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## DIGEST

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**Abstract:** Provides relative to emergency medical services in certain life-threatening situations and protocols for rendering such services.

Present law provides that in a case of a life-threatening situation as determined by a licensed emergency medical services (EMS) practitioner, when voice contact with a physician is delayed or not possible, or when the delay in treatment could endanger the life of the patient, the practitioner may render services in accordance with a protocol established by the EMS committee or executive committee of the parish or component medical society, or its designee, until voice communication can be established at the earliest possible time.

Proposed law retains present law and adds thereto an authorization for licensed EMS practitioners to render services in such situations in accordance with a protocol approved by the EMS medical director who is a board-certified or board-eligible emergency medicine physician until voice communication can be established at the earliest possible time.

(Amends R.S. 40:1133.14(C) and (E))