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MEMORANDUM

To: Chairperson Bergquist
Members of the House Committee on Local Government

From: The Office of Revisor of Statutes

Date: March 13, 2024

Subject: SB 384 – Staffing of ambulances by emergency medical service (EMS) providers.

Senate Bill No. 384 (SB 384) would amend statutes relating to emergency medical services to allow ambulances to operate with only one of the two individuals being a certified medical provider. Under current law, K.S.A. 65-6135 requires that at least one person on an ambulance be a: certified EMS provider; licensed physician; physician assistant; advanced practice registered nurse; or professional nurse. The rules and regulations adopted by the Emergency Medical Services Board (Board) require that both individuals on an ambulance satisfy that requirement.

SB 384, as amended by the Senate Committee on Local Government, amends K.S.A. 65-6111 to authorize the Board to grant a permanent variance from the rules and regulations requiring both ambulance attendants be certified medical providers. Under the current law, the Board may only grant a temporary variance. SB 384 would allow for permanent variances.

If enacted, SB 384 would become effective on July 1, 2024.