

## THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

## HOUSE BILL

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AS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND WELFARE, HOUSE OF  
REPRESENTATIVES, AS AMENDED, JUNE 25, 1975

## AN ACT

1 Defining emergency medical technician; authorizing such  
2 personnel to render emergency care; exempting such personnel  
3 and physicians working in conjunction with them from civil  
4 liability when rendering such care; and making repeals.

5 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
6 hereby enacts as follows:

7 Section 1. Definitions.--As used in this act:

8 "Emergency medical technician-advanced" (referred to as EMT-  
9 ADVANCED) means an emergency medical technician specifically  
10 trained in an advanced program of emergency cardiac and  
11 noncardiac care and certified by the secretary as qualified to  
12 render the services enumerated in section 3.

13 "Emergency medical technician-ambulance" (referred to as EMT-  
14 AMBULANCE) means an individual who is certified by the secretary  
15 as (1) having completed an approved course of instruction in  
16 emergency care and transportation of the sick and injured; or as  
17 (2) having demonstrated comparable knowledge and skills in

1 emergency care.

2 "Secretary" means the Secretary of Health, or his duly  
3 appointed representative.

4 Section 2. Treatment Rendered by Emergency Medical  
5 Technician-Ambulance.--Notwithstanding the provisions of the act  
6 of July 20, 1974 (No.190), known as the "Medical Practice Act of  
7 1974," or the provisions of any other act to the contrary, any  
8 emergency medical technician-ambulance may, in the case of an  
9 emergency:

10 (1) render emergency medical care, including pulmonary  
11 resuscitation; and

12 (2) perform cardiopulmonary resuscitation, but excluding  
13 those skills enumerated in section 3.

14 Section 3. Treatment Rendered by Emergency Medical  
15 Technician-Advanced.--In addition to the provisions of section  
16 2, any emergency medical technician-advanced, may upon order of  
17 a physician:

18 (1) administer parenteral medications and solutions  
19 authorized by the secretary;

20 (2) perform gastric and pharyngeal suction by intubation;

21 (3) establish and maintain an airway by endotracheal  
22 intubation; and

23 (4) perform defibrillation.

24 Section 4. Training and Certification.--(a) In developing  
25 training and certification standards for emergency medical  
26 technicians, the secretary shall seek the advice of a technical  
27 Pennsylvania Emergency Health Service Council.

28 (b) When serving in this capacity members of the council  
29 shall serve without compensation except for travel expenses for  
30 which they shall be reimbursed.

1       Section 5.   Liabilities.--(a) No physician, who in ~~feed~~ GOOD   <—  
2   faith gives instructions to an emergency medical technician,  
3   shall be liable for any civil damages as a result of issuing the  
4   instructions, unless guilty of gross or wilful negligence.

5       (b)   No emergency medical technician, ambulance or advanced,  
6   who in good faith attempts to render emergency care authorized  
7   by this act, shall be liable for civil damages as a result of  
8   any acts or omissions, unless guilty of gross or wilful  
9   negligence.

10      Section 6.   Repeals.--All acts or parts of acts inconsistent  
11   with this act are hereby repealed to the extent of such  
12   inconsistency.

13      Section 7.   Effective Date.--This act shall take effect  
14   immediately.