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**ASSEMBLY SUBSTITUTE AMENDMENT 1,  
TO ASSEMBLY BILL 213**

September 11, 2015 - Offered by Representative MURSAU.

1 **AN ACT** *to amend* 256.01 (9), 256.15 (4) (a) (intro.) and 1., 256.15 (4) (a) 2. and  
2 256.15 (4) (c); and *to create* 256.15 (4) (a) 3. and 256.15 (4) (e) and (f) of the  
3 statutes; **relating to:** ambulance staffing by emergency medical technicians,  
4 certified respiratory care practitioners, and first responders.

***The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:***

5 **SECTION 1.** 256.01 (9) of the statutes, as affected by 2015 Wisconsin Act 26, is  
6 amended to read:

7 256.01 (9) "First responder" means a person who is certified by the department  
8 as a first responder under s. 256.15 (8) (a) or is exempt under s. 256.15 (2) (b) and who,  
9 as a condition of employment or as a member of an organization that provides  
10 emergency medical care before hospitalization, provides emergency medical care to  
11 a sick, disabled or injured individual before the arrival of an ambulance, but who  
12 does not provide transportation for a patient.

1           **SECTION 2.** 256.15 (4) (a) (intro.) and 1. of the statutes are amended to read:

2           256.15 (4) (a) (intro.) If a sick, disabled or injured individual is transported by  
3 ambulance, any of the following combinations of other individuals shall be present  
4 in the ambulance:

5           1. Any 2 emergency medical technicians, licensed registered nurses, licensed  
6 physician assistants or physicians, or any combination thereof; ~~or~~.

7           **SECTION 3.** 256.15 (4) (a) 2. of the statutes is amended to read:

8           256.15 (4) (a) 2. One emergency medical technician plus one individual with  
9 a training permit issued under sub. (5) (b) or plus one first responder, subject to par.  
10 (e).

11           **SECTION 4.** 256.15 (4) (a) 3. of the statutes is created to read:

12           256.15 (4) (a) 3. If the ambulance is a fixed-wing airplane and the sick,  
13 disabled, or injured individual is a pediatric patient who is being transferred from  
14 one hospital to another hospital, one individual specified in subd. 1. plus one  
15 respiratory care practitioner certified under subch. II of ch. 448.

16           **SECTION 5.** 256.15 (4) (c) of the statutes, as affected by 2015 Wisconsin Act 55,  
17 is amended to read:

18           256.15 (4) (c) Notwithstanding par. (a) 1. and 2. and subject to ~~par.~~ pars. (d) and  
19 (e), the department may promulgate rules that establish standards for staffing of  
20 ambulances in which the primary services provided are those which an emergency  
21 medical technician — intermediate is authorized to provide or those which an  
22 emergency medical technician — paramedic is authorized to provide.

23           **SECTION 6.** 256.15 (4) (e) and (f) of the statutes are created to read:

24           256.15 (4) (e) 1. The department shall allow an ambulance service provider  
25 providing services at the emergency medical technician — basic level to staff an

1 ambulance with at least one emergency medical technician — basic and one  
2 individual who is an emergency medical technician — basic, an individual with an  
3 emergency medical technician — basic training permit, or a first responder. An  
4 ambulance service provider providing services at the emergency medical technician  
5 — basic level shall require an emergency medical technician — basic to be in the  
6 patient compartment of the ambulance during transport.

7 2. The department shall allow an ambulance service provider providing  
8 services at the emergency medical technician — intermediate or emergency medical  
9 technician — intermediate technician level to staff an ambulance with one  
10 emergency medical technician at the level of the ambulance service and one  
11 individual who holds a credential at the first responder level or higher. An  
12 ambulance service provider providing services at the emergency medical technician  
13 — intermediate or emergency medical technician — intermediate technician level  
14 shall require the individual who holds the same level credential as the ambulance  
15 service to remain with the patient at all times during care and transport of the  
16 patient, if the patient requires that level of care.

17 3. This paragraph applies to ambulance service providers for which the  
18 population of the largest single municipality, as defined in s. 5.02 (11), in the  
19 ambulance service provider's service area is less than 10,000 and to ambulance  
20 service providers with a staffing waiver under par. (f). This paragraph does not apply  
21 to ambulance service providers for which the population of the largest single  
22 municipality, as defined in s. 5.02 (11), in the ambulance service provider's service  
23 area is more than 20,000.

24 (f) 1. An ambulance service provider for which the population of the largest  
25 single municipality, as defined in s. 5.02 (11), in the ambulance service provider's

1 service area is 10,000 or more but not more than 20,000 may apply to the department  
2 for a waiver of any existing staffing plan in order to staff an ambulance with the  
3 personnel described in par. (e).

4 2. The department may approve a waiver under subd. 1. for an ambulance  
5 service provider that demonstrates all of the following:

6 a. The ambulance service provider has undertaken efforts to recruit and train  
7 emergency medical technicians capable of being licensed under this section.

8 b. Despite efforts under subd. 2. a., licensed emergency medical technicians are  
9 not available in sufficient numbers for staffing for the ambulance services provider.

10 c. Without a waiver under subd. 1., the municipality that the ambulance service  
11 provider serves is unable to meet staffing requirements for ambulances that require  
12 2 emergency medical technicians on every service call.

13 3. The department shall provide a written staffing waiver to any ambulance  
14 service provider it approves under subd. 2.

15 4. A waiver under subd. 1. is valid for 48 months after the date of issuance, and  
16 an ambulance service provider may apply to renew the waiver.

17 5. An ambulance service provider with a waiver under subd. 1. shall attempt  
18 to staff an ambulance with 2 licensed emergency medical technicians whenever  
19 possible.

20 (END)