

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 3.50 as follows:

6 (210 ILCS 50/3.50)

7 Sec. 3.50. Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) Licensure.

8 (a) "Emergency Medical Technician-Basic" or "EMT-B" means
9 a person who has successfully completed a course of instruction
10 in basic life support as prescribed by the Department, is
11 currently licensed by the Department in accordance with
12 standards prescribed by this Act and rules adopted by the
13 Department pursuant to this Act, and practices within an EMS
14 System.

15 (b) "Emergency Medical Technician-Intermediate" or "EMT-I"
16 means a person who has successfully completed a course of
17 instruction in intermediate life support as prescribed by the
18 Department, is currently licensed by the Department in
19 accordance with standards prescribed by this Act and rules
20 adopted by the Department pursuant to this Act, and practices
21 within an Intermediate or Advanced Life Support EMS System.

22 (c) "Emergency Medical Technician-Paramedic" or "EMT-P"
23 means a person who has successfully completed a course of
24 instruction in advanced life support care as prescribed by the
25 Department, is licensed by the Department in accordance with
26 standards prescribed by this Act and rules adopted by the
27 Department pursuant to this Act, and practices within an
28 Advanced Life Support EMS System.

29 (d) The Department shall have the authority and
30 responsibility to:

31 (1) Prescribe education and training requirements,
32 which includes training in the use of epinephrine, for all

1 levels of EMT, based on the respective national curricula
2 of the United States Department of Transportation and any
3 modifications to such curricula specified by the
4 Department through rules adopted pursuant to this Act;

5 (2) Prescribe licensure testing requirements for all
6 levels of EMT, which shall include a requirement that all
7 phases of instruction, training, and field experience be
8 completed before taking the EMT licensure examination.
9 Candidates may elect to take the National Registry of
10 Emergency Medical Technicians examination in lieu of the
11 Department's examination, but are responsible for making
12 their own arrangements for taking the National Registry
13 examination;

14 (3) License individuals as an EMT-B, EMT-I, or EMT-P
15 who have met the Department's education, training and
16 testing requirements;

17 (4) Prescribe annual continuing education and
18 relicensure requirements for all levels of EMT;

19 (5) Relicense individuals as an EMT-B, EMT-I, or EMT-P
20 every 4 years, based on their compliance with continuing
21 education and relicensure requirements;

22 (6) Grant inactive status to any EMT who qualifies,
23 based on standards and procedures established by the
24 Department in rules adopted pursuant to this Act;

25 (7) Charge each candidate for EMT a fee to be submitted
26 with an application for a licensure examination;

27 (8) Suspend, revoke, or refuse to renew the license of
28 an EMT, after an opportunity for a hearing, when findings
29 show one or more of the following:

30 (A) The EMT has not met continuing education or
31 relicensure requirements as prescribed by the
32 Department;

33 (B) The EMT has failed to maintain proficiency in
34 the level of skills for which he or she is licensed;

35 (C) The EMT, during the provision of medical
36 services, engaged in dishonorable, unethical or

1 unprofessional conduct of a character likely to
2 deceive, defraud or harm the public;

3 (D) The EMT has failed to maintain or has violated
4 standards of performance and conduct as prescribed by
5 the Department in rules adopted pursuant to this Act or
6 his or her EMS System's Program Plan;

7 (E) The EMT is physically impaired to the extent
8 that he or she cannot physically perform the skills and
9 functions for which he or she is licensed, as verified
10 by a physician, unless the person is on inactive status
11 pursuant to Department regulations;

12 (F) The EMT is mentally impaired to the extent that
13 he or she cannot exercise the appropriate judgment,
14 skill and safety for performing the functions for which
15 he or she is licensed, as verified by a physician,
16 unless the person is on inactive status pursuant to
17 Department regulations; or

18 (G) The EMT has violated this Act or any rule
19 adopted by the Department pursuant to this Act.

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

31 (e) In the event that any rule of the Department or an EMS
32 Medical Director that requires testing for drug use as a
33 condition for EMT licensure conflicts with or duplicates a
34 provision of a collective bargaining agreement that requires
35 testing for drug use, that rule shall not apply to any person
36 covered by the collective bargaining agreement.

1 (Source: P.A. 92-376, eff. 8-15-01.)

2 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
3 becoming law.