HOUSE COMMITTEE OF REFERENCE REPORT

Chairman of Committee	<u>February 25, 2010</u> Date
Committee on Health and Huma	an Services.
After consideration on the me following:	erits, the Committee recommends the
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Amend printed bill, page 7, stril	ke lines 4 through 27.
Strike pages 8 through 10.	
Page 11, strike lines 1 through 7	7 and substitute:
	5-103, Colorado Revised Statutes, is OF A NEW SUBSECTION to read:
25-3.5-103. Definitions. otherwise requires:	As used in this article, unless the context
	THE EMERGENCY MEDICAL PRACTICE SECTION 25-3.5-206.
SECTION 7. 25-3.5-2 amended to read:	201 (1), Colorado Revised Statutes, is
design and establish specialize routinely to emergencies. Each council in consultation with the board of county commissioners	programs. (1) The department shall d curricula for personnel who respond h curriculum shall be approved by the state board of medical examiners. The s may select from the various curricula the minimum requirements established

SECTION 8. 25-3.5-203 (1) (a), Colorado Revised Statutes, is amended, and the said 25-3.5-203 (1) is further amended BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW PARAGRAPH, to read:

- 25-3.5-203. Emergency medical technicians certification renewal of certificate duties of department rules criminal history record checks repeal. (1) (a) (I) PRIOR TO JANUARY 1, 2011, the duties and functions of emergency medical technicians, including the acts that they are authorized to perform subject to the medical direction of a licensed physician, shall be regulated by rules adopted by the Colorado state MEDICAL board. of medical examiners. The council shall advise and make recommendations to said board concerning such rules before final adoption.
- 13 (II) This paragraph (a) is repealed, effective January 1, 14 2011.
- 15 (a.5) On and after January 1, 2011, the executive director 16 OR CHIEF MEDICAL OFFICER SHALL REGULATE THE ACTS EMERGENCY 17 MEDICAL TECHNICIANS ARE AUTHORIZED TO PERFORM SUBJECT TO THE 18 MEDICAL DIRECTION OF A LICENSED PHYSICIAN. THE EXECUTIVE 19 DIRECTOR OR CHIEF MEDICAL OFFICER, AFTER CONSIDERING THE ADVICE 20 AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE ADVISORY COUNCIL, SHALL ADOPT AND 21 REVISE RULES, AS NECESSARY, REGARDING THE REGULATION OF 22 EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIANS AND THEIR DUTIES AND FUNCTIONS. 23 THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OR CHIEF MEDICAL OFFICER MAY ADOPT THE 24 RULES PRIOR TO JANUARY 1, 2011, BUT THE RULES SHALL NOT TAKE 25 EFFECT UNTIL JANUARY 1, 2011, OR LATER.
- SECTION 9. 25-3.5-205 (5) (a), Colorado Revised Statutes, is amended to read:
- 28 **25-3.5-205. Emergency medical technicians investigations -** 29 **discipline.** (5) For the purposes of this section:
- (a) "Medical director" means a physician who supervises certified
 emergency medical technicians consistent with the rules adopted by the
 board of medical examiners
 BY THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OR CHIEF
 MEDICAL OFFICER, AS APPLICABLE, PURSUANT TO SECTION 25-3.5-206.

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1	SECTION 10. Part 2 of article 3.5 of title 25, Colorado Revised
2	Statutes, is amended BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW SECTION to
3	read:
4	25-3.5-206. Emergency medical practice advisory council -
5	creation - powers and duties - emergency medical technician scope of
6	practice rules. (1) There is hereby created within the
7	DEPARTMENT, AS A TYPE 2 ENTITY UNDER THE DIRECTION OF THE
8	EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT, THE EMERGENCY MEDICAL
9	PRACTICE ADVISORY COUNCIL, REFERRED TO IN THIS PART 2 AS THE
10	"ADVISORY COUNCIL". THE ADVISORY COUNCIL IS RESPONSIBLE FOR
11	ADVISING THE DEPARTMENT REGARDING THE APPROPRIATE SCOPE OF
12	PRACTICE FOR EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIANS CERTIFIED PURSUANT
13	TO SECTION 25-3.5-203.
14	(2) (a) THE EMERGENCY MEDICAL PRACTICE ADVISORY COUNCIL
15	SHALL CONSIST OF THE FOLLOWING ELEVEN MEMBERS:
16	(I) EIGHT VOTING MEMBERS APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR AS
17	FOLLOWS:
18	(A) Two physicians licensed in good standing in Colorado
19	WHO ARE ACTIVELY SERVING AS EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE MEDICAL
20	DIRECTORS AND ARE PRACTICING IN RURAL OR FRONTIER COUNTIES;
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21	(B) Two physicians licensed in good standing in Colorado
22	WHO ARE ACTIVELY SERVING AS EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE MEDICAL
23	DIRECTORS AND ARE PRACTICING IN URBAN COUNTIES;
24	(C) ONE PHYSICIAN LICENSED IN GOOD STANDING IN COLORADO
25	WHO IS ACTIVELY SERVING AS AN EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE MEDICAL
26	DIRECTOR IN ANY AREA OF THE STATE;
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27	(D) ONE EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIAN CERTIFIED AT AN
28	ADVANCED LIFE SUPPORT LEVEL WHO IS ACTIVELY INVOLVED IN THE
29	PROVISION OF EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES;
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30	(E) ONE EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIAN CERTIFIED AT A BASIC
31	LIFE SUPPORT LEVEL WHO IS ACTIVELY INVOLVED IN THE PROVISION OF
32	EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES; AND
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- 1 (F) ONE EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIAN CERTIFIED AT ANY 2 LEVEL WHO IS ACTIVELY INVOLVED IN THE PROVISION OF EMERGENCY 3 MEDICAL SERVICES;
- 4 (II) ONE VOTING MEMBER WHO, AS OF THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF
 5 THIS SECTION, IS A MEMBER OF THE STATE EMERGENCY MEDICAL AND
 6 TRAUMA SERVICES ADVISORY COUNCIL, APPOINTED BY THE EXECUTIVE
 7 DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT; AND
- 8 (III) TWO NONVOTING EX OFFICIO MEMBERS APPOINTED BY THE 9 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT.
- 10 (b) MEMBERS OF THE ADVISORY COUNCIL SHALL SERVE 11 FOUR-YEAR TERMS; EXCEPT THAT, OF THE MEMBERS INITIALLY APPOINTED 12 TO THE ADVISORY COUNCIL BY THE GOVERNOR, FOUR MEMBERS SHALL 13 SERVE THREE-YEAR TERMS. A VACANCY ON THE ADVISORY COUNCIL 14 SHALL BE FILLED BY APPOINTMENT BY THE APPOINTING AUTHORITY FOR 15 THAT VACANT POSITION FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE UNEXPIRED TERM. 16 MEMBERS SERVE AT THE PLEASURE OF THE APPOINTING AUTHORITY AND 17 CONTINUE IN OFFICE UNTIL THE MEMBER'S SUCCESSOR IS APPOINTED.
- 18 (c) Members of the advisory council shall serve without
 19 Compensation but shall be reimbursed from the emergency
 20 Medical services account, created in section 25-3.5-603, for their
 21 Actual and necessary travel expenses incurred in the
 22 Performance of their duties under this article.
- 23 (d) The advisory council shall elect a chair and vice-chair from its members.
- 25 (e) THE ADVISORY COUNCIL SHALL MEET AT LEAST QUARTERLY AND MORE FREQUENTLY AS NECESSARY TO FULFILL ITS OBLIGATIONS.
- 27 (f) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL PROVIDE STAFF SUPPORT TO THE 28 ADVISORY COUNCIL.
- 29 (g) AS USED IN THIS SUBSECTION (2), "LICENSED IN GOOD STANDING" MEANS THAT THE PHYSICIAN HOLDS A CURRENT, VALID LICENSE TO PRACTICE MEDICINE IN COLORADO THAT IS NOT SUBJECT TO ANY RESTRICTIONS.

2 3 4	EXPERTISE ON MATTERS RELATED TO THE PROVISION OF PATIENT CARE BY EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIANS AND SHALL ADVISE OR MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE DEPARTMENT IN THE FOLLOWING AREAS:
5 6 7 8	(a) THE ACTS AND MEDICATIONS THAT CERTIFIED EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIANS AT EACH LEVEL OF CERTIFICATION ARE AUTHORIZED TO PERFORM OR ADMINISTER UNDER THE DIRECTION OF A PHYSICIAN MEDICAL DIRECTOR;
9 10	(b) Requests for waivers to the scope of practice rules adopted pursuant to this section and section 25-3.5-203 (1) (a.5):
11 12	(c) MODIFICATIONS TO EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIAN CERTIFICATION LEVELS AND CAPABILITIES; AND
13 14	(d) CRITERIA FOR PHYSICIANS TO SERVE AS EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE MEDICAL DIRECTORS.
15 16 17 18 19 20	(4) (a) The executive director or, if the executive director is not a physician, the chief medical officer shall adopt rules in accordance with article 4 of title 24, C.R.S., concerning the scope of practice of emergency medical technicians for prehospital care. The rules shall include, but not be limited to the following:
21 22 23	(I) ALLOWABLE ACTS FOR EACH LEVEL OF EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIAN CERTIFICATION AND THE MEDICATIONS THAT EACH LEVEL OF EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIAN CERTIFICATION CAN ADMINISTER;
24 25 26	(II) DEFINING THE PHYSICIAN MEDICAL DIRECTION THAT IS REQUIRED FOR APPROPRIATE OVERSIGHT OF AN EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIAN BY AN EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES MEDICAL DIRECTORS
27 28	(III) CRITERIA FOR REQUESTS TO WAIVE THE SCOPE OF PRACTICE RULES AND THE CONDITIONS FOR SUCH WAIVERS; AND
29 30	(IV) MINIMUM STANDARDS FOR PHYSICIANS TO BE EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES MEDICAL DIRECTORS.

- 1 (b) Rules adopted pursuant to this subsection (4) 2 Supersede any rules of the Colorado medical board regarding 3 The matters set forth in this subsection (4).
- 4 **SECTION 11.** 25-3.5-603 (3) (c) (I), Colorado Revised Statutes, 5 is amended to read:
- 25-3.5-603. Emergency medical services account creation allocation of funds. (3) On and after July 1, 2002, moneys in the emergency medical services account shall be appropriated:
- 9 (c) To the direct and indirect costs of planning, developing, 10 implementing, maintaining, and improving the statewide emergency 11 medical and trauma services system. Such costs shall include:
- 12 (I) Providing technical assistance and support to local governments, local emergency medical and trauma service providers, and RETACs operating a statewide data collection system, coordinating local and state programs, providing assistance in selection and purchasing of medical and communication equipment, and administering the EMTS grant program, AND ESTABLISHING AND MAINTAINING SCOPE OF PRACTICE FOR CERTIFIED MEDICAL TECHNICIANS; and
- 19 **SECTION 12.** 25-3.5-706, Colorado Revised Statutes, is 20 amended to read:
- 21 **25-3.5-706. Immunity from liability.** The department, the board, 22 the council as defined in section 25-3.5-703 (3.5), a RETAC as defined 23 in section 25-3.5-703 (6.8), THE EMERGENCY MEDICAL PRACTICE 24 ADVISORY COUNCIL CREATED IN SECTION 25-3.5-206, key resource 25 facilities, any other public or private entity acting on behalf of or under 26 contract with the department, and counties and cities and counties shall 27 be immune from civil and criminal liability and from regulatory sanction 28 for acting in compliance with the provisions of this part 7. Nothing in 29 this section shall be construed as providing any immunity to such entities 30 or any other person in connection with the provision of medical treatment, 31 care, or services that are governed by the medical malpractice statutes, 32 article 64 of title 13, C.R.S.
- 33 **SECTION 13.** 12-36-106 (3), Colorado Revised Statutes, is amended BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW PARAGRAPH to read:

- 1 12-36-106. Practice of medicine defined exemptions from
- 2 licensing requirements unauthorized practice by physician
- 3 assistants penalties repeal. (3) Nothing in this section shall be
- 4 construed to prohibit, or to require a license or a physician training license
- 5 under this article with respect to, any of the following acts:
- 6 (w) The rendering of services by an emergency medical
- 7 TECHNICIAN CERTIFIED PURSUANT TO SECTION 25-3.5-203, C.R.S., AS
- 8 LONG AS THE SERVICES RENDERED ARE CONSISTENT WITH RULES ADOPTED
- 9 BY THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OR CHIEF MEDICAL OFFICER, AS APPLICABLE,
- 10 PURSUANT TO SECTION 25-3.5-206, C.R.S., DEFINING THE DUTIES AND
- 11 FUNCTIONS OF EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIANS.".
- 12 Renumber succeeding sections accordingly.
- Page 11, line 16, strike "and".
- 14 Page 11, after line 16 insert:
- 15 "(B) ONE MEMBER LICENSED UNDER THIS ARTICLE AS A PHYSICIAN
- 16 ASSISTANT; and".
- Page 11, line 17, strike "(B) four FIVE" and substitute "(C) Four".
- Page 11, line 25, strike "PUBLIC MEMBER" and substitute "PHYSICIAN"
- 19 ASSISTANT".
- 20 Page 12, line 3, strike "PUBLIC MEMBER" and substitute "PHYSICIAN
- 21 ASSISTANT".
- Page 12, line 10, after "licensed" insert "IN GOOD STANDING".
- Page 13, line 14, strike "Regular meetings" and substitute "Regular
- 24 Meetings".
- 25 Page 13, line 15, strike "either panel," and substitute "either ANY panel"
- and strike "section 12-36-118," and substitute "section 12-36-118, THIS
- 27 ARTICLE".
- 28 Page 15, line 8, strike "PERSON," and substitute "PERSON OR UPON
- 29 CREDIBLE EVIDENCE IN A MOTION OF THE LICENSING PANEL,".

- Page 18, line 21, strike "person," and substitute "person OR IN ITS OWN
- 2 MOTION,".
- 3 Page 18, line 27, strike "or" and substitute "or".
- 4 Page 19, line 24, strike "DIRECTOR" and substitute "AMENDMENT SHALL
- 5 NOT TAKE EFFECT.".
- 6 Page 19, strike lines 25 through 27.
- 7 Page 20, strike lines 1 through 4.
- 8 Page 21, line 9, strike "DIRECTOR" and substitute "AMENDMENT SHALL
- 9 NOT TAKE EFFECT.".
- 10 Page 21, strike lines 10 through 16.
- 11 Page 23, after line 3 insert:
- 12 "(6) THE BOARD MAY REFRAIN FROM ISSUING A PRO BONO LICENSE
- 13 IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 12-36-116.".
- 14 Renumber succeeding subsection accordingly.
- 15 Page 26, line 10, strike "(3) (b) and (5) (b) (I)," and substitute "(3) (b), (5)
- 16 (b) (I), and (5) (b) (II) (B),".
- 17 Page 28, line 16, strike "THREE" and substitute "FOUR".
- Page 28, line 19, strike "THREE" and substitute "FOUR".
- 19 Page 28, after line 22 insert:
- 20 "(II) For purposes of this subsection (5), "personal and responsible
- 21 direction and supervision" means that the direction and supervision of a
- 22 physician assistant must be IS personally rendered by a licensed physician
- 23 practicing in the state of Colorado and IS not RENDERED through
- 24 intermediaries. The extent of direction and supervision shall be
- determined by rules and regulations promulgated by the board and as
- otherwise provided in this paragraph (b); except that, when a physician
- 27 assistant is performing a delegated medical function in an acute care
- hospital, the board shall allow supervision and direction to be performed

- without the physical presence of the physician during the time the delegated medical functions are being implemented if:
- 3 (B) The licensed supervising physician reviews the quality of 4 medical services rendered by the physician assistant every two working 5 days by reviewing the medical records to assure compliance with the 6 physicians' directions; and".
- 7 Page 32, line 19, strike "AND DETERMINE".
- 8 Page 33, line 2, strike "BOARD AND CONSISTENT WITH ANY" and substitute
- 9 "BOARD.".
- 10 Page 33, strike line 3.
- 11 Page 33, line 9, strike "BOARD" and substitute "PARTIES" and after
- 12 "MODIFY" insert "OR DISSOLVE".
- 13 Page 33, line 10, strike "IF THE".
- 14 Page 33, strike lines 11 through 18.
- 15 Page 36, line 6, strike "and (3)," and substitute "(3), and (4),".
- 16 Page 39, after line 12 insert:
- 17 "(4) Each physician, dentist, or health care institution, subject to
- 18 the provisions of this section, shall pay, in addition to any license fee,
- 19 certification fee, or fee for such other authority, an additional fee in an
- 20 amount to be determined by the appropriate authority which issues or
- 21 administers such license, certification, or other authority, not to exceed
- 22 fifteen dollars. Such fee shall be transmitted to the state treasurer, who
- 23 shall credit the same to the division of registrations cash fund, which
- 24 moneys shall be used exclusively for the purposes of this article as
- 25 annually appropriated by the general assembly.".
- Page 48, strike line 17 and substitute "amended to read:".
- 27 Page 48, line 18, strike "(a)".
- 28 Page 48, strike lines 26 and 27.

- 1 Page 49, strike lines 1 through 5.
- 2 Page 56, line 11, after "association," insert "OR THE SUCCESSOR OF EITHER
- 3 ENTITY,".

- 4 Page 59, after line 7 insert:
- 5 "**SECTION 46.** 12-36-134 (1) (b) and (1) (d), the introductory 6 portion to 12-36-134 (1) (g), and 12-36-134 (1) (g) (I), (1) (g) (II), (1) (g) 7 (III), (3), (4), and (5), Colorado Revised Statutes, are amended to read:
 - 12-36-134. Professional service corporations, limited liability companies, and registered limited liability partnerships for the practice of medicine definitions. (1) Persons licensed to practice medicine by the board may form professional service corporations for such persons' practice of medicine under the "Colorado Business Corporation Act", articles 101 to 117 of title 7, C.R.S., if such corporations are organized and operated in accordance with the provisions of this section. The articles of incorporation of such corporations shall contain provisions complying with the following requirements:
 - (b) The corporation shall be IS organized solely for the purpose of permitting individuals to conduct the practice of medicine through a corporate entity, so long as all the individuals are actively licensed by the board to practice medicine PHYSICIANS OR PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS in the state of Colorado.
 - (d) All shareholders of the corporation shall be are persons licensed by the board to practice medicine in the state of Colorado and who at all times own their shares in their own right; They EXCEPT THAT ONE OR MORE PERSONS LICENSED BY THE BOARD AS A PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT MAY BE A SHAREHOLDER OF THE CORPORATION AS LONG AS THE PHYSICIAN SHAREHOLDERS MAINTAIN MAJORITY OWNERSHIP OF THE CORPORATION. THE SHAREHOLDERS shall be individuals who, except for illness, accident, time spent in the armed services, on vacations, and on leaves of absence not to exceed one year, are actively engaged in the practice of medicine OR AS A PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT in the offices of the corporation.
- 34 (g) The articles of incorporation shall provide PROVIDES and all shareholders of the corporation shall agree that all shareholders of the

corporation shall be ARE jointly and severally liable for all acts, errors, and omissions of the employees of the corporation or that all shareholders of the corporation shall be ARE jointly and severally liable for all acts, errors, and omissions of the employees of the corporation, except during periods of time when each person licensed by the board to practice medicine in Colorado LICENSEE who is a shareholder or any employee of the corporation has a professional liability policy insuring himself or herself and all employees who are not licensed to practice medicine PURSUANT TO THIS ARTICLE who act at his or her direction, in the amount of fifty thousand dollars for each claim and an aggregate top limit of liability per year for all claims of one hundred fifty thousand dollars, or the corporation maintains in good standing professional liability insurance which shall meet THAT MEETS the following minimum standards:

- (I) The insurance shall insure INSURES the corporation against liability imposed upon the corporation by law for damages resulting from any claim made against the corporation arising out of the performance of professional services for others by those officers and employees of the corporation who are licensed by the board to practice medicine LICENSEES.
- (II) Such THE policies shall insure the corporation against liability imposed upon it by law for damages arising out of the acts, errors, and omissions of all nonprofessional employees.
- (III) The insurance shall be IS in an amount for each claim of at least fifty thousand dollars multiplied by the number of persons licensed to practice medicine LICENSEES employed by the corporation. The policy may provide for an aggregate top limit of liability per year for all claims of one hundred fifty thousand dollars also multiplied by the number of persons licensed to practice medicine LICENSEES employed by the corporation, but no firm shall be required to carry insurance in excess of three hundred thousand dollars for each claim with an aggregate top limit of liability for all claims during the year of nine hundred thousand dollars.
- (3) The corporation shall do nothing which THAT, if done by a person licensed to practice medicine in the state of Colorado, LICENSEE employed by it THE CORPORATION, would violate the standards of professional conduct as provided for in section 12-36-117. Any violation OF THIS SECTION by the corporation of this section shall be IS grounds for the board to terminate REVOKE or suspend the LICENSE OF THE person or persons responsible for the violation. from the practice of medicine.

- (4) Nothing in this section shall be deemed to diminish or change DIMINISHES OR CHANGES the obligation of each person licensed to practice medicine LICENSEE employed by the corporation to conduct his OR HER practice in accordance with the standards of professional conduct provided for in section 12-36-117. Any person licensed by the board to practice medicine LICENSEE who, by act or omission, causes the corporation to act or fail to act in a way which THAT violates such THE standards of professional conduct, including any provision of this section, shall be deemed IS personally responsible for such act or omission and shall be IS subject to discipline therefor FOR THE ACT OR OMISSION.
- 11 (5) Nothing in this section shall be deemed to modify MODIFIES 12 the physician-patient privilege specified in section 13-90-107 (1) (d), 13 C.R.S.".
- 14 Renumber succeeding sections accordingly.

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