

SENATE BILL NO. 2296

Introduced by

Senators Walen, Luick, Enget

Representatives Fegley, Vigesaa

1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact sections 23-27-02 and 23-27-04.8 of the North Dakota
2 Century Code, relating to first responders.

3 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:**

4 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 23-27-02 of the North Dakota Century Code is
5 amended and reenacted as follows:

6 **23-27-02. Definitions.**

7 For the purpose of this chapter, unless the context otherwise requires:

- 8 1. "Department" means the department of health and human services.
- 9 2. "Emergency medical services" means the prehospital medical stabilization or
10 transportation, including interfacility transportation, of an individual who is sick, injured,
11 wounded, or otherwise incapacitated or helpless, or in a real or perceived acute
12 medical condition, by a person that holds oneself out to the public as being in that
13 service or that regularly provides that service. The term includes:
 - 14 a. Assessing, stabilizing, and treating life-threatening and non-life-threatening
15 medical conditions; or
 - 16 b. Transporting a patient who is in a real or perceived acute medical condition to a
17 hospital emergency room or other appropriate medical destination.
- 18 3. "Emergency medical services operation" means an entity licensed to offer and provide
19 emergency medical services by emergency medical services personnel with physician
20 oversight. The term includes basic life support ambulance services, advanced life
21 support ambulance services, air ambulance services, and quick response unit
22 services.
- 23 4. "Emergency medical services personnel" means individuals who provide emergency
24 medical services for emergency medical services operations. The term includes

1 emergency medical services professionals, drivers, and department-certified
2 emergency medical services providers, such as cardiopulmonary resuscitation drivers
3 and first responders.

4 5. "Emergency medical services professional" means an individual licensed by the
5 department under this chapter.

6 6. "First responder" means an individual trained to provide assistance during an
7 emergency, including a firefighter as defined under section 18-11-03, law enforcement
8 officer as defined under section 12.1-01-04, public safety telecommunicator as defined
9 under section 57-40.6-01, and emergency medical services personnel.

10 **SECTION 2. AMENDMENT.** Section 23-27-04.8 of the North Dakota Century Code is
11 amended and reenacted as follows:

12 **23-27-04.8. Emergency medical services operation communications.**

13 The department may regulate the communications methods and protocols for emergency
14 medical services operations and first responders in a manner consistent with the protocols
15 established by the department of emergency services.