

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
1995 SESSION

CHAPTER 413
HOUSE BILL 447

AN ACT TO REQUIRE AN AMBULANCE PROVIDER LICENSE.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. Article 7 of Chapter 131E of the General Statutes is amended by adding a new section to read:

"§ 131E-155.1. Ambulance Provider License required.

(a) No person, firm, corporation, or association shall furnish, operate, conduct, maintain, advertise, or otherwise engage in or profess to be engaged in the business or service of treating or transporting patients upon the streets or highways, waterways, or airways in North Carolina unless a valid Ambulance Provider License has been issued by the Department.

(b) Before an Ambulance Provider License may be issued, the person, firm, corporation, or association seeking the license shall apply to the Department for this license. Application shall be made upon forms and according to procedures established by the Department. Prior to issuing an original or renewal Ambulance Provider License, the Department shall determine that the applicant meets all requirements for this license as set forth in this Article and in the rules adopted under this Article. Ambulance Provider Licenses shall be valid for a period specified by the Department, provided that the period shall be a minimum of four years unless action is taken under subsection (d) of this section.

(c) The Commission shall adopt rules setting forth the qualifications required for obtaining or renewing an Ambulance Provider License.

(d) The Department may deny, suspend, amend, or revoke an Ambulance Provider License in any case in which the Department finds that there has been a substantial failure to comply with the provisions of this Article or the rules adopted under this Article. The Department's decision to deny, suspend, amend, or revoke an Ambulance Provider License may be appealed by the applicant or licensee pursuant to the provisions of Article 3 of Chapter 150B of the General Statutes, the Administrative Procedure Act.

(e) Operating as an ambulance provider without a valid Ambulance Provider License is a Class 3 misdemeanor. Each day's operation as an ambulance provider without a license is a separate offense."

Sec. 2. This act becomes effective December 1, 1995, and applies to licenses required on or after that date and to offenses committed on or after that date.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this the 11th day of July, 1995.

Dennis A. Wicker
President of the Senate

Harold J. Brubaker
Speaker of the House of Representatives