

1 VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY — CHAPTER

2 *An Act to amend and reenact § 32.1-111.4 of the Code of Virginia, relating to the possession and*
3 *administration of oxygen by emergency medical services personnel.*

4 [H 594]

5 Approved

6 **Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**7 **1. That § 32.1-111.4 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:**8 § 32.1-111.4. Regulations; emergency medical services personnel and vehicles; response times;
9 enforcement provisions; civil penalties.

10 A. The State Board of Health shall prescribe by regulation:

11 1. Requirements for record keeping, supplies, operating procedures and other agency operations;

12 2. Requirements for the sanitation and maintenance of emergency medical services vehicles and their
13 medical supplies and equipment;14 3. Procedures, including the requirements for forms, to authorize qualified emergency medical
15 services personnel to follow Do Not Resuscitate Orders pursuant to § 54.1-2987.1;16 4. Requirements for the composition, administration, duties and responsibilities of the State
17 Emergency Medical Services Advisory Board;18 5. Requirements, developed in consultation with the Emergency Medical Services Advisory Board,
19 governing the training, certification, and recertification of emergency medical services personnel;20 6. Requirements for written notification to the State Emergency Medical Services Advisory Board,
21 the State Office of Emergency Medical Services, and the Financial Assistance and Review Committee of
22 the Board's action, and the reasons therefor, on requests and recommendations of the Advisory Board,
23 the State Office of Emergency Medical Services or the Committee, no later than five workdays after
24 reaching its decision, specifying whether the Board has approved, denied, or not acted on such requests
25 and recommendations;26 7. Authorization procedures, developed in consultation with the Emergency Medical Services
27 Advisory Board, which allow the possession and administration of epinephrine or a medically accepted
28 equivalent for emergency cases of anaphylactic shock by certain levels of certified emergency medical
29 services personnel as authorized by § 54.1-3408 *and authorization procedures that allow the possession*
30 *and administration of oxygen with the authority of the local medical director and a licensed emergency*
31 *medical services agency;*32 8. A uniform definition of "response time" and requirements, developed in consultation with the
33 Emergency Medical Services Advisory Board, for each agency to measure response times starting from
34 the time a call for emergency medical care is received until (i) the time an appropriate emergency
35 medical response unit is responding and (ii) the appropriate emergency medical response unit arrives on
36 the scene, and requirements for agencies to collect and report such data to the Director of the Office of
37 Emergency Medical Services who shall compile such information and make it available to the public,
38 upon request; and39 9. Enforcement provisions, including, but not limited to, civil penalties that the Commissioner may
40 assess against any agency or other entity found to be in violation of any of the provisions of this article
41 or any regulation promulgated under this article. All amounts paid as civil penalties for violations of this
42 article or regulations promulgated pursuant thereto shall be paid into the state treasury and shall be
43 deposited in the emergency medical services special fund established pursuant to § 46.2-694, to be used
44 only for emergency medical services purposes.45 B. The Board shall classify agencies and emergency medical services vehicles by type of service
46 rendered and shall specify the medical equipment, the supplies, the vehicle specifications and the
47 personnel required for each classification.48 C. In formulating its regulations, the Board shall consider the current Minimal Equipment List for
49 Ambulances adopted by the Committee on Trauma of the American College of Surgeons.

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