

SENATE BILL 515

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EMERGENCY BILL

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By: **Senator Young**

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Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **State Emergency Medical Services Board – Park Services Associates –**
3 **Certification as Emergency Medical Responders**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring the State Emergency Medical Services Board to credit certain
5 training and education completed by a certain park services associate toward
6 certification as an emergency medical responder; prohibiting the EMS Board from
7 charging certain fees to any individual who is a certain park services associate;
8 providing for the issuance of temporary certification as an emergency medical
9 responder to certain park services associates and a process for issuing permanent
10 certification to certain park services associates under certain circumstances; and
11 generally relating to park services associates and certification as emergency medical
12 responders.

13 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
14 Article – Education
15 Section 13–516(a)(1) and (5)
16 Annotated Code of Maryland
17 (2018 Replacement Volume and 2021 Supplement)

18 BY adding to
19 Article – Education
20 Section 13–516(b–2)
21 Annotated Code of Maryland
22 (2018 Replacement Volume and 2021 Supplement)

23 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
24 Article – Education
25 Section 13–516(c)
26 Annotated Code of Maryland
27 (2018 Replacement Volume and 2021 Supplement)

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
2 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

3 **Article – Education**

4 13–516.

5 (a) (1) In this section the following words have the meanings indicated.

6 (5) “Emergency medical responder” means an individual who has:

7 (i) Completed an emergency medical responder course approved by
8 the EMS Board, or its equivalent as determined by the EMS Board;

9 (ii) Demonstrated competence in medical protocols as determined by
10 the EMS Board;

11 (iii) Been examined by the EMS Board or by a basic life support
12 education program approved by the EMS Board; and

13 (iv) Been certified as an emergency medical responder by the EMS
14 Board.

15 **(B–2) THE EMS BOARD SHALL CREDIT ANY TRAINING AND EDUCATION**
16 **COMPLETED BY A PARK SERVICES ASSOCIATE EMPLOYED BY THE PARK SERVICE**
17 **WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES TOWARD ANY TRAINING OR**
18 **EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS FOR CERTIFICATION AS AN EMERGENCY MEDICAL**
19 **RESPONDER BY THE EMS BOARD IF THE TRAINING OR EDUCATION IS DETERMINED**
20 **BY THE EMS BOARD TO BE:**

21 **(1) SUBSTANTIALLY EQUIVALENT TO THE TRAINING OR EDUCATION**
22 **REQUIRED BY THE EMS BOARD; AND**

23 **(2) NOT OTHERWISE CONTRARY TO ANY OTHER LICENSING**
24 **REQUIREMENT.**

25 (c) (1) To apply for a license or certificate, an individual shall:

26 (i) Submit an application on the form that the EMS Board requires;
27 and

28 (ii) Pay to the EMS Board any application fee set by the EMS Board
29 under subsection (m) of this section.

1 (2) **(I)** The EMS Board may not charge a licensing, certifying, testing,
2 or retesting fee to any individual who is a member or employee of any governmental or
3 volunteer fire, rescue, or emergency medical services company at the date of application.

4 **(II) THE EMS BOARD MAY NOT CHARGE A LICENSING,
5 CERTIFYING, TESTING, OR RETESTING FEE FOR CERTIFICATION AS AN EMERGENCY
6 MEDICAL RESPONDER TO ANY INDIVIDUAL WHO IS A PARK SERVICES ASSOCIATE
7 EMPLOYED BY THE PARK SERVICE WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL
8 RESOURCES AT THE DATE OF APPLICATION.**

9 (3) The EMS Board shall provide for the term and renewal of licenses or
10 certificates issued under this section.

11 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That:

12 (a) (1) Beginning on the effective date of this Act, each State employee
13 classified as a park services associate in the Park Service within the Department of Natural
14 Resources who submits proof to the State Emergency Medical Services Board of completing
15 training or education that is equivalent to the training or education required for
16 certification as an emergency medical responder shall be deemed to have a temporary
17 certification as an emergency medical responder.

18 (2) The Department may not charge a fee or require the passage of an
19 examination for the temporary certification of a park services associate who meets the
20 requirements under paragraph (1) of this subsection.

21 (3) Temporary certification under paragraph (1) of this subsection expires
22 on December 31, 2024.

23 (4) To receive certification as an emergency medical responder after
24 temporary certification expires under paragraph (3) of this subsection, an individual shall
25 apply for certification under § 13–516 of the Education Article.

26 (b) (1) On or before July 1, 2023, the State Emergency Medical Services Board
27 shall complete a review of the training records for all park services associates in the Park
28 Service to identify those individuals whose training meets the training requirements for
29 certification as an emergency medical responder under § 13–516 of the Education Article.

30 (2) On or before July 1, 2024, the EMS Board shall offer at least twice to
31 each individual identified under paragraph (1) of this subsection:

32 (i) the examination for certification as an emergency medical
33 responder administered by the EMS Board; and

34 (ii) information regarding any other requirements the individual is
35 required to meet in order to become a certified emergency medical responder.

1 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act is an emergency
2 measure, is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health or safety, has
3 been passed by a yea and nay vote supported by three-fifths of all the members elected to
4 each of the two Houses of the General Assembly, and shall take effect from the date it is
5 enacted.