

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 EMT, EMT-I, A-EMT, Paramedic, or PHRN 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 EMS System  
17 Medical Director.

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