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SENATE BILL NO. 264

BY SENATOR CARTER

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

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:
12	* * *
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

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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 the United States Internal Revenue Code, as a volunteer fire department by the 3 Louisiana state fire marshal's office, or as a nonprofit organization by the Louisiana 4 5 secretary of state. 6 7 §1133.13. Civil immunity 8 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. 14 §1133.16. Public safety telecommunicator; instruction 15 16 A. A public safety telecommunicator shall be trained in telephone cardiopulmonary resuscitation (T-CPR) utilizing nationally recognized 17 emergency cardiovascular care guidelines adopted by the bureau every two 18 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 June 30, 2018, shall complete such training by July 1, 2019. 23 24 (2) Persons employed as a public safety telecommunicator on or after July 1, 2018, shall complete such training within one year from the date of 25 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

accepts the call has a public safety telecommunicator who is trained in T-CPR

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as provided by this Section.

C. The bureau shall identify all public and private agencies, institutions, and individuals that are or may be engaged in T-CPR training and set minimum standards for course approval, instruction, and examination, including online training modules based on nationally recognized guidelines.

D. The department shall adopt rules in accordance with the provisions of the Administrative Procedure Act as are necessary to implement the provisions of this Section.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Michelle Ridge.

DIGEST

SB 264 Original

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Present law provides for training of emergency medical personnel.

<u>Proposed law</u> defines "public safety telecommunicator" as an individual receiving or dispatching emergency medical condition service calls on behalf of a public safety agency.

<u>Present law</u> grants civil immunity to emergency medical services practitioners, parish governing authorities, police departments, sheriffs' offices, fire departments, or other public agencies engaged in rendering emergency medical services.

<u>Proposed law</u> provides that no public safety telecommunicator who instructs a caller on telephone cardiopulmonary resuscitation (T-CPR) shall be liable for any civil damages arising out of the instruction provided to the caller, except for acts or omissions intentionally designed to harm, or for grossly negligent acts or omissions that result in harm to an individual.

<u>Proposed law</u> requires a public safety telecommunicator be trained in T-CPR utilizing nationally recognized emergency cardiovascular care guidelines adopted by the bureau every two years.

<u>Proposed law</u> provides that the training, at a minimum, shall incorporate recognition protocols for out-of-hospital cardiac arrest, compression-only CPR instructions for callers, and continuing education as appropriate.

<u>Proposed law</u> requires:

- (1) Persons employed as a public safety telecommunicator on or before June 30, 2018, shall complete such training by July 1, 2019.
- (2) Persons employed as a public safety telecommunicator on or after July 1, 2018, shall complete such training within one year from the date of employment.

<u>Proposed law</u> provides that a public safety agency may enter into a reciprocal agreement with another public safety agency to provide T-CPR, provided that the agency that accepts the call has a public safety telecommunicator who is trained in T-CPR as provided by <u>proposed law</u>.

Coding: Words which are struck through are deletions from existing law; words in **boldface type and underscored** are additions.

<u>Proposed law</u> 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.

<u>Proposed law</u> 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)