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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 may 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."