

2018 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 546

BY REPRESENTATIVE LEBAS

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 40:1135.1(A)(3) and 1135.2(B)(1), relative to emergency
3 medical response vehicles; to provide for qualifications to operate emergency
4 medical response vehicles; to provide for qualifications to operate ambulances; to
5 provide for a written policy; to provide for certain minimum requirements; and to
6 provide for related matters.

7 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

8 Section 1. R.S. 40:1135.1(A)(3) and 1135.2(B)(1) are hereby amended and reenacted
9 to read as follows:

10 §1135.1. Qualifications to operate ambulances; equipment; penalty

11 A.

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13 ~~(3)(a) The Louisiana Department of Health shall promulgate rules and~~
14 ~~regulations establishing a list of required medical and safety equipment which shall~~
15 ~~be carried as part of the regular equipment of every ambulance. No person shall~~
16 ~~conduct, maintain, or operate an ambulance which does not carry with it, in fully~~
17 ~~operational condition, all of the equipment included in the list, which shall be~~
18 ~~consistent with the scope of practice for emergency medical technicians established~~
19 ~~in R.S. 40:1133.14. Each ambulance service provider shall develop and maintain a~~
20 ~~written policy identifying the equipment required to comply with the provisions of~~
21 ~~this Paragraph. At a minimum, the policy shall identify the basic trauma equipment,~~

1 drugs, suction and oxygen equipment, cardiopulmonary resuscitation equipment, and
2 any other equipment required by law that shall be maintained on the ambulance.

3 ~~(b) After its initial establishment, the list shall be subject to review after four~~
4 ~~years and at any time thereafter. The list shall not be changed more often than once~~
5 ~~every four years. However, nothing in this Paragraph shall prohibit the department~~
6 ~~from supplementing the list with state-of-the-art, newly developed devices,~~
7 ~~equipment, or medications that may be carried in lieu of other items on the list.~~

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9 §1135.2. Qualifications to operate emergency medical response vehicles; vehicle
10 requirements; equipment; penalties

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12 B. No person shall conduct, maintain, or operate an emergency medical
13 response vehicle as an emergency vehicle which:

14 (1) ~~Does not carry with it as part of its regular equipment the list of~~
15 ~~equipment, in fully operational condition, for emergency medical response vehicles~~
16 ~~as prescribed in rules and regulations promulgated by the Louisiana Department of~~
17 ~~Health. This list shall be based upon the recommendations of the American College~~
18 ~~of Surgeons as provided in R.S. 40:1135.1(A)(3). The list shall be consistent with the~~
19 ~~scope of practice for emergency medical technicians established in R.S. 40:1133.14.~~
20 ~~After initial promulgation, such list shall be subject to review after four years and~~
21 ~~anytime thereafter. The list shall not be changed more often than once every four~~
22 ~~years. However, nothing shall preclude the Louisiana Department of Health from~~
23 ~~supplementing the list with state of the art, newly developed devices, equipment, or~~
24 ~~medications that may be carried in lieu of other items on the list of equipment. Each~~
25 ~~emergency medical response vehicle provider shall develop and maintain a written~~
26 ~~policy identifying the equipment required to comply with the provisions of this~~
27 ~~Paragraph. At a minimum, the policy shall identify the basic trauma equipment,~~
28 ~~drugs, suction and oxygen equipment, cardiopulmonary resuscitation equipment, and~~

