- 1 AMENDMENT TO HOUSE BILL 279
- 2 AMENDMENT NO. \_\_\_\_. Amend House Bill 279, AS AMENDED, by
- 3 replacing everything after the enacting clause with the
- 4 following:
- 5 "Section 90. The Emergency Medical Services (EMS)
- 6 Systems Act is amended by changing Section 3.70 as follows:
- 7 (210 ILCS 50/3.70)
- 8 Sec. 3.70. Emergency Medical Dispatcher.
- 9 (a) "Emergency Medical Dispatcher" means a person who
- 10 has successfully completed a dispatching course meeting or
- 11 exceeding the national curriculum of the United States
- 12 Department of Transportation in accordance with rules adopted
- 13 by the Department pursuant to this Act, who accepts calls
- 14 from the public for emergency medical services and dispatches
- designated emergency medical services personnel and vehicles.
- 16 The Emergency Medical Dispatcher may or may not provide
- 17 prearrival medical instructions to the caller, at the
- 18 discretion of the entity or agency that employs him. Such
- 19 instructions shall be provided in accordance with protocols
- 20 established by the EMS Medical Director of the EMS System in
- 21 which the dispatcher operates. If the dispatcher operates
- 22 under the authority of an Emergency Telephone System Board

- 1 established under the Emergency Telephone System Act, the
- 2 protocols shall be established by such Board in consultation
- 3 with the EMS Medical Director. Persons who have already
- 4 completed a course of instruction in emergency medical
- 5 dispatch based on, equivalent to or exceeding the national
- 6 curriculum of the United States Department of Transportation,
- 7 or as otherwise approved by the Department, shall be
- 8 considered Emergency Medical Dispatchers on the effective
- 9 date of this amendatory Act.
- 10 (b) The Department shall have the authority and
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- (1) Prescribe education <u>and continuing education</u> requirements for the Emergency Medical Dispatcher, which meet or exceed the national curriculum of the United States Department of Transportation, through rules adopted pursuant to this Act;
  - (2) Require the Emergency Medical Dispatcher to notify the Department of the EMS System(s) in which he operates;
  - (3) Require the Emergency Medical Dispatcher who provides prearrival instructions to callers to comply with the protocols for such instructions established by the EMS Medical Director(s) and Emergency Telephone System Board or Boards, or in the absence of an Emergency Telephone System Board or Boards the governmental agency performing the duties of an Emergency Telephone System Board or Boards, of the EMS System or Systems in which he operates;
  - (4) Require the Emergency Medical Dispatcher to keep the Department currently informed as to the entity or agency that employs or supervises his activities as an Emergency Medical Dispatcher;
- (5) (Blank) Establish--a--mechanism-for-phasing-in the-Emergency--Medical--Dispatcher--requirements--over--a

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3	requirement	t for E	mergency	Medical	Dispatchers	that
4	<u>requires a</u>	at least	12 hours	of continu	uing education	each
5	year; and					

(6) Establish criteria for modifying or waiving Emergency Medical Dispatcher requirements based on (i) the scope and frequency of dispatch activities and the dispatcher's access to training or (ii) whether the previously-attended dispatcher training program merits automatic recertification for the dispatcher.

12 (Source: P.A. 89-177, eff. 7-19-95.)".