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1 AMENDMENT TO HOUSE BILL 5085

2 AMENDMENT NO. _____. Amend House Bill 5085 on page 1,
3 line 5, after "3.35,", by inserting "3.50,"; and

4 on page 7, immediately below line 17, by inserting the
5 following:

6 "(210 ILCS 50/3.50)

7 Sec. 3.50. Emergency Medical Services personnel licensure
8 levels.

9 (a) "Emergency Medical Technician" or "EMT" means a person
10 who has successfully completed a course in basic life support
11 as approved by the Department, is currently licensed by the
12 Department in accordance with standards prescribed by this Act
13 and rules adopted by the Department pursuant to this Act, and
14 practices within an EMS System. A valid Emergency Medical
15 Technician-Basic (EMT-B) license issued under this Act shall
16 continue to be valid and shall be recognized as an Emergency

1 Medical Technician (EMT) license until the Emergency Medical
2 Technician-Basic (EMT-B) license expires.

3 (b) "Emergency Medical Technician-Intermediate" or "EMT-I"
4 means a person who has successfully completed a course in
5 intermediate life support as approved by the Department, is
6 currently licensed by the Department in accordance with
7 standards prescribed by this Act and rules adopted by the
8 Department pursuant to this Act, and practices within an
9 Intermediate or Advanced Life Support EMS System.

10 (b-5) "Advanced Emergency Medical Technician" or "A-EMT"
11 means a person who has successfully completed a course in
12 basic and limited advanced emergency medical care as approved
13 by the Department, is currently licensed by the Department in
14 accordance with standards prescribed by this Act and rules
15 adopted by the Department pursuant to this Act, and practices
16 within an Intermediate or Advanced Life Support EMS System.

17 (c) "Paramedic (EMT-P)" means a person who has
18 successfully completed a course in advanced life support care
19 as approved by the Department, is licensed by the Department
20 in accordance with standards prescribed by this Act and rules
21 adopted by the Department pursuant to this Act, and practices
22 within an Advanced Life Support EMS System. A valid Emergency
23 Medical Technician-Paramedic (EMT-P) license issued under this
24 Act shall continue to be valid and shall be recognized as a
25 Paramedic license until the Emergency Medical
26 Technician-Paramedic (EMT-P) license expires.

1 (c-5) "Emergency Medical Responder" or "EMR (First
2 Responder)" means a person who has successfully completed a
3 course in emergency medical response as approved by the
4 Department and provides emergency medical response services in
5 accordance with the level of care established by the National
6 EMS Educational Standards Emergency Medical Responder course
7 as modified by the Department, or who provides services as
8 part of an EMS System response plan, as approved by the
9 Department, of that EMS System. The Department shall have the
10 authority to adopt rules governing the curriculum, practice,
11 and necessary equipment applicable to Emergency Medical
12 Responders. With respect to testing to obtain licensure as an
13 Emergency Medical Responder, the Department must allow for an
14 EMS Medical Director, at his or her discretion, to use a test
15 approved by the EMS Medical Director and administered by his
16 or her designee, in addition to any other testing options made
17 available in rules adopted by the Department.

18 On August 15, 2014 (the effective date of Public Act
19 98-973), a person who is licensed by the Department as a First
20 Responder and has completed a Department-approved course in
21 first responder defibrillator training based on, or equivalent
22 to, the National EMS Educational Standards or other standards
23 previously recognized by the Department shall be eligible for
24 licensure as an Emergency Medical Responder upon meeting the
25 licensure requirements and submitting an application to the
26 Department. A valid First Responder license issued under this

1 Act shall continue to be valid and shall be recognized as an
2 Emergency Medical Responder license until the First Responder
3 license expires.

4 (c-10) All EMS Systems and licensees shall be fully
5 compliant with the National EMS Education Standards, as
6 modified by the Department in administrative rules, within 24
7 months after the adoption of the administrative rules.

8 (d) The Department shall have the authority and
9 responsibility to:

10 (1) Prescribe education and training requirements,
11 which includes training in the use of epinephrine, for all
12 levels of EMS personnel except for EMRs, based on the
13 National EMS Educational Standards and any modifications
14 to those curricula specified by the Department through
15 rules adopted pursuant to this Act.

16 (2) Prescribe licensure testing requirements for all
17 levels of EMS personnel, which shall include a requirement
18 that all phases of instruction, training, and field
19 experience be completed before taking the appropriate
20 licensure examination. Candidates may elect to take the
21 appropriate National Registry examination in lieu of the
22 Department's examination, but are responsible for making
23 their own arrangements for taking the National Registry
24 examination. In prescribing licensure testing requirements
25 for honorably discharged members of the armed forces of
26 the United States under this paragraph (2), the Department

1 shall ensure that a candidate's military emergency medical
2 training, emergency medical curriculum completed, and
3 clinical experience, as described in paragraph (2.5), are
4 recognized.

5 (2.5) Review applications for EMS personnel licensure
6 from honorably discharged members of the armed forces of
7 the United States with military emergency medical
8 training. Applications shall be filed with the Department
9 within one year after military discharge and shall
10 contain: (i) proof of successful completion of military
11 emergency medical training; (ii) a detailed description of
12 the emergency medical curriculum completed; and (iii) a
13 detailed description of the applicant's clinical
14 experience. The Department may request additional and
15 clarifying information. The Department shall evaluate the
16 application, including the applicant's training and
17 experience, consistent with the standards set forth under
18 subsections (a), (b), (c), and (d) of Section 3.10. If the
19 application clearly demonstrates that the training and
20 experience meet such standards, the Department shall offer
21 the applicant the opportunity to successfully complete a
22 Department-approved EMS personnel examination for the
23 level of license for which the applicant is qualified.
24 Upon passage of an examination, the Department shall issue
25 a license, which shall be subject to all provisions of
26 this Act that are otherwise applicable to the level of EMS

1 personnel license issued.

2 (3) License individuals as an EMR, EMT, EMT-I, A-EMT,
3 or Paramedic who have met the Department's education,
4 training and examination requirements.

5 (4) Prescribe annual continuing education and
6 relicensure requirements for all EMS personnel licensure
7 levels.

8 (5) Relicense individuals as an EMD, EMR, EMT, EMT-I,
9 A-EMT, PHRN, PHAPRN, PHPA, or Paramedic every 4 years,
10 based on their compliance with continuing education and
11 relicensure requirements as required by the Department
12 pursuant to this Act. Every 4 years, a Paramedic shall
13 have 100 hours of approved continuing education, an EMT-I
14 and an advanced EMT shall have 80 hours of approved
15 continuing education, and an EMT shall have 60 hours of
16 approved continuing education. An Illinois licensed EMR,
17 EMD, EMT, EMT-I, A-EMT, Paramedic, ECRN, PHPA, PHAPRN, or
18 PHRN whose license has been expired for less than 36
19 months may apply for reinstatement by the Department.
20 Reinstatement shall require that the applicant (i) submit
21 satisfactory proof of completion of continuing medical
22 education and clinical requirements to be prescribed by
23 the Department in an administrative rule; (ii) submit a
24 positive recommendation from an Illinois EMS Medical
25 Director attesting to the applicant's qualifications for
26 retesting; and (iii) pass a Department approved test for

1 the level of EMS personnel license sought to be
2 reinstated.

3 (6) Grant inactive status to any EMR, EMD, EMT, EMT-I,
4 A-EMT, Paramedic, ECRN, PHAPRN, PHPA, or PHRN who
5 qualifies, based on standards and procedures established
6 by the Department in rules adopted pursuant to this Act.

7 (7) Charge a fee for EMS personnel examination,
8 licensure, and license renewal.

9 (8) Suspend, revoke, or refuse to issue or renew the
10 license of any licensee, after an opportunity for an
11 impartial hearing before a neutral administrative law
12 judge appointed by the Director, where the preponderance
13 of the evidence shows one or more of the following:

14 (A) The licensee has not met continuing education
15 or relicensure requirements as prescribed by the
16 Department;

17 (B) The licensee has failed to maintain
18 proficiency in the level of skills for which he or she
19 is licensed;

20 (C) The licensee, during the provision of medical
21 services, engaged in dishonorable, unethical, or
22 unprofessional conduct of a character likely to
23 deceive, defraud, or harm the public;

24 (D) The licensee has failed to maintain or has
25 violated standards of performance and conduct as
26 prescribed by the Department in rules adopted pursuant

1 to this Act or his or her EMS System's Program Plan;

2 (E) The licensee is physically impaired to the
3 extent that he or she cannot physically perform the
4 skills and functions for which he or she is licensed,
5 as verified by a physician, unless the person is on
6 inactive status pursuant to Department regulations;

7 (F) The licensee is mentally impaired to the
8 extent that he or she cannot exercise the appropriate
9 judgment, skill and safety for performing the
10 functions for which he or she is licensed, as verified
11 by a physician, unless the person is on inactive
12 status pursuant to Department regulations;

13 (G) The licensee has violated this Act or any rule
14 adopted by the Department pursuant to this Act; or

15 (H) The licensee has been convicted (or entered a
16 plea of guilty or nolo contendere) by a court of
17 competent jurisdiction of a Class X, Class 1, or Class
18 2 felony in this State or an out-of-state equivalent
19 offense.

20 (9) Prescribe education and training requirements in
21 the administration and use of opioid antagonists for all
22 levels of EMS personnel based on the National EMS
23 Educational Standards and any modifications to those
24 curricula specified by the Department through rules
25 adopted pursuant to this Act.

26 (d-5) An EMR, EMD, EMT, EMT-I, A-EMT, Paramedic, ECRN,

1 PHAPRN, PHPA, or PHRN who is a member of the Illinois National
2 Guard or an Illinois State Trooper or who exclusively serves
3 as a volunteer for units of local government with a population
4 base of less than 5,000 or as a volunteer for a not-for-profit
5 organization that serves a service area with a population base
6 of less than 5,000 may submit an application to the Department
7 for a waiver of the fees described under paragraph (7) of
8 subsection (d) of this Section on a form prescribed by the
9 Department.

10 The education requirements prescribed by the Department
11 under this Section must allow for the suspension of those
12 requirements in the case of a member of the armed services or
13 reserve forces of the United States or a member of the Illinois
14 National Guard who is on active duty pursuant to an executive
15 order of the President of the United States, an act of the
16 Congress of the United States, or an order of the Governor at
17 the time that the member would otherwise be required to
18 fulfill a particular education requirement. Such a person must
19 fulfill the education requirement within 6 months after his or
20 her release from active duty.

21 (e) In the event that any rule of the Department or an EMS
22 Medical Director that requires testing for drug use as a
23 condition of the applicable EMS personnel license conflicts
24 with or duplicates a provision of a collective bargaining
25 agreement that requires testing for drug use, that rule shall
26 not apply to any person covered by the collective bargaining

1 agreement.

2 (f) At the time of applying for or renewing his or her
3 license, an applicant for a license or license renewal may
4 submit an email address to the Department. The Department
5 shall keep the email address on file as a form of contact for
6 the individual. The Department shall send license renewal
7 notices electronically and by mail to a licensee who provides
8 the Department with his or her email address. The notices
9 shall be sent at least 60 days prior to the expiration date of
10 the license.

11 (Source: P.A. 101-81, eff. 7-12-19; 101-153, eff. 1-1-20;
12 102-558, eff. 8-20-21; 102-623, eff. 8-27-21.)".