

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 Act
5 is amended by changing Section 3.55 as follows:

6 (210 ILCS 50/3.55)

7 Sec. 3.55. Scope of practice.

8 (a) Any person currently licensed as an EMR, EMT, EMT-I,
9 A-EMT, or Paramedic may perform emergency and non-emergency
10 medical services as defined in this Act, in accordance with his
11 or her level of education, training and licensure, the
12 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 he or she practices, as
15 contained in the approved Program Plan for that System. The
16 Director may, by written order, temporarily modify individual
17 scopes of practice in response to public health emergencies for
18 periods not exceeding 180 days.

19 (a-5) EMS personnel who have successfully completed a
20 Department approved course in automated defibrillator
21 operation and who are functioning within a Department approved
22 EMS System may utilize such automated defibrillator according
23 to the standards of performance and conduct prescribed by the

1 Department in rules adopted pursuant to this Act and the
2 requirements of the EMS System in which they practice, as
3 contained in the approved Program Plan for that System.

4 (a-7) An EMT, EMT-I, A-EMT, or Paramedic who has
5 successfully completed a Department approved course in the
6 administration of epinephrine shall be required to carry
7 epinephrine with him or her as part of the EMS personnel
8 medical supplies whenever he or she is performing official
9 duties as determined by the EMS System. The epinephrine may be
10 administered from a glass vial, auto-injector, ampule, or
11 pre-filled syringe.

12 (b) An EMR, EMT, EMT-I, A-EMT, or Paramedic may practice as
13 an EMR, EMT, EMT-I, A-EMT, or Paramedic or utilize his or her
14 EMR, EMT, EMT-I, A-EMT, or Paramedic license in pre-hospital or
15 inter-hospital emergency care settings or non-emergency
16 medical transport situations, under the written or verbal
17 direction of the EMS Medical Director. For purposes of this
18 Section, a "pre-hospital emergency care setting" may include a
19 location, that is not a health care facility, which utilizes
20 EMS personnel to render pre-hospital emergency care prior to
21 the arrival of a transport vehicle. The location shall include
22 communication equipment and all of the portable equipment and
23 drugs appropriate for the EMR, EMT, EMT-I, A-EMT, or
24 Paramedic's level of care, as required by this Act, rules
25 adopted by the Department pursuant to this Act, and the
26 protocols of the EMS Systems, and shall operate only with the

1 approval and under the direction of the EMS Medical Director.

2 This Section shall not prohibit an EMR, EMT, EMT-I, A-EMT,
3 or Paramedic from practicing within an emergency department or
4 other health care setting for the purpose of receiving
5 continuing education or training approved by the EMS Medical
6 Director. This Section shall also not prohibit an EMT, EMT-I,
7 A-EMT, or Paramedic from seeking credentials other than his or
8 her EMT, EMT-I, A-EMT, or Paramedic license and utilizing such
9 credentials to work in emergency departments or other health
10 care settings under the jurisdiction of that employer.

11 (c) An EMT, EMT-I, A-EMT, or Paramedic may honor Do Not
12 Resuscitate (DNR) orders and powers of attorney for health care
13 only in accordance with rules adopted by the Department
14 pursuant to this Act and protocols of the EMS System in which
15 he or she practices.

16 (d) A student enrolled in a Department approved EMS
17 personnel program, while fulfilling the clinical training and
18 in-field supervised experience requirements mandated for
19 licensure or approval by the System and the Department, may
20 perform prescribed procedures under the direct supervision of a
21 physician licensed to practice medicine in all of its branches,
22 a qualified registered professional nurse, or qualified EMS
23 personnel, only when authorized by the EMS Medical Director.

24 (e) An EMR, EMT, EMT-I, A-EMT, or Paramedic may transport a
25 police dog injured in the line of duty to a veterinary clinic
26 or similar facility if there are no persons requiring medical

1 attention or transport at that time. For the purposes of this
2 subsection, "police dog" means a dog owned or used by a law
3 enforcement department or agency in the course of the
4 department or agency's work, including a search and rescue dog,
5 service dog, accelerant detection canine, or other dog that is
6 in use by a county, municipal, or State law enforcement agency.
7 (Source: P.A. 98-973, eff. 8-15-14; 99-862, eff. 1-1-17.)