Missouri 2026
EMS Legislative Update

What Passed · What Failed · What's Next



35-Minute Overview | EMS Legal Services

Pending Governor Signature — August 28, 2026 Effective

Today's Agenda

WHAT PASSED	WHAT FAILED	HOUSEKEEPING
• New process for ambulance district consolidation • New Community paramedic definition • The Missouri Geospatial Advisory Council • Expanded Scope of Practice for AEMT & Paramedics • Board representation changes	• Peer review for EMS, including paramedics & EMT's • Expanded right for arbitration in public unions • Sunset provision for Line of Duty Death Benefit	• Governor deadline for signing bills is July 15, 2026 • All bills discussed today will be effective Aug. 28, 2026 • Bills are *Truly Agreed & Finally Passed*, but not yet signed into law • If something is vetoed, the override session will occur beginning Sept. 16

Section 190.090 RSMo

Ambulance District Consolidation Make-Over

- Voter approval required before consolidation
- No pre-planning was required
- Approval by voters of consolidation, followed by another election for new board members
- Prior districts ceased to exist thirty days after the election of the consolidated board
  - Limited time to obtain new licenses for ambulances, compliance with Medicare/Medicaid, and other necessary steps



Senate Bill 975 / House Bill 2372

Ambulance District Consolidation: New Law

BOARD-INITIATED PROCESS

- Two ways to begin consolidation:
  - Boards pass consolidation resolution
  - Voter-initiated petition (10%)
- Detailed consolidation plan required including, what assets/debts exist, the name of the new district and the new election subdistricts
- Public notice & public hearing required
- 30-day objection window opens for citizens to file written objections

PUBLIC REFERENDUM SAFEGUARD

- 5% voter objections trigger public vote
- No objections filed → commission approves
- 180-day consolidation timeline maximum
- Lowest tax rate of combining districts, unless approved by the voters!

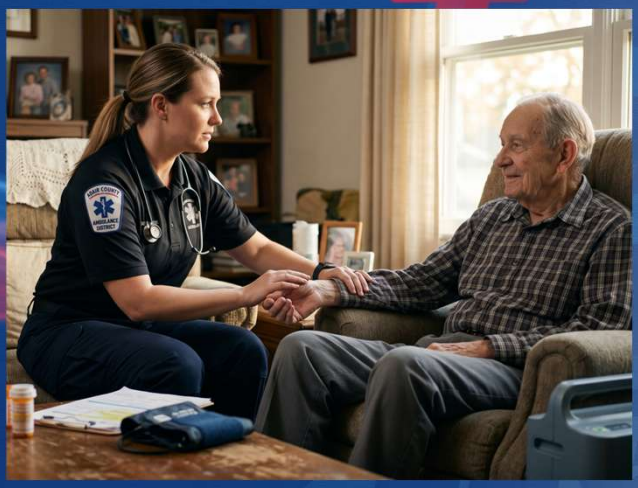
Nothing in this law allow for a "hostile take-over" or a forced consolidation.

Section 190.098 / House Bill 2372

Community Paramedic Services: New Definition

STATUTORY DEFINITION

- **Nonemergent setting**, not made in response to a 911 request
- Must follow medical director protocols and patient care plans
- Bureau to establish regulations for recognizing community paramedic services and issue endorsement to the service entity.
- An ambulance service must enter into a written contract when providing community paramedic services in the service area of another ambulance service



Section 37.1310 | Sentate Bill 959

The Missouri Geospatial Advisory Council

- Next Gen 911 is the Priority as a **life-safety entity**
- Missouri 911 Service Board has a seat at the table (32 member body)
- GIS Data is essential to NG911 readiness
- Open for grant opportunities to support Missouri 911 infrastructure



Section 190.142 | HB 2372

Updated Scope of Practice – National Model

ADVANCED EMERGENCY MEDCIAL TECHNICIAN

- All AEMT's may now practice at the National Scope of Practice Model, including:
  - Administer medications, including analgesics, antiemetics, and cardiac epinephrine
  - Superglottic airways & IV therapy
- State EMS Medical Director's Advisory Committee may add to this scope of practice for AEMT's

PARAMEDICS

- All paramedics may practice according to the National Scope of Practice Model.
  - Scope continues to expand according to any changes in the national model.
- Local Medical Director may add to the scope of practice at the agency *or* individual clinician level.

Section 190.051 | Senate Bill 975

Ambulance Board Sub-District Changes

- Boards may convert to at-large members, eliminating sub-district elections
  - Must hold a public hearing and show that they are unable to find qualified candidates
  - Adopt an ordinance eliminating sub-districts with two-thirds vote. Upon adoption all existing directors become at-large directors
  - Can be re-established by two-thirds vote



DID NOT PASS | HB 1980 / SB 940

Failed: Peer Review Protection for Paramedics

- Would extend peer review privilege to EMS
- QI review records protected from discovery
- Passed House 118–19; died on Senate calendar
- Expected to return in 2027 session



Center for Patient Safety

DID NOT PASS

House Bill 1644: First Responder Arbitration Rights

- Would expand wage/benefit arbitration for EMS/Fire/911
  - Technically only included EMT's (Not paramedics?)
- Mandatory deadlines & includes wages, benefits and "other terms and conditions" of employment
- Codified expectations for good-faith bargaining
- Arbitration if any issues are unresolved



DID NOT PASS

LODD Compensation Sunset Remains

- Current LODD death benefit: $100,000
  - Increased from $25,000 in 2025
- Program set to sunset **December 31, 2031**
- Bill would have eliminated the sunset date
- Benefit covers EMS, fire, law enforcement
  - **Does not reach to include 911 telecommunicators**

MISSOURI LODD BENEFIT

Questions & Discussion

Consolidation · Community Paramedicine · Telehealth
*AEMT Scope · Board Structure · **What's do you want in 2027?***

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Bills are TAFP — not yet signed. Monitor Governor action through July 15, 2026.