



1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The Department of Public Health has suspended the
3 administration of examinations to applicants for initial
4 licensure and renewal licensure as Emergency Medical
5 Technicians in the State of Illinois; and

6 WHEREAS, The Department of Public Health has recently
7 stated that examinations will not resume until the Department
8 has developed new examinations and that the development of new
9 examinations is expected to take approximately 6 months; and

10 WHEREAS, Many rural or partly rural fire protection
11 districts and other providers of rural Emergency Medical
12 Technician services maintain high levels of dependence on a
13 limited number of Emergency Medical Technicians for a wide
14 range of emergency services; and

15 WHEREAS, A decrease in the number of licensed Emergency
16 Medical Technicians could create a catastrophic situation in
17 the event of terrorist activity here in Illinois; and

18 WHEREAS, If the Department of Public Health takes up to 6
19 months to develop new examinations, the health and safety of
20 the citizens of this State may be at risk; therefore, be it

21 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
22 NINETY-THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
23 strongly urge the Department of Public Health to immediately
24 take all steps necessary to develop new Emergency Medical
25 Technician examinations so that applicants for initial
26 licensure and renewal licensure may be promptly examined; and
27 be it further

28 RESOLVED, That we strongly urge the Department of Public
29 Health to explore all possibilities, consistent with

1 applicable laws and rules, under which it may have the
2 authority to stay the expiration of current licenses of
3 Emergency Medical Technicians until new Emergency Medical
4 Technician examinations are available; and be it further

5 RESOLVED, That we strongly urge the Department of Public
6 Health to coordinate the development of new Emergency Medical
7 Technician examinations with other State departments and
8 agencies that have expertise in developing such examinations;
9 and be it further

10 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
11 delivered to the Governor of the State of Illinois.