



CHAPTER 131E  
ARTICLE 7 - REGULATION OF EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

N.C.G.S. § 131E-156.

Permit required to operate ambulance.

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- § 131E-156(a)

No person, firm, corporation, or association, either as owner, agent, provider, or otherwise, shall furnish, operate, conduct, maintain, advertise, or otherwise engage in or profess to be engaged in the business or service of transporting patients upon the streets or highways, waterways or airways in North Carolina unless a valid permit from the Department has been issued for each ambulance used in the business or service.
- § 131E-156(b)

Before a permit may be issued for a vehicle to be operated as an ambulance, the EMS provider shall apply to the Department for an ambulance permit. Application shall be made upon forms and according to procedures established by the Department. Prior to issuing an original or renewal permit for an ambulance, the Department shall determine that the vehicle for which the permit is issued meets all requirements as to equipment, design, supplies and sanitation as set forth in this Article and in the rules of the Commission and that the EMS provider has the credentialed personnel necessary to operate the ambulance in accordance with this Article. Permits issued for ambulances shall be valid for a period specified by the Department, not to exceed four years.
- § 131E-156(c)

Duly authorized representatives of the Department may issue temporary permits for vehicles not meeting required standards for a period not to exceed 60 days, when it determines the public interest will be served.
- § 131E-156(d)

When a permit has been issued for an ambulance as specified by this Article, the vehicle and records relating to the maintenance and operation of the vehicle shall

be open to inspection by duly authorized representatives of the Department at all reasonable times.

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5 ACTS

Amendment lineage

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|    | 1967                                                                        |                     | 1984      |  | 2001 |
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| Nº | YEAR                                                                        | ACT                 | CHARACTER |  |      |
| 01 | 1967                                                                        | c. 343, s. 3        | ENACTED   |  |      |
| 02 | 1973                                                                        | c. 476, s. 128      | AMENDED   |  |      |
| 03 | 1973                                                                        | c. 1224, s. 1       | AMENDED   |  |      |
| 04 | 1983                                                                        | c. 775, s. 1        | AMENDED   |  |      |
| 05 | 2001                                                                        | S.L. 2001-210, s. 1 | AMENDED   |  |      |

APPARATUS III

Citation

FULL SECTION

N.C. Gen. Stat. § 131E-156 (2001).

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(1967, c. 343, s. 3; 1973, c. 476, s. 128; c. 1224, s. 1; 1983, c. 775, s. 1; 2001-210, s. 1.)

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