

(2) "AMBULANCE" MEANS ANY VEHICLE DESIGNED AND CONSTRUCTED OR MODIFIED AND EQUIPPED TO BE USED, MAINTAINED, OR OPERATED FOR THE TRANSPORTATION OF INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE SICK, INJURED, WOUNDED, OR OTHERWISE INCAPACITATED.

(3) (I) "AMBULANCE SERVICE" MEANS ANY INDIVIDUAL, FIRM, PARTNERSHIP, CORPORATION, ASSOCIATION, OR ORGANIZATION ENGAGED IN THE BUSINESS OF TRANSPORTING BY AMBULANCE INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE SICK, INJURED, WOUNDED, OR OTHERWISE INCAPACITATED.

(II) "AMBULANCE SERVICE" DOES NOT INCLUDE THE TRANSPORTING OF INDIVIDUALS IN AN AMBULANCE OWNED, OPERATED, OR UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF A UNIT OF STATE GOVERNMENT, A POLITICAL SUBDIVISION OF THE STATE, OR A VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY OR VOLUNTEER RESCUE SQUAD.

(4) "DIRECTOR" MEANS THE DIRECTOR OF THE MARYLAND INSTITUTE FOR EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES SYSTEMS AT THE UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND.

(5) "LICENSE" MEANS A LICENSE ISSUED BY THE DIRECTOR TO OPERATE AN AMBULANCE SERVICE IN THE STATE.

(B) UNLESS ISSUED A LICENSE UNDER THIS SECTION, AN INDIVIDUAL, FIRM, PARTNERSHIP, CORPORATION, ASSOCIATION, OR ORGANIZATION MAY NOT OPERATE AN AMBULANCE SERVICE IN THE STATE.

(C) (1) THE DIRECTOR, IN CONSULTATION WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF THE AMBULANCE SERVICE INDUSTRY IN MARYLAND, SHALL ADOPT REGULATIONS NECESSARY TO ESTABLISH A PERIODIC LICENSING SYSTEM FOR AMBULANCE SERVICES IN THE STATE.

(2) THE REGULATIONS SHALL, AT A MINIMUM, REQUIRE:

(I) EACH AMBULANCE OPERATED BY THE AMBULANCE SERVICE TO BE EQUIPPED WITH ADEQUATE EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES TO:

AND

1. CARE FOR THE PATIENTS BEING TRANSPORTED;

2. COMMUNICATE WITH THE DISPATCHER; ~~AND~~

(II) AT LEAST 1 INDIVIDUAL, IN ADDITION TO THE DRIVER, BE IN ATTENDANCE ON THE AMBULANCE DURING EACH TRANSPORT WHO:

1. IS CERTIFIED BY THE STATE AS AN EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIAN; OR