Proposal for Legislation -- 2009
EMS Statutory Clarifications

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1. What is the problem or issue?
Based on the findings from a 2008 Legislative Audit Division review, recommendations were made to both the Department and the Board of Medical Examiners to clarify statutory definitions and provision parameters related to the medical direction for Emergency Medical Services (EMS) and EMS complaint handling.

2. What do you want the legislation to do?
To make minor changes in the EMS statue to correct these identified issues.

3. If possible, please list the MCA (Montana Code Annotated) sections that would need to be amended.
50-6-203; 50-6-302; and 50-6-323 MCA.

4. If the proposed change requires additional funding, what funding sources do you propose?
No funding is necessary.

5. Has similar legislation been requested in the past, been introduced in another state, or provided as a model act? If so, please provide a citation, reference, or point of contact.
No similar legislation has been requested nor is there a similar act in another state.