

1 AMENDMENT TO HOUSE BILL 279

2 AMENDMENT NO. _____. Amend House Bill 279 on page 4, line
3 2, by replacing "licensed physician" with "physician licensed
4 to practice medicine in all of its branches"; and
5 on page 8, below line 4, by inserting the following:

6 "Section 90. The Emergency Medical Services (EMS)
7 Systems Act is amended by changing Section 3.70 as follows:

8 (210 ILCS 50/3.70)

9 Sec. 3.70. Emergency Medical Dispatcher.

10 (a) "Emergency Medical Dispatcher" means a person who
11 has successfully completed a dispatching course meeting or
12 exceeding the national curriculum of the United States
13 Department of Transportation in accordance with rules adopted
14 by the Department pursuant to this Act, who accepts calls
15 from the public for emergency medical services and dispatches
16 designated emergency medical services personnel and vehicles.
17 The Emergency Medical Dispatcher may or may not provide
18 prearrival medical instructions to the caller, at the
19 discretion of the entity or agency that employs him. Such
20 instructions shall be provided in accordance with protocols
21 established by the EMS Medical Director of the EMS System in

1 which the dispatcher operates. If the dispatcher operates
2 under the authority of an Emergency Telephone System Board
3 established under the Emergency Telephone System Act, the
4 protocols shall be established by such Board in consultation
5 with the EMS Medical Director. Persons who have already
6 completed a course of instruction in emergency medical
7 dispatch based on, equivalent to or exceeding the national
8 curriculum of the United States Department of Transportation,
9 or as otherwise approved by the Department, shall be
10 considered Emergency Medical Dispatchers on the effective
11 date of this amendatory Act.

12 (b) The Department shall have the authority and
13 responsibility to:

14 (1) Prescribe education and continuing education
15 requirements for the Emergency Medical Dispatcher, which
16 meet or exceed the national curriculum of the United
17 States Department of Transportation, through rules
18 adopted pursuant to this Act;

19 (2) Require the Emergency Medical Dispatcher to
20 notify the Department of the EMS System(s) in which he
21 operates;

22 (3) Require the Emergency Medical Dispatcher who
23 provides prearrival instructions to callers to comply
24 with the protocols for such instructions established by
25 the EMS Medical Director(s) and Emergency Telephone
26 System Board or Boards, or in the absence of an Emergency
27 Telephone System Board or Boards the governmental agency
28 performing the duties of an Emergency Telephone System
29 Board or Boards, of the EMS System or Systems in which he
30 operates;

31 (4) Require the Emergency Medical Dispatcher to
32 keep the Department currently informed as to the entity
33 or agency that employs or supervises his activities as an
34 Emergency Medical Dispatcher;

1 (5) (Blank) Establish-a-meehanism--for--phasing--in
2 the--Emergency--Medical--Dispatcher--requirements--over-a
3 five-year-period;

4 (5.5) Establish an annual recertification
5 requirement for Emergency Medical Dispatchers that
6 requires at least 12 hours of continuing education each
7 year; and

8 (6) Establish criteria for modifying or waiving
9 Emergency Medical Dispatcher requirements based on (i)
10 the scope and frequency of dispatch activities and the
11 dispatcher's access to training or (ii) whether the
12 previously-attended dispatcher training program merits
13 automatic recertification for the dispatcher.

14 (Source: P.A. 89-177, eff. 7-19-95.)".