

SB0121



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Introduced 2/3/2021, by Sen. Neil Anderson

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

210 ILCS 50/3.55

Amends the Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Systems Act. Provides that nothing in the Act shall be construed to prohibit an EMR, EMT, EMT-I, A-EMT, or Paramedic from completing an initial Occupational Safety and Health Administration Respirator Medical Evaluation Questionnaire on behalf of fire service personnel, as permitted by his or her Region's EMS Medical Directors Committee, Regional EMS Advisory Committee, or local EMS System.

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A BILL FOR

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
5 Act is amended by changing Section 3.55 as follows:

6 (210 ILCS 50/3.55)

7 Sec. 3.55. Scope of practice.

8 (a) Any person currently licensed as an EMR, EMT, EMT-I,
9 A-EMT, PHRN, PHAPRN, PHPA, or Paramedic may perform emergency
10 and non-emergency medical services as defined in this Act, in
11 accordance with his or her level of education, training and
12 licensure, the standards of performance and conduct prescribed
13 by the Department in rules adopted pursuant to this Act, and
14 the requirements of the EMS System in which he or she
15 practices, as contained in the approved Program Plan for that
16 System. The Director may, by written order, temporarily modify
17 individual scopes of practice in response to public health
18 emergencies for periods not exceeding 180 days.

19 (a-5) EMS personnel who have successfully completed a
20 Department approved course in automated defibrillator
21 operation and who are functioning within a Department approved
22 EMS System may utilize such automated defibrillator according
23 to the standards of performance and conduct prescribed by the

1 Department in rules adopted pursuant to this Act and the
2 requirements of the EMS System in which they practice, as
3 contained in the approved Program Plan for that System.

4 (a-7) An EMT, EMT-I, A-EMT, PHRN, PHAPRN, PHPA, or
5 Paramedic who has successfully completed a Department approved
6 course in the administration of epinephrine shall be required
7 to carry epinephrine with him or her as part of the EMS
8 personnel medical supplies whenever he or she is performing
9 official duties as determined by the EMS System. The
10 epinephrine may be administered from a glass vial,
11 auto-injector, ampule, or pre-filled syringe.

12 (b) An EMR, EMT, EMT-I, A-EMT, PHRN, PHAPRN, PHPA, or
13 Paramedic may practice as an EMR, EMT, EMT-I, A-EMT, or
14 Paramedic or utilize his or her EMR, EMT, EMT-I, A-EMT, PHRN,
15 PHAPRN, PHPA, or Paramedic license in pre-hospital or
16 inter-hospital emergency care settings or non-emergency
17 medical transport situations, under the written or verbal
18 direction of the EMS Medical Director. For purposes of this
19 Section, a "pre-hospital emergency care setting" may include a
20 location, that is not a health care facility, which utilizes
21 EMS personnel to render pre-hospital emergency care prior to
22 the arrival of a transport vehicle. The location shall include
23 communication equipment and all of the portable equipment and
24 drugs appropriate for the EMR, EMT, EMT-I, A-EMT, or
25 Paramedic's level of care, as required by this Act, rules
26 adopted by the Department pursuant to this Act, and the

1 protocols of the EMS Systems, and shall operate only with the
2 approval and under the direction of the EMS Medical Director.

3 This Section shall not prohibit an EMR, EMT, EMT-I, A-EMT,
4 PHRN, PHAPRN, PHPA, or Paramedic from practicing within an
5 emergency department or other health care setting for the
6 purpose of receiving continuing education or training approved
7 by the EMS Medical Director. This Section shall also not
8 prohibit an EMT, EMT-I, A-EMT, PHRN, PHAPRN, PHPA, or
9 Paramedic from seeking credentials other than his or her EMT,
10 EMT-I, A-EMT, PHRN, PHAPRN, PHPA, or Paramedic license and
11 utilizing such credentials to work in emergency departments or
12 other health care settings under the jurisdiction of that
13 employer.

14 (c) An EMT, EMT-I, A-EMT, PHRN, PHAPRN, PHPA, or Paramedic
15 may honor Do Not Resuscitate (DNR) orders and powers of
16 attorney for health care only in accordance with rules adopted
17 by the Department pursuant to this Act and protocols of the EMS
18 System in which he or she practices.

19 (d) A student enrolled in a Department approved EMS
20 personnel program, while fulfilling the clinical training and
21 in-field supervised experience requirements mandated for
22 licensure or approval by the System and the Department, may
23 perform prescribed procedures under the direct supervision of
24 a physician licensed to practice medicine in all of its
25 branches, a qualified registered professional nurse, or
26 qualified EMS personnel, only when authorized by the EMS

1 Medical Director.

2 (e) An EMR, EMT, EMT-I, A-EMT, PHRN, PHAPRN, PHPA, or
3 Paramedic may transport a police dog injured in the line of
4 duty to a veterinary clinic or similar facility if there are no
5 persons requiring medical attention or transport at that time.
6 For the purposes of this subsection, "police dog" means a dog
7 owned or used by a law enforcement department or agency in the
8 course of the department or agency's work, including a search
9 and rescue dog, service dog, accelerant detection canine, or
10 other dog that is in use by a county, municipal, or State law
11 enforcement agency.

12 (f) Nothing in this Act shall be construed to prohibit an
13 EMR, EMT, EMT-I, A-EMT, or Paramedic from completing an
14 initial Occupational Safety and Health Administration
15 Respirator Medical Evaluation Questionnaire on behalf of fire
16 service personnel, as permitted by his or her Region's EMS
17 Medical Directors Committee, Regional EMS Advisory Committee,
18 or local EMS System.

19 (Source: P.A. 99-862, eff. 1-1-17; 100-108, eff. 1-1-18;
20 100-1082, eff. 8-24-19.)