



## 101ST GENERAL ASSEMBLY

### State of Illinois

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HB5205

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#### SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

50 ILCS 705/10.25 new  
55 ILCS 5/3-6012.3 new  
65 ILCS 5/10-4-15 new  
210 ILCS 50/3.5  
210 ILCS 50/3.50

Amends the Illinois Police Training Act. Provides that Illinois Law Enforcement Training Standards Board and the Department of Public Health shall jointly develop and establish a program of certification of tactical paramedics for the purposes of aiding special law enforcement teams involved in, but not limited to, search and rescues, civil disturbances, bomb threat responses, tactical or special operations team deployments, hostage negotiations, HazMat responses, executive and dignitary protection, and counterterrorism, as assigned and directed by a law enforcement agency recognized by the Illinois Law Enforcement Training Standards Board. Includes program requirements. Amends the Counties Code and the Illinois Municipal Code. Provides that chiefs of police and sheriffs may employ tactical paramedics and provide tactical paramedic support to first responders. Amends the Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Systems Act making conforming changes.

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FISCAL NOTE ACT  
MAY APPLY

A BILL FOR

1 AN ACT concerning local government.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**  
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The Illinois Police Training Act is amended by  
5 adding Section 10.25 as follows:

6 (50 ILCS 705/10.25 new)

7 Sec. 10.25. Tactical paramedics.

8 (a) Notwithstanding any other provision of law following  
9 the effective date of this amendatory act of the 101st General  
10 Assembly, the Illinois Law Enforcement Training Standards  
11 Board and the Department of Public Health shall jointly develop  
12 and establish a program of certification of tactical paramedics  
13 for the purposes of aiding special law enforcement teams  
14 involved in, but not limited to, search and rescues, civil  
15 disturbances, bomb threat responses, tactical or special  
16 operations team deployments, hostage negotiations, HazMat  
17 responses, executive and dignitary protection, and  
18 counterterrorism, as assigned and directed by a law enforcement  
19 agency that is recognized by the Illinois Law Enforcement  
20 Training and Standards Board.

21 The Illinois Law Enforcement Training and Standards Board  
22 in conjunction with the Department of Public Health may  
23 establish any fees necessary to fund the training and

1 certification requirements of this Section and may establish  
2 other entities providing training to meet all or a portion of  
3 the requirements of this Section.

4 (b) The tactical paramedic program certification  
5 requirements shall include, but are not limited to, the  
6 following: that the individual must be an emergency medical  
7 technician, paramedic, physician, physician's assistant,  
8 nurse, or other medical professional licensed to practice in  
9 the State or in possession of a suitable license as determined  
10 by the Illinois Law Enforcement Training Standards Board and  
11 the Department of Public Health; that the person has completed  
12 no less than a 40 hour basic firearms certification recognized  
13 by the Illinois Law Enforcement Training and Standards Board;  
14 that the person has completed no less than 50 hours of tactical  
15 medical training, approved by the Illinois Law Enforcement  
16 Training and Standards Board; that the person has attended no  
17 less than 50 hours of tactical and firearms training, including  
18 use of force training; and that the person operate under a  
19 medical facility in the State that is licensed by the  
20 Department of Public Health.

21 (c) The Illinois Law Enforcement Training and Standards  
22 Board and the Department of Public Health shall establish  
23 annual requirements for certification of tactical paramedics  
24 including, but not limited to, proof of: a valid license or  
25 certification as a medical professional licensed or certified  
26 to practice in the State; that a person operates under a

1 medical facility in the State that is licensed by the  
2 Department of Public Health; completion of no less than 50  
3 hours annually of tactical medical training; and completion of  
4 no less than 50 hours annually of tactical and firearms  
5 training, including use of force training.

6 The Illinois Law Enforcement Training Standards Board and  
7 the Department of Public Health may require any additional  
8 qualifications, licensing, standards, certification, or  
9 training deemed necessary and pertinent by either agency.

10 Section 10. The Counties Code is amended by adding Section  
11 3-6012.3 as follows:

12 (55 ILCS 5/3-6012.3 new)

13 Sec. 3-6012.3. Tactical paramedic support. A Sheriff may  
14 employ and provide tactical paramedic support to first  
15 responders with tactical paramedics certified under Section  
16 10.25 of the Illinois Police Training Act. In addition to any  
17 other requirements, the tactical paramedics will participate  
18 in routine, ongoing tactical and medical training with the  
19 first responders that they will support and meet any additional  
20 training, certification, and licensing as the Sheriff deems  
21 appropriate.

22 Section 15. The Illinois Municipal Code is amended by  
23 adding Section 10-4-15 as follows:

1 (65 ILCS 5/10-4-15 new)

2 Sec. 10-4-15. Tactical paramedic support. A municipality  
3 may provide tactical paramedic support to first responders with  
4 tactical paramedics certified under Section 10.25 of the  
5 Illinois Police Training Act. In addition to any other  
6 requirements, the tactical paramedics will participate in  
7 routine, ongoing tactical and medical training with the first  
8 responders that they will support and meet any additional  
9 training, certification, and licensing as the chief of police  
10 deems appropriate.

11 Section 20. The Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Systems  
12 Act is amended by changing Sections 3.5 and 3.50 as follows:

13 (210 ILCS 50/3.5)

14 Sec. 3.5. Definitions. As used in this Act:

15 "Clinical observation" means the ongoing observation of a  
16 patient's condition by a licensed health care professional  
17 utilizing a medical skill set while continuing assessment and  
18 care.

19 "Department" means the Illinois Department of Public  
20 Health.

21 "Director" means the Director of the Illinois Department of  
22 Public Health.

23 "Emergency" means a medical condition of recent onset and

1 severity that would lead a prudent layperson, possessing an  
2 average knowledge of medicine and health, to believe that  
3 urgent or unscheduled medical care is required.

4 "Emergency Medical Services personnel" or "EMS personnel"  
5 means persons licensed as an Emergency Medical Responder (EMR)  
6 (First Responder), Emergency Medical Dispatcher (EMD),  
7 Emergency Medical Technician (EMT), Emergency Medical  
8 Technician-Intermediate (EMT-I), Advanced Emergency Medical  
9 Technician (A-EMT), Paramedic (EMT-P), Emergency  
10 Communications Registered Nurse (ECRN), Pre-Hospital  
11 Registered Nurse (PHRN), Pre-Hospital Advanced Practice  
12 Registered Nurse (PHAPRN), ~~or~~ Pre-Hospital Physician Assistant  
13 (PHPA), or Tactical Paramedics.

14 "Health care facility" means a hospital, nursing home,  
15 physician's office or other fixed location at which medical and  
16 health care services are performed. It does not include  
17 "pre-hospital emergency care settings" which utilize EMS  
18 personnel to render pre-hospital emergency care prior to the  
19 arrival of a transport vehicle, as defined in this Act.

20 "Hospital" has the meaning ascribed to that term in the  
21 Hospital Licensing Act.

22 "Medical monitoring" means the performance of medical  
23 tests and physical exams to evaluate an individual's ongoing  
24 exposure to a factor that could negatively impact that person's  
25 health. "Medical monitoring" includes close surveillance or  
26 supervision of patients liable to suffer deterioration in

1 physical or mental health and checks of various parameters such  
2 as pulse rate, temperature, respiration rate, the condition of  
3 the pupils, the level of consciousness and awareness, the  
4 degree of appreciation of pain, and blood gas concentrations  
5 such as oxygen and carbon dioxide.

6 "Trauma" means any significant injury which involves  
7 single or multiple organ systems.

8 (Source: P.A. 100-1082, eff. 8-24-19; 101-81, eff. 7-12-19.)

9 (210 ILCS 50/3.50)

10 Sec. 3.50. Emergency Medical Services personnel licensure  
11 levels.

12 (a) "Emergency Medical Technician" or "EMT" means a person  
13 who has successfully completed a course in basic life support  
14 as approved by the Department, is currently licensed by the  
15 Department in accordance with standards prescribed by this Act  
16 and rules adopted by the Department pursuant to this Act, and  
17 practices within an EMS System. A valid Emergency Medical  
18 Technician-Basic (EMT-B) license issued under this Act shall  
19 continue to be valid and shall be recognized as an Emergency  
20 Medical Technician (EMT) license until the Emergency Medical  
21 Technician-Basic (EMT-B) license expires.

22 (b) "Emergency Medical Technician-Intermediate" or "EMT-I"  
23 means a person who has successfully completed a course in  
24 intermediate life support as approved by the Department, is  
25 currently licensed by the Department in accordance with

1 standards prescribed by this Act and rules adopted by the  
2 Department pursuant to this Act, and practices within an  
3 Intermediate or Advanced Life Support EMS System.

4 (b-5) "Advanced Emergency Medical Technician" or "A-EMT"  
5 means a person who has successfully completed a course in basic  
6 and limited advanced emergency medical care as approved by the  
7 Department, is currently licensed by the Department in  
8 accordance with standards prescribed by this Act and rules  
9 adopted by the Department pursuant to this Act, and practices  
10 within an Intermediate or Advanced Life Support EMS System.

11 (c) "Paramedic (EMT-P)" means a person who has successfully  
12 completed a course in advanced life support care as approved by  
13 the Department, is licensed by the Department in accordance  
14 with standards prescribed by this Act and rules adopted by the  
15 Department pursuant to this Act, and practices within an  
16 Advanced Life Support EMS System. A valid Emergency Medical  
17 Technician-Paramedic (EMT-P) license issued under this Act  
18 shall continue to be valid and shall be recognized as a  
19 Paramedic license until the Emergency Medical  
20 Technician-Paramedic (EMT-P) license expires.

21 (c-3) "Tactical Paramedic" means a person who has  
22 successfully completed certification under the requirements of  
23 Section 10.25 of the Illinois Police Training Act.

24 (c-5) "Emergency Medical Responder" or "EMR (First  
25 Responder)" means a person who has successfully completed a  
26 course in emergency medical response as approved by the



1 Department and provides emergency medical response services  
2 prior to the arrival of an ambulance or specialized emergency  
3 medical services vehicle, in accordance with the level of care  
4 established by the National EMS Educational Standards  
5 Emergency Medical Responder course as modified by the  
6 Department. An Emergency Medical Responder who provides  
7 services as part of an EMS System response plan shall comply  
8 with the applicable sections of the Program Plan, as approved  
9 by the Department, of that EMS System. The Department shall  
10 have the authority to adopt rules governing the curriculum,  
11 practice, and necessary equipment applicable to Emergency  
12 Medical Responders.

13 On August 15, 2014 (the effective date of Public Act  
14 98-973), a person who is licensed by the Department as a First  
15 Responder and has completed a Department-approved course in  
16 first responder defibrillator training based on, or equivalent  
17 to, the National EMS Educational Standards or other standards  
18 previously recognized by the Department shall be eligible for  
19 licensure as an Emergency Medical Responder upon meeting the  
20 licensure requirements and submitting an application to the  
21 Department. A valid First Responder license issued under this  
22 Act shall continue to be valid and shall be recognized as an  
23 Emergency Medical Responder license until the First Responder  
24 license expires.

25 (c-10) All EMS Systems and licensees shall be fully  
26 compliant with the National EMS Education Standards, as

1 modified by the Department in administrative rules, within 24  
2 months after the adoption of the administrative rules.

3 (d) The Department shall have the authority and  
4 responsibility to:

5 (1) Prescribe education and training requirements,  
6 which includes training in the use of epinephrine, for all  
7 levels of EMS personnel except for EMRs, based on the  
8 National EMS Educational Standards and any modifications  
9 to those curricula specified by the Department through  
10 rules adopted pursuant to this Act.

11 (2) Prescribe licensure testing requirements for all  
12 levels of EMS personnel, which shall include a requirement  
13 that all phases of instruction, training, and field  
14 experience be completed before taking the appropriate  
15 licensure examination. Candidates may elect to take the  
16 appropriate National Registry examination in lieu of the  
17 Department's examination, but are responsible for making  
18 their own arrangements for taking the National Registry  
19 examination. In prescribing licensure testing requirements  
20 for honorably discharged members of the armed forces of the  
21 United States under this paragraph (2), the Department  
22 shall ensure that a candidate's military emergency medical  
23 training, emergency medical curriculum completed, and  
24 clinical experience, as described in paragraph (2.5), are  
25 recognized.

26 (2.5) Review applications for EMS personnel licensure

1 from honorably discharged members of the armed forces of  
2 the United States with military emergency medical  
3 training. Applications shall be filed with the Department  
4 within one year after military discharge and shall contain:  
5 (i) proof of successful completion of military emergency  
6 medical training; (ii) a detailed description of the  
7 emergency medical curriculum completed; and (iii) a  
8 detailed description of the applicant's clinical  
9 experience. The Department may request additional and  
10 clarifying information. The Department shall evaluate the  
11 application, including the applicant's training and  
12 experience, consistent with the standards set forth under  
13 subsections (a), (b), (c), and (d) of Section 3.10. If the  
14 application clearly demonstrates that the training and  
15 experience meet such standards, the Department shall offer  
16 the applicant the opportunity to successfully complete a  
17 Department-approved EMS personnel examination for the  
18 level of license for which the applicant is qualified. Upon  
19 passage of an examination, the Department shall issue a  
20 license, which shall be subject to all provisions of this  
21 Act that are otherwise applicable to the level of EMS  
22 personnel license issued.

23 (3) License individuals as an EMR, EMT, EMT-I, A-EMT,  
24 or Paramedic who have met the Department's education,  
25 training and examination requirements.

26 (4) Prescribe annual continuing education and

1           relicensure requirements for all EMS personnel licensure  
2           levels.

3           (5) Relicense individuals as an EMD, EMR, EMT, EMT-I,  
4           A-EMT, PHRN, PHAPRN, PHPA, or Paramedic every 4 years,  
5           based on their compliance with continuing education and  
6           relicensure requirements as required by the Department  
7           pursuant to this Act. Every 4 years, a Paramedic shall have  
8           100 hours of approved continuing education, an EMT-I and an  
9           advanced EMT shall have 80 hours of approved continuing  
10          education, and an EMT shall have 60 hours of approved  
11          continuing education. An Illinois licensed EMR, EMD, EMT,  
12          EMT-I, A-EMT, Paramedic, ECRN, PHPA, PHAPRN, or PHRN whose  
13          license has been expired for less than 36 months may apply  
14          for reinstatement by the Department. Reinstatement shall  
15          require that the applicant (i) submit satisfactory proof of  
16          completion of continuing medical education and clinical  
17          requirements to be prescribed by the Department in an  
18          administrative rule; (ii) submit a positive recommendation  
19          from an Illinois EMS Medical Director attesting to the  
20          applicant's qualifications for retesting; and (iii) pass a  
21          Department approved test for the level of EMS personnel  
22          license sought to be reinstated.

23          (6) Grant inactive status to any EMR, EMD, EMT, EMT-I,  
24          A-EMT, Paramedic, ECRN, PHAPRN, PHPA, or PHRN who  
25          qualifies, based on standards and procedures established  
26          by the Department in rules adopted pursuant to this Act.

1           (7) Charge a fee for EMS personnel examination,  
2 licensure, and license renewal.

3           (8) Suspend, revoke, or refuse to issue or renew the  
4 license of any licensee, after an opportunity for an  
5 impartial hearing before a neutral administrative law  
6 judge appointed by the Director, where the preponderance of  
7 the evidence shows one or more of the following:

8                   (A) The licensee has not met continuing education  
9 or relicensure requirements as prescribed by the  
10 Department;

11                   (B) The licensee has failed to maintain  
12 proficiency in the level of skills for which he or she  
13 is licensed;

14                   (C) The licensee, during the provision of medical  
15 services, engaged in dishonorable, unethical, or  
16 unprofessional conduct of a character likely to  
17 deceive, defraud, or harm the public;

18                   (D) The licensee has failed to maintain or has  
19 violated standards of performance and conduct as  
20 prescribed by the Department in rules adopted pursuant  
21 to this Act or his or her EMS System's Program Plan;

22                   (E) The licensee is physically impaired to the  
23 extent that he or she cannot physically perform the  
24 skills and functions for which he or she is licensed,  
25 as verified by a physician, unless the person is on  
26 inactive status pursuant to Department regulations;

1 (F) The licensee is mentally impaired to the extent  
2 that he or she cannot exercise the appropriate  
3 judgment, skill and safety for performing the  
4 functions for which he or she is licensed, as verified  
5 by a physician, unless the person is on inactive status  
6 pursuant to Department regulations;

7 (G) The licensee has violated this Act or any rule  
8 adopted by the Department pursuant to this Act; or

9 (H) The licensee has been convicted (or entered a  
10 plea of guilty or nolo contendere ~~nolo contendere~~) by a  
11 court of competent jurisdiction of a Class X, Class 1,  
12 or Class 2 felony in this State or an out-of-state  
13 equivalent offense.

14 (9) Prescribe education and training requirements in  
15 the administration and use of opioid antagonists for all  
16 levels of EMS personnel based on the National EMS  
17 Educational Standards and any modifications to those  
18 curricula specified by the Department through rules  
19 adopted pursuant to this Act.

20 (d-5) An EMR, EMD, EMT, EMT-I, A-EMT, Paramedic, ECRN,  
21 PHAPRN, PHPA, or PHRN who is a member of the Illinois National  
22 Guard or an Illinois State Trooper or who exclusively serves as  
23 a volunteer for units of local government with a population  
24 base of less than 5,000 or as a volunteer for a not-for-profit  
25 organization that serves a service area with a population base  
26 of less than 5,000 may submit an application to the Department

1 for a waiver of the fees described under paragraph (7) of  
2 subsection (d) of this Section on a form prescribed by the  
3 Department.

4 The education requirements prescribed by the Department  
5 under this Section must allow for the suspension of those  
6 requirements in the case of a member of the armed services or  
7 reserve forces of the United States or a member of the Illinois  
8 National Guard who is on active duty pursuant to an executive  
9 order of the President of the United States, an act of the  
10 Congress of the United States, or an order of the Governor at  
11 the time that the member would otherwise be required to fulfill  
12 a particular education requirement. Such a person must fulfill  
13 the education requirement within 6 months after his or her  
14 release from active duty.

15 (e) In the event that any rule of the Department or an EMS  
16 Medical Director that requires testing for drug use as a  
17 condition of the applicable EMS personnel license conflicts  
18 with or duplicates a provision of a collective bargaining  
19 agreement that requires testing for drug use, that rule shall  
20 not apply to any person covered by the collective bargaining  
21 agreement.

22 (f) At the time of applying for or renewing his or her  
23 license, an applicant for a license or license renewal may  
24 submit an email address to the Department. The Department shall  
25 keep the email address on file as a form of contact for the  
26 individual. The Department shall send license renewal notices

1 electronically and by mail to a licensee ~~all licensees~~ who  
2 provides ~~provide~~ the Department with his or her email address.  
3 The notices shall be sent at least 60 days prior to the  
4 expiration date of the license.

5 (Source: P.A. 100-1082, eff. 8-24-19; 101-81, eff. 7-12-19;  
6 101-153, eff. 1-1-20; revised 12-3-19.)