

SB2231



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Introduced 2/15/2011, by Sen. Michael W. Frerichs

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

210 ILCS 50/3.60

Amends the Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Systems Act. Provides that a First Responder must be 16 years of age or older. Effective immediately.

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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 Act
5 is amended by changing Section 3.60 as follows:

6 (210 ILCS 50/3.60)

7 Sec. 3.60. First Responder.

8 (a) "First Responder" means a person who has successfully
9 completed a course of instruction in emergency first response
10 as prescribed by the Department, who provides first response
11 services prior to the arrival of an ambulance or specialized
12 emergency medical services vehicle, in accordance with the
13 level of care established in the emergency first response
14 course. A First Responder who provides such services as part of
15 an EMS System response plan which utilizes First Responders as
16 the personnel dispatched to the scene of an emergency to
17 provide initial emergency medical care shall comply with the
18 applicable sections of the Program Plan of that EMS System. A
19 First Responder must be 16 years of age or older.

20 Persons who have already completed a course of instruction
21 in emergency first response based on or equivalent to the
22 national curriculum of the United States Department of
23 Transportation, or as otherwise previously recognized by the

1 Department, shall be considered First Responders on the
2 effective date of this amendatory Act of 1995.

3 (b) The Department shall have the authority and
4 responsibility to:

5 (1) Prescribe education requirements for the First
6 Responder, which meet or exceed the national curriculum of
7 the United States Department of Transportation, through
8 rules adopted pursuant to this Act.

9 (2) Prescribe a standard set of equipment for use
10 during first response services. An individual First
11 Responder shall not be required to maintain his or her own
12 set of such equipment, provided he or she has access to
13 such equipment during a first response call.

14 (3) Require the First Responder to notify the
15 Department of any EMS System in which he or she
16 participates as dispatched personnel as described in
17 subsection (a).

18 (4) Require the First Responder to comply with the
19 applicable sections of the Program Plans for those Systems.

20 (5) Require the First Responder to keep the Department
21 currently informed as to who employs him or her and who
22 supervises his or her activities as a First Responder.

23 (6) Establish a mechanism for phasing in the First
24 Responder requirements over a 5-year period.

25 (7) Charge each First Responder applicant a fee for
26 testing, initial licensure, and license renewal. A First

1 Responder who exclusively serves as a volunteer for units
2 of local government or a not-for-profit organization that
3 serves a service area with a population base of less than
4 5,000 may submit an application to the Department for a
5 waiver of these fees on a form prescribed by the
6 Department.

7 (Source: P.A. 96-1469, eff. 1-1-11.)

8 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
9 becoming law.