

1 AN ACT concerning regulation.

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

4 Section 5. The Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Systems
5 Act is amended by changing Sections 3.5, 3.50, 3.55, and 3.65
6 and by adding Section 3.260 as follows:

7 (210 ILCS 50/3.5)

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

9 "Clinical observation" means the ongoing observation of a
10 patient's medical or mental health condition by a licensed
11 health care professional utilizing a medical skill set while
12 continuing assessment and care.

13 "Department" means the Illinois Department of Public
14 Health.

15 "Director" means the Director of the Illinois Department
16 of Public Health.

17 "Emergency" means a medical condition of recent onset and
18 severity that would lead a prudent layperson, possessing an
19 average knowledge of medicine and health, to believe that
20 urgent or unscheduled medical care is required.

21 "Emergency Medical Services personnel" or "EMS personnel"
22 means persons licensed as an Emergency Medical Responder (EMR)
23 (First Responder), Emergency Medical Dispatcher (EMD),

1 Emergency Medical Technician (EMT), Emergency Medical
2 Technician-Intermediate (EMT-I), Advanced Emergency Medical
3 Technician (A-EMT), Paramedic (EMT-P), Emergency
4 Communications Registered Nurse (ECRN), Pre-Hospital
5 Registered Nurse (PHRN), Pre-Hospital Advanced Practice
6 Registered Nurse (PHAPRN), or Pre-Hospital Physician Assistant
7 (PHPA) .

8 "Exclusive representative" has the same meaning as defined
9 in Section 3 of the Illinois Public Labor Relations Act.

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

16 "Hospital" has the meaning ascribed to that term in the
17 Hospital Licensing Act.

18 "Labor organization" has the same meaning as defined in
19 Section 3 of the Illinois Public Labor Relations Act.

20 "Medical monitoring" means the performance of medical
21 tests and physical exams to evaluate an individual's ongoing
22 exposure to a factor that could negatively impact that
23 person's health. "Medical monitoring" includes close
24 surveillance or supervision of patients liable to suffer
25 deterioration in physical or mental health and checks of
26 various parameters such as pulse rate, temperature,

1 respiration rate, the condition of the pupils, the level of
2 consciousness and awareness, the degree of appreciation of
3 pain, and blood gas concentrations such as oxygen and carbon
4 dioxide.

5 "NREMT" means the National Registry of Emergency Medical
6 Technicians.

7 "Silver spanner program" means a program in which a member
8 under a fire department's or fire protection district's
9 collective bargaining agreement works on or at the EMS System
10 under another fire department's or fire protection district's
11 collective bargaining agreement and (i) the other fire
12 department or fire protection district is not the member's
13 full-time employer and (ii) any EMS services not included
14 under the original fire department's or fire protection
15 district's collective bargaining agreement are included in the
16 other fire department's or fire protection district's
17 collective bargaining agreement.

18 "Trauma" means any significant injury which involves
19 single or multiple organ systems.

20 (Source: P.A. 103-521, eff. 1-1-24; 103-689, eff. 1-1-25.)

21 (210 ILCS 50/3.50)

22 Sec. 3.50. Emergency Medical Services personnel licensure
23 levels.

24 (a) "Emergency Medical Technician" or "EMT" means a person
25 who has successfully completed a course in basic life support

1 as approved by the Department, is currently licensed by the
2 Department in accordance with standards prescribed by this Act
3 and rules adopted by the Department pursuant to this Act, and
4 practices within an EMS System. A valid Emergency Medical
5 Technician-Basic (EMT-B) license issued under this Act shall
6 continue to be valid and shall be recognized as an Emergency
7 Medical Technician (EMT) license until the Emergency Medical
8 Technician-Basic (EMT-B) license expires.

9 (b) "Emergency Medical Technician-Intermediate" or "EMT-I"
10 means a person who has successfully completed a course in
11 intermediate life support as approved by the Department, is
12 currently licensed by the Department in accordance with
13 standards prescribed by this Act and rules adopted by the
14 Department pursuant to this Act, and practices within an
15 Intermediate or Advanced Life Support EMS System.

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

23 (c) "Paramedic (EMT-P)" means a person who has
24 successfully completed a course in advanced life support care
25 as approved by the Department, is licensed by the Department
26 in accordance with standards prescribed by this Act and rules

1 adopted by the Department pursuant to this Act, and practices
2 within an Advanced Life Support EMS System. A valid Emergency
3 Medical Technician-Paramedic (EMT-P) license issued under this
4 Act shall continue to be valid and shall be recognized as a
5 Paramedic license until the Emergency Medical
6 Technician-Paramedic (EMT-P) license expires.

7 (c-5) "Emergency Medical Responder" or "EMR (First
8 Responder)" means a person who has successfully completed a
9 course in emergency medical response as approved by the
10 Department and provides emergency medical response services in
11 accordance with the level of care established by the National
12 EMS Educational Standards Emergency Medical Responder course
13 as modified by the Department, or who provides services as
14 part of an EMS System response plan, as approved by the
15 Department, of that EMS System. The Department shall have the
16 authority to adopt rules governing the curriculum, practice,
17 and necessary equipment applicable to Emergency Medical
18 Responders.

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

1 Department. A valid First Responder license issued under this
2 Act shall continue to be valid and shall be recognized as an
3 Emergency Medical Responder license until the First Responder
4 license expires.

5 (c-10) All EMS Systems and licensees shall be fully
6 compliant with the National EMS Education Standards, as
7 modified by the Department in administrative rules, within 24
8 months after the adoption of the administrative rules.

9 (d) The Department shall have the authority and
10 responsibility to:

11 (1) Prescribe education and training requirements,
12 which includes training in the use of epinephrine, for all
13 levels of EMS personnel except for EMRs, based on the
14 National EMS Educational Standards and any modifications
15 to those curricula specified by the Department through
16 rules adopted pursuant to this Act.

17 (A) A failure rate per course of 30% or greater at
18 the first attempt on the licensure examination shall
19 require the EMS System to submit a quality improvement
20 plan to the Department. The EMS System shall share
21 failure rates with the EMS Lead Instructor quarterly.
22 Neither the EMS System nor the Department may take
23 licensure action against an EMS Lead Instructor based
24 solely on first-attempt pass rates.

25 (B) Candidates shall complete the licensure
26 examination within the timeline required by the NREMT.

1 (C) An accredited Paramedic program shall be
2 conducted only by an EMS System or an academic
3 institution whose curriculum has been approved by the
4 EMS System. An EMS System associate hospital may allow
5 students from an EMS System-approved and
6 Department-approved Paramedic course to complete
7 clinical rotations as approved by the EMS System
8 Medical Director. The approval by the EMS System
9 Medical Director may not be unreasonably denied.

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

25 (2.5) Review applications for EMS personnel licensure
26 from honorably discharged members of the armed forces of

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

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

25 (4) Prescribe annual continuing education and
26 relicensure requirements for all EMS personnel licensure

1 levels.

2 (5) Relicense individuals as an EMD, EMR, EMT, EMT-I,
3 A-EMT, PHRN, PHAPRN, PHPA, or Paramedic every 4 years,
4 based on their compliance with continuing education and
5 relicensure requirements as required by the Department
6 pursuant to this Act. Every 4 years, a Paramedic shall
7 have 100 hours of approved continuing education, an EMT-I
8 and an advanced EMT shall have 80 hours of approved
9 continuing education, and an EMT shall have 60 hours of
10 approved continuing education. An Illinois licensed EMR,
11 EMD, EMT, EMT-I, A-EMT, Paramedic, ECRN, PHPA, PHAPRN, or
12 PHRN whose license has been expired for less than 36
13 months may apply for reinstatement by the Department.
14 Reinstatement shall require that the applicant (i) submit
15 satisfactory proof of completion of continuing medical
16 education and clinical requirements to be prescribed by
17 the Department in an administrative rule; (ii) submit a
18 positive recommendation from an Illinois EMS Medical
19 Director attesting to the applicant's qualifications for
20 retesting; and (iii) pass a Department approved test for
21 the level of EMS personnel license sought to be
22 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
7 of 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
2 extent 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
6 status 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) by a court of
11 competent jurisdiction of a Class X, Class 1, or Class
12 2 felony in this State or an out-of-state equivalent
13 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
23 as 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 (d-10) A person who is not an EMS personnel may operate an
5 EMS vehicle pursuant to this Act if the following requirements
6 are met: (i) the person meets the requirements of Section
7 11-1421 of the Illinois Vehicle Code; (ii) 2
8 Department-licensed EMS personnel are present and have met
9 educational requirements prescribed by the Department; and
10 (iii) the clinical condition of the patient necessitates the
11 involvement of additional licensed personnel to ensure
12 appropriate assessment, treatment, and patient safety. If a
13 waiver is issued by the Department, the person who is not an
14 EMS personnel may operate the EMS vehicle if only one EMS
15 personnel is present. Upon request, the Department may issue a
16 retroactive waiver when appropriate.

17 The education requirements prescribed by the Department
18 under this Section must allow for the suspension of those
19 requirements in the case of a member of the armed services or
20 reserve forces of the United States or a member of the Illinois
21 National Guard who is on active duty pursuant to an executive
22 order of the President of the United States, an act of the
23 Congress of the United States, or an order of the Governor at
24 the time that the member would otherwise be required to
25 fulfill a particular education requirement. Such a person must
26 fulfill the education requirement within 6 months after his or

1 her release from active duty.

2 (e) In the event that any rule of the Department or an EMS
3 Medical Director that requires testing for drug use as a
4 condition of the applicable EMS personnel license conflicts
5 with or duplicates a provision of a collective bargaining
6 agreement that requires testing for drug use, that rule shall
7 not apply to any person covered by the collective bargaining
8 agreement.

9 (f) At the time of applying for or renewing his or her
10 license, an applicant for a license or license renewal may
11 submit an email address to the Department. The Department
12 shall keep the email address on file as a form of contact for
13 the individual. The Department shall send license renewal
14 notices electronically and by mail to a licensee who provides
15 the Department with his or her email address. The notices
16 shall be sent at least 60 days prior to the expiration date of
17 the license.

18 (Source: P.A. 101-81, eff. 7-12-19; 101-153, eff. 1-1-20;
19 102-558, eff. 8-20-21; 102-623, eff. 8-27-21.)

20 (210 ILCS 50/3.55)

21 Sec. 3.55. Scope of practice.

22 (a) Any person currently licensed as an EMR, EMT, EMT-I,
23 A-EMT, PHRN, PHAPRN, PHPA, or Paramedic may perform emergency
24 and non-emergency medical services as defined in this Act, in
25 accordance with his or her level of education, training and

1 licensure, the standards of performance and conduct prescribed
2 by the Department in rules adopted pursuant to this Act, and
3 the requirements of the EMS System in which he or she
4 practices, as contained in the approved Program Plan for that
5 System. The Director may, by written order, temporarily modify
6 individual scopes of practice in response to public health
7 emergencies for periods not exceeding 180 days.

8 (a-5) EMS personnel who have successfully completed a
9 Department approved course in automated defibrillator
10 operation and who are functioning within a Department approved
11 EMS System may utilize such automated defibrillator according
12 to the standards of performance and conduct prescribed by the
13 Department in rules adopted pursuant to this Act and the
14 requirements of the EMS System in which they practice, as
15 contained in the approved Program Plan for that System.

16 (a-7) An EMT, EMT-I, A-EMT, PHRN, PHAPRN, PHPA, or
17 Paramedic who has successfully completed a Department approved
18 course in the administration of epinephrine shall be required
19 to carry epinephrine with him or her as part of the EMS
20 personnel medical supplies whenever he or she is performing
21 official duties as determined by the EMS System. The
22 epinephrine may be administered from a glass vial,
23 auto-injector, ampule, or pre-filled syringe.

24 (b) An EMR, EMT, EMT-I, A-EMT, PHRN, PHAPRN, PHPA, or
25 Paramedic may practice as an EMR, EMT, EMT-I, A-EMT, or
26 Paramedic or utilize his or her EMR, EMT, EMT-I, A-EMT, PHRN,

1 PHAPRN, PHPA, or Paramedic license in pre-hospital or
2 inter-hospital emergency care settings or non-emergency
3 medical transport situations, under the written or verbal
4 direction of the EMS Medical Director. For purposes of this
5 Section, a "pre-hospital emergency care setting" may include a
6 location, that is not a health care facility, which utilizes
7 EMS personnel to render pre-hospital emergency care prior to
8 the arrival of a transport vehicle. The location shall include
9 communication equipment and all of the portable equipment and
10 drugs appropriate for the EMR, EMT, EMT-I, A-EMT, or
11 Paramedic's level of care, as required by this Act, rules
12 adopted by the Department pursuant to this Act, and the
13 protocols of the EMS Systems, and shall operate only with the
14 approval and under the direction of the EMS Medical Director.

15 This Section shall not prohibit an EMR, EMT, EMT-I, A-EMT,
16 PHRN, PHAPRN, PHPA, or Paramedic from practicing within an
17 emergency department or other health care setting for the
18 purpose of receiving continuing education or training approved
19 by the EMS Medical Director. This Section shall also not
20 prohibit an EMT, EMT-I, A-EMT, PHRN, PHAPRN, PHPA, or
21 Paramedic from seeking credentials other than his or her EMT,
22 EMT-I, A-EMT, PHRN, PHAPRN, PHPA, or Paramedic license and
23 utilizing such credentials to work in emergency departments or
24 other health care settings under the jurisdiction of that
25 employer.

26 (c) An EMT, EMT-I, A-EMT, PHRN, PHAPRN, PHPA, or Paramedic

1 may honor Do Not Resuscitate (DNR) orders and powers of
2 attorney for health care only in accordance with rules adopted
3 by the Department pursuant to this Act and protocols of the EMS
4 System in which he or she practices.

5 (d) A student enrolled in a Department approved EMS
6 personnel program, while fulfilling the clinical training and
7 in-field supervised experience requirements mandated for
8 licensure or approval by the System and the Department, may
9 perform ~~prescribed~~ procedures under the direct supervision of
10 a physician licensed to practice medicine in all of its
11 branches, a qualified registered professional nurse, or
12 qualified EMS personnel, only when authorized by the EMS
13 Medical Director. A student enrolled in an EMT class may take
14 the Department-approved EMR licensure exam after the student
15 has completed the first 40 hours of the EMS System-approved
16 and Department-approved EMT course.

17 (e) An EMR, EMT, EMT-I, A-EMT, PHRN, PHAPRN, PHPA, or
18 Paramedic may transport a police dog injured in the line of
19 duty to a veterinary clinic or similar facility if there are no
20 persons requiring medical attention or transport at that time.
21 For the purposes of this subsection, "police dog" means a dog
22 owned or used by a law enforcement department or agency in the
23 course of the department or agency's work, including a search
24 and rescue dog, service dog, accelerant detection canine, or
25 other dog that is in use by a county, municipal, or State law
26 enforcement agency.

1 (f) Nothing in this Act shall be construed to prohibit an
2 EMT, EMT-I, A-EMT, Paramedic, or PHRN from completing an
3 initial Occupational Safety and Health Administration
4 Respirator Medical Evaluation Questionnaire on behalf of fire
5 service personnel, as permitted by his or her EMS System
6 Medical Director.

7 (g) An EMT, EMT-I, A-EMT, Paramedic, PHRN, PHAPRN, or PHPA
8 shall be eligible to work for another EMS System for a period
9 not to exceed 2 weeks if the individual is under the direct
10 supervision of another licensed individual operating at the
11 same or higher level as the EMT, EMT-I, A-EMT, Paramedic,
12 PHRN, PHAPRN, or PHPA; obtained approval in writing from the
13 EMS System's Medical Director; and tests into the EMS System
14 based upon appropriate standards as outlined in the EMS System
15 Program Plan. The EMS System within which the EMT, EMT-I,
16 A-EMT, Paramedic, PHRN, PHAPRN, or PHPA is seeking to join
17 must make all required testing available to the EMT, EMT-I,
18 A-EMT, Paramedic, PHRN, PHAPRN, or PHPA within 2 weeks after
19 the written request. Failure to do so by the EMS System shall
20 allow the EMT, EMT-I, A-EMT, Paramedic, PHRN, PHAPRN, or PHPA
21 to continue working for another EMS System until all required
22 testing becomes available.

23 (h) A member of a fire department's or fire protection
24 district's collective bargaining unit shall be eligible to
25 work under a silver spanner program for another EMS System's
26 fire department or fire protection district that is not the

1 full-time employer of that member, for a period not to exceed 2
2 weeks, if the member: (1) is under the direct supervision of
3 another licensed individual operating at the same or higher
4 licensure level as the member; (2) made a written request to
5 the EMS System's Medical Director for approval to work under
6 the silver spanner program, which shall be approved or denied
7 within 24 hours after the EMS System's Medical Director
8 received the request; and (3) tests into the EMS System based
9 upon appropriate standards as outlined in the EMS System
10 Program Plan. The EMS System within which the member is
11 seeking to join must make all required testing available to
12 the member within 2 weeks of the written request. Failure to do
13 so by the EMS System shall allow the member to continue working
14 under a silver spanner program until all required testing
15 becomes available.

16 (Source: P.A. 102-79, eff. 1-1-22; 103-521, eff. 1-1-24;
17 103-547, eff. 8-11-23; 103-605, eff. 7-1-24.)

18 (210 ILCS 50/3.65)

19 Sec. 3.65. EMS Lead Instructor.

20 (a) "EMS Lead Instructor" means a person who has
21 successfully completed a course of education as approved by
22 the Department, and who is currently approved by the
23 Department to coordinate or teach education, training and
24 continuing education courses, in accordance with standards
25 prescribed by this Act and rules adopted by the Department

1 pursuant to this Act.

2 (b) The Department shall have the authority and
3 responsibility to:

4 (1) Prescribe education requirements for EMS Lead
5 Instructor candidates through rules adopted pursuant to
6 this Act.

7 (2) Prescribe testing requirements for EMS Lead
8 Instructor candidates through rules adopted pursuant to
9 this Act.

10 (3) Charge each candidate for EMS Lead Instructor a
11 fee to be submitted with an application for an
12 examination, an application for licensure, and an
13 application for relicensure.

14 (4) Approve individuals as EMS Lead Instructors who
15 have met the Department's education and testing
16 requirements.

17 (5) Require that all education, training and
18 continuing education courses for EMT, EMT-I, A-EMT,
19 Paramedic, PHRN, PHPA, PHAPRN, ECRN, EMR, and Emergency
20 Medical Dispatcher be coordinated by at least one approved
21 EMS Lead Instructor. A program which includes education,
22 training or continuing education for more than one type of
23 personnel may use one EMS Lead Instructor to coordinate
24 the program, and a single EMS Lead Instructor may
25 simultaneously coordinate more than one program or course.
26 An EMS Lead Instructor may oversee a paramedic with at

1 least 3 years of experience to teach EMT classes, with a
2 licensed teacher, in high schools. High school students
3 electing to not take the National Registry of Emergency
4 Medical Technicians (NREMT) Certification exam shall not
5 be accounted for in calculating the course pass rate by
6 the EMS System or Department.

7 (6) Provide standards and procedures for awarding EMS
8 Lead Instructor approval to persons previously approved by
9 the Department to coordinate such courses, based on
10 qualifications prescribed by the Department through rules
11 adopted pursuant to this Act.

12 (7) Suspend, revoke, or refuse to issue or renew the
13 approval of an EMS Lead Instructor, after an opportunity
14 for a hearing, when findings show one or more of the
15 following:

16 (A) The EMS Lead Instructor has failed to conduct
17 a course in accordance with the curriculum prescribed
18 by this Act and rules adopted by the Department
19 pursuant to this Act; or

20 (B) The EMS Lead Instructor has failed to comply
21 with protocols prescribed by the Department through
22 rules adopted pursuant to this Act.

23 (c) To be eligible for an EMS Lead Instructor license, the
24 applicant shall meet at least the following minimum experience
25 and education requirements and shall provide a written
26 recommendation from the EMS Medical Director of the primary

1 EMS System affiliation:

2 (1) a current Illinois license as an EMD, EMT, EMT-I,
3 A-EMT, Paramedic, RN, PHRN, PHPA, PHAPRN, or physician;

4 (2) a minimum of 2 years of experience in EMS or
5 emergency care;

6 (3) at least 6 hours of teaching hours audited by a
7 current EMS Lead Instructor;

8 (4) documented EMS classroom teaching experience with
9 a recommendation for EMS Lead Instructor licensure by an
10 EMS Medical Director; and

11 (5) documented successful completion of the National
12 Standard Curriculum for EMS Instructors, or its
13 equivalent, as approved by the Department.

14 (Source: P.A. 103-689, eff. 1-1-25.)

15 (210 ILCS 50/3.260 new)

16 Sec. 3.260. Emergency Medical Services bridge programs.

17 (a) As used in this Section, "stakeholders" include, but
18 are not limited to, members representing private ground
19 ambulance providers throughout this State representing
20 for-profit and nonprofit rural and urban ground ambulance
21 providers; the State Board of Education, the Illinois
22 Community College Systems, and the University of Illinois
23 Systems; the Illinois Board of Higher Education; and the
24 Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity.

25 (b) The Department of Public Health shall facilitate

1 gathering stakeholders to review and provide recommendations
2 on the development of bridge programs that encourage and allow
3 individuals licensed as certified nursing assistants to
4 transition to careers as EMS personnel and a bridge program
5 that encourages and allows EMS personnel to transition to
6 careers as nursing professionals licensed under the Nurse
7 Practice Act.

8 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
9 becoming law.