

**House File 2258 - Introduced**

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**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act relating to the provision of emergency medical services  
2 by a physician and surgeon or osteopathic physician and  
3 surgeon and the definition of first responder.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 135.190A, subsection 7, paragraph a,  
2 Code 2024, is amended to read as follows:

3 a. "First responder" means an emergency medical care  
4 provider, a registered nurse staffing an authorized service  
5 program under [section 147A.12](#), a physician assistant staffing  
6 an authorized service program under [section 147A.13](#), a  
7 physician staffing an authorized service program under section  
8 147A.13A, a fire fighter, or a peace officer as defined in  
9 section 801.4 who is trained and authorized to administer an  
10 opioid antagonist.

11 Sec. 2. Section 147A.1, subsection 7, Code 2024, is amended  
12 to read as follows:

13 7. "First responder" means an emergency medical care  
14 provider, a registered nurse staffing an authorized service  
15 program under [section 147A.12](#), a physician assistant staffing  
16 an authorized service program under [section 147A.13](#), a  
17 physician staffing an authorized service program under section  
18 147A.13A, a fire fighter, or a peace officer as defined in  
19 section 801.4 who is trained and authorized to administer an  
20 opioid antagonist.

21 Sec. 3. **NEW SECTION. 147A.13A Physician exception.**

22 This subchapter shall not restrict a physician from staffing  
23 an authorized service program if the physician can document  
24 equivalency through education and additional skills training  
25 essential in the delivery of out-of-hospital emergency care.  
26 The equivalency shall be accepted when:

27 1. Documentation has been reviewed and approved at the  
28 local level by the medical director of the service program in  
29 accordance with the rules of the board of medicine adopted  
30 after consultation with the department.

31 2. Authorization has been granted to that service program  
32 by the department.

33 Sec. 4. Section 233.1, subsection 2, paragraph g, Code 2024,  
34 is amended to read as follows:

35 g. "First responder" means an emergency medical care

1 provider as defined in [section 147A.1](#), a registered nurse  
2 staffing an authorized service program under [section 147A.12](#),  
3 a physician assistant staffing an authorized service program  
4 under [section 147A.13](#), a physician staffing an authorized  
5 service program under section 147A.13A, a fire fighter, or a  
6 peace officer as defined in [section 801.4](#).

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EXPLANATION

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The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with

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the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

10 This bill allows a physician and surgeon or osteopathic  
11 physician and surgeon to staff a medical care ambulance  
12 service or nontransport service if the physician and surgeon  
13 or osteopathic physician and surgeon can document equivalency  
14 through education and additional skills training essential  
15 in the delivery of out-of-hospital emergency care. The bill  
16 requires that the medical director of the relevant service  
17 program reviews and approves documentation in accordance with  
18 rules adopted by the board of medicine in consultation with the  
19 department of health and human services (HHS). The bill also  
20 requires the service program to receive authorization from HHS.  
21 The bill adds physicians staffing an authorized service program  
22 to the definition of "first responder" for the purposes of the  
23 opioid antagonist medication fund and the newborn safe haven  
24 Act.