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MEMORANDUM

To: Chairman Barker
Members of the House Committee on Federal and State Affairs

From: Jason B. Long, Senior Assistant Revisor

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Subject: SB 99 – Emergency medical services authorized activities; powers and duties of the EMS Board

Senate Bill No. 99 (SB 99) makes various amendments regarding the authorized activities of emergency medical service providers, and the powers and duties of the Emergency Medical Services Board (Board).

SB 99 strikes provisions from the emergency medical services statutes relating to emergency medical technician defibrillators, emergency medical technician intermediates, emergency medical technician-intermediate/defibrillators, and first responders. The bill adds the term "emergency medical service provider" which is defined as including emergency medical responder, advanced emergency medical technician, emergency medical technician, or paramedic who is certified by the Board. SB 99 also changes all references to "emergency medical services attendant" to "emergency medical services provider" wherever such reference appears in the Kansas Statutes Annotated. Sections 2-17, 24, 25, 26, and 28-38 only contain these changes in reference.

SB 99 reduces the number of annual meetings of the Board from six to four. It also authorizes the Board to issue an inactive certificate for an individual who is not engaged in the provision of emergency medical services. Such individual may apply for an active certificate if they desire to engage in such services again.

Finally, SB 99 authorizes the Board to require applicants for certification to be fingerprinted and submit to a state and national criminal history background check. The Board is authorized to charge and collect a fee for the cost of the fingerprinting and background check.

If enacted, SB 99 would become effective on July 1, 2019.