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1 AMENDMENT TO HOUSE BILL 2864

2 AMENDMENT NO. _____. Amend House Bill 2864 by replacing
3 everything after the enacting clause with the following:

4 "Section 5. The Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Systems
5 Act is amended by adding Section 3.89 as follows:

6 (210 ILCS 50/3.89 new)

7 Sec. 3.89. Rural populations; credential exception.

8 (a) In a rural population of 5,000 or fewer inhabitants,
9 each EMS System Medical Director shall create an exception to
10 the credentialing process to allow registered nurses,
11 physician assistants, and advanced practice registered nurses
12 to apply to serve as volunteers who perform the same work as
13 EMTs. As part of the volunteer recognition process, EMS
14 Systems shall ensure that registered nurses, physician
15 assistants, and advanced practice registered nurses have an
16 active license issued by the Department of Financial and

1 Professional Regulation. This system-level recognition shall
2 require documentation and proof of the completion of at least
3 20 hours of prehospital care-specific coursework approved by
4 the Department of Public Health, including, but not limited
5 to, airway management, ambulance operation, ambulance
6 equipment, extrication, telecommunication, prehospital
7 cardiac and trauma care, and 8 hours of observant riding time.
8 Each EMS System Medical Director who creates an exception to
9 the credentialing process under this Section may require
10 additional training or documentation and may reject a
11 volunteer applicant under this Section for just cause. Each
12 exemption period shall be no longer than one year, after which
13 time a volunteer applicant may apply for another exemption
14 under this Section. Each EMS System Medical Director is
15 responsible for ensuring that volunteer applicants meet EMS
16 System requirements for credentialing and authorizing the
17 practice in accordance with the EMS System plan for basic life
18 support. Exceptions to the credentialing process under this
19 Section are only allowable for volunteer EMS agencies in
20 Illinois.

21 (b) The Department of Public Health may adopt rules to
22 implement this Section."