the activities of quality assurance process  
45 pursuant to section 36-2401.

1           11. Standards for ambulance service and medical transportation that  
2 give consideration to the differences between urban, rural and wilderness  
3 areas.

4           12. STANDARDS TO ALLOW AN AMBULANCE TO TRANSPORT A PATIENT TO A HEALTH  
5 CARE INSTITUTION THAT IS LICENSED AS A SPECIAL HOSPITAL AND THAT IS  
6 PHYSICALLY CONNECTED TO AN EMERGENCY RECEIVING FACILITY.

7           Sec. 2. Emergency

8           This act is an emergency measure that is necessary to preserve the  
9 public peace, health or safety and is operative immediately as provided by  
10 law.