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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 102nd General
10 Assembly, the Illinois Law Enforcement Training Standards
11 Board and the Department of Public Health shall jointly
12 develop and establish a program of certification of tactical
13 paramedics for the purposes of aiding special law enforcement
14 teams involved in, but not limited to, search and rescues,
15 civil 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
19 enforcement agency that is recognized by the Illinois Law
20 Enforcement 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,
18 including use of force training; and that the person operate
19 under a 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
20 additional training, certification, and licensing as the
21 Sheriff deems 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
4 with 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
22 of 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
16 and 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
25 person's health. "Medical monitoring" includes close
26 surveillance or supervision of patients liable to suffer

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

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

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

10 (210 ILCS 50/3.50)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

25 (c-5) "Emergency Medical Responder" or "EMR (First
26 Responder)" means a person who has successfully completed a

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

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

26 (c-10) All EMS Systems and licensees shall be fully

1 compliant with the National EMS Education Standards, as
2 modified by the Department in administrative rules, within 24
3 months after the adoption of the administrative rules.

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

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

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

1 (2.5) Review applications for EMS personnel licensure
2 from honorably discharged members of the armed forces of
3 the United States with military emergency medical
4 training. Applications shall be filed with the Department
5 within one year after military discharge and shall
6 contain: (i) proof of successful completion of military
7 emergency medical training; (ii) a detailed description of
8 the emergency medical curriculum completed; and (iii) a
9 detailed description of the applicant's clinical
10 experience. The Department may request additional and
11 clarifying information. The Department shall evaluate the
12 application, including the applicant's training and
13 experience, consistent with the standards set forth under
14 subsections (a), (b), (c), and (d) of Section 3.10. If the
15 application clearly demonstrates that the training and
16 experience meet such standards, the Department shall offer
17 the applicant the opportunity to successfully complete a
18 Department-approved EMS personnel examination for the
19 level of license for which the applicant is qualified.
20 Upon passage of an examination, the Department shall issue
21 a license, which shall be subject to all provisions of
22 this Act that are otherwise applicable to the level of EMS
23 personnel license issued.

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

1 (4) Prescribe annual continuing education and
2 relicensure requirements for all EMS personnel licensure
3 levels.

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

25 (6) Grant inactive status to any EMR, EMD, EMT, EMT-I,
26 A-EMT, Paramedic, ECRN, PHAPRN, PHPA, or PHRN who

1 qualifies, based on standards and procedures established
2 by the Department in rules adopted pursuant to this Act.

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

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

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

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

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

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

24 (E) The licensee is physically impaired to the
25 extent that he or she cannot physically perform the
26 skills and functions for which he or she is licensed,

1 as verified by a physician, unless the person is on
2 inactive status pursuant to Department regulations;

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

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

11 (H) The licensee has been convicted (or entered a
12 plea of guilty or nolo contendere ~~nolo contendere~~) by
13 a court of competent jurisdiction of a Class X, Class
14 1, or Class 2 felony in this State or an out-of-state
15 equivalent offense.

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

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

1 organization that serves a service area with a population base
2 of less than 5,000 may submit an application to the Department
3 for a waiver of the fees described under paragraph (7) of
4 subsection (d) of this Section on a form prescribed by the
5 Department.

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

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

24 (f) At the time of applying for or renewing his or her
25 license, an applicant for a license or license renewal may
26 submit an email address to the Department. The Department

1 shall keep the email address on file as a form of contact for
2 the individual. The Department shall send license renewal
3 notices electronically and by mail to a licensee ~~all licensees~~
4 who provides ~~provide~~ the Department with his or her email
5 address. The notices shall be sent at least 60 days prior to
6 the expiration date of the license.

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