

2018 Regular Session

SENATE BILL NO. 264

BY SENATOR CARTER

TELECOMMUNICATIONS. Requires public safety telecommunicators who provide dispatch for emergency medical conditions be trained in the delivery of telephone CPR. (8/1/18)

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 40:1131(21) and to enact R.S. 40:1131(22), 1133.13(F), and

3 1133.16, relative to emergency personnel; to provide for definitions; to provide

4 relative to telephone cardiopulmonary resuscitation; to provide for minimum training

5 requirements in telephone cardiopulmonary resuscitation; to provide for certain

6 terms, procedures, and conditions; and to provide for related matters.

7 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

8 Section 1. R.S. 40:1131(21) is hereby amended and reenacted and R.S. 40:1131(22),  
9 1133.13(F) and 1133.16 are hereby enacted to read as follows:

10 §1131. Definitions

11 For purposes of this Chapter:

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13 (21) **"Public safety telecommunicator" means an individual receiving**  
14 **or dispatching emergency medical condition service calls on behalf of a public**  
15 **safety agency.**

16 (22) "Volunteer nonprofit organization" means an organization which in its  
17 regular course of business responds to a call for help and renders medical treatment

1 and whose attendants are emergency medical personnel, a registered nurse, or a  
2 physician and which is chartered as a nonprofit organization under Section 501c of  
3 the United States Internal Revenue Code, as a volunteer fire department by the  
4 Louisiana state fire marshal's office, or as a nonprofit organization by the Louisiana  
5 secretary of state.

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7 §1133.13. Civil immunity

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9 **F. No public safety telecommunicator who instructs a caller on telephone**  
10 **cardiopulmonary resuscitation shall be liable for any civil damages arising out**  
11 **of the instruction provided to the caller, except for acts or omissions**  
12 **intentionally designed to harm, or for grossly negligent acts or omissions that**  
13 **result in harm to an individual.**

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15 **§1133.16. Public safety telecommunicator; instruction**

16 **A. A public safety telecommunicator shall be trained in telephone**  
17 **cardiopulmonary resuscitation (T-CPR) utilizing nationally recognized**  
18 **emergency cardiovascular care guidelines adopted by the bureau every two**  
19 **years. At a minimum, this training shall incorporate recognition protocols for**  
20 **out-of-hospital cardiac arrest, compression-only CPR instructions for callers,**  
21 **and continuing education as appropriate.**

22 **(1) Persons employed as a public safety telecommunicator on or before**  
23 **June 30, 2018, shall complete such training by July 1, 2019.**

24 **(2) Persons employed as a public safety telecommunicator on or after**  
25 **July 1, 2018, shall complete such training within one year from the date of**  
26 **employment.**

27 **B. A public safety agency may enter into a reciprocal agreement with**  
28 **another public safety agency to provide T-CPR, provided that the agency that**  
29 **accepts the call has a public safety telecommunicator who is trained in T-CPR**



Proposed law requires the La. Dept. of Health, bureau of emergency medical services to identify all public and private agencies, institutions, and individuals that are or may be engaged in T-CPR training and establish minimum standards for course approval, instruction, and examination.

Proposed law provides that the Dept. of Health shall adopt rules in accordance with the APA as necessary to implement the provisions of proposed law.

Effective August 1, 2018.

(Amends R.S. 40:1131(21); adds R.S. 40:1131(22), 1133.13(F), and 1133.16)