

# VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY -- 2000 SESSION

## CHAPTER 939

*An Act to amend and reenact § 32.1-111.1 of the Code of Virginia and to repeal § 15.2-1221 of the Code of Virginia, relating to emergency medical services vehicles.*

[H 1525]

Approved April 9, 2000

**Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**

**1. That § 32.1-111.1 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:**

§ 32.1-111.1. Definitions.

As used in this article:

"Advisory Board" means the State Emergency Medical Services Advisory Board.

"Agency" means any person engaged in the business, service or regular activity, whether or not for profit, of transporting persons who are sick, injured, wounded or otherwise incapacitated or helpless, or of rendering immediate medical care to such persons.

*"Ambulance" means any vehicle, vessel or aircraft, which holds a valid permit issued by the Office of Emergency Medical Services, that is specially constructed, equipped, maintained and operated, and is intended to be used for emergency medical care and the transportation of patients who are sick, injured, wounded, or otherwise incapacitated or helpless. The word "ambulance" may not appear on any vehicle, vessel or aircraft that does not hold a valid permit.*

"Automated external defibrillator" means a medical device which combines a heart monitor and defibrillator and (i) has been approved by the United States Food and Drug Administration, (ii) is capable of recognizing the presence or absence of ventricular fibrillation or rapid ventricular tachycardia, (iii) is capable of determining, without intervention by an operator, whether defibrillation should be performed, and (iv) automatically charges and requests delivery of an electrical impulse to an individual's heart, upon determining that defibrillation should be performed.

"Emergency medical services personnel" means persons responsible for the direct provision of emergency medical services in a given medical emergency including all persons who could be described as attendants, attendants-in-charge, or operators.

"Emergency medical services vehicle" means any ~~privately or publicly owned~~ vehicle, vessel, or aircraft, ~~or ambulance that holds a valid emergency medical services vehicle permit issued by the Office of Emergency Medical Services that is specially designed, constructed, or modified and equipped and is intended to be used for and is,~~ maintained or operated to provide immediate emergency medical care to or to transport persons transportation of patients who are sick, injured, wounded, or otherwise incapacitated or helpless.

**2. That § 15.2-1221 of the Code of Virginia is repealed.**