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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to authorization to provide emergency and  
2 nonemergency medical care services.  
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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HF 2333

1 Section 1. Section 147A.8, subsection 2, Code Supplement  
2 1999, is amended to read as follows:

3 2. Function in any hospital or any other entity in which  
4 health care is ordinarily provided only when under the direct  
5 supervision, as defined by rules adopted pursuant to chapter  
6 17A, of a physician, when:

7 a. Enrolled as a student or participating as a preceptor  
8 in a training program approved by the department; or

9 b. Fulfilling continuing education requirements as defined  
10 by rule; or

11 c. Employed by or assigned to a hospital or other entity  
12 in which health care is ordinarily provided only when under  
13 the direct supervision of a physician, as a member of an  
14 authorized ambulance, rescue, or first response service, or in  
15 an individual capacity, by rendering lifesaving services in  
16 the facility in which employed or assigned pursuant to the  
17 emergency medical care provider's certification and under the  
18 direct supervision of a physician, physician assistant, or  
19 registered nurse. An emergency medical care provider shall  
20 not routinely function without the direct supervision of a  
21 physician, physician assistant, or registered nurse. However,  
22 when the physician, physician assistant, or registered nurse  
23 cannot directly assume emergency care of the patient, the  
24 emergency medical care provider may perform without direct  
25 supervision emergency medical care procedures for which that  
26 individual is certified if the life of the patient is in  
27 immediate danger and such care is required to preserve the  
28 patient's life; or

29 d. Employed by or assigned to a hospital or other entity  
30 in which health care is ordinarily provided only when under  
31 the direct supervision of a physician, as a member of an  
32 authorized ambulance, rescue, or first response service, or in  
33 an individual capacity, to perform nonlifesaving procedures  
34 for which those individuals have been trained and are  
35 designated in a written job description. Such procedures may

1 be performed after the patient is observed by and when the  
2 emergency medical care provider is under the supervision of  
3 the physician, physician assistant, or registered nurse,  
4 including when the registered nurse is not acting in the  
5 capacity of a physician designee, and where the procedure may  
6 be immediately abandoned without risk to the patient.

7 EXPLANATION

8 This bill provides for changes relating to the  
9 authorization of emergency medical care providers to provide  
10 emergency and nonemergency medical care services. The bill  
11 provides that Code section 147A.8, subsection 2, which relates  
12 to the provision of services by emergency medical care  
13 providers in a hospital setting, shall be expanded to include,  
14 in addition to a hospital, the provision of services in any  
15 other entity in which health care is ordinarily provided only  
16 when under the direct supervision of a physician. The bill  
17 provides that the phrase "direct supervision" shall be defined  
18 by the department of public health by rule. The bill  
19 additionally provides that in providing emergency and  
20 nonemergency medical care services, an emergency medical care  
21 provider shall now be authorized to act in an individual  
22 capacity, as well as in their capacity as a member of an  
23 authorized ambulance, rescue, or first response service, while  
24 employed or assigned to the hospital or other entity in which  
25 health care is ordinarily provided only when under the direct  
26 supervision of a physician. The bill further provides that  
27 the list of individuals under whose supervision an emergency  
28 medical care provider may perform nonlifesaving procedures,  
29 which currently includes a physician, physician assistant, or  
30 registered nurse, shall have added to it the phrase "including  
31 when the registered nurse is not acting in the capacity of a  
32 physician designee".

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NONEMERGENCY MEDICAL CARE SERVICES.

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- a. Enrolled as a student or participating as a preceptor in a training program approved by the department; or
- b. Fulfilling continuing education requirements as defined by rule; or
- c. Employed by or assigned to a hospital or other entity in which health care is ordinarily provided only when under the direct supervision of a physician, as a member of an authorized ambulance, rescue, or first response service, or in an individual capacity, by rendering lifesaving services in the facility in which employed or assigned pursuant to the emergency medical care provider's certification and under the direct supervision of a physician, physician assistant, or registered nurse. An emergency medical care provider shall not routinely function without the direct supervision of a physician, physician assistant, or registered nurse. However, when the physician, physician assistant, or registered nurse cannot directly assume emergency care of the patient, the emergency medical care provider may perform without direct supervision emergency medical care procedures for which that individual is certified if the life of the patient is in immediate danger and such care is required to preserve the patient's life; or

d. Employed by or assigned to a hospital or other entity in which health care is ordinarily provided only when under the direct supervision of a physician, as a member of an authorized ambulance, rescue, or first response service, or in an individual capacity, to perform nonlifesaving procedures for which those individuals have been trained and are designated in a written job description. Such procedures may be performed after the patient is observed by and when the emergency medical care provider is under the supervision of the physician, physician assistant, or registered nurse, including when the registered nurse is not acting in the capacity of a physician designee, and where the procedure may be immediately abandoned without risk to the patient.

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Speaker of the House

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MARY E. KRAMER  
President of the Senate

I hereby certify that this bill originated in the House and is known as House File 2333, Seventy-eighth General Assembly.

Approved March 16, 2000

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Chief Clerk of the House

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Governor