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Introduction and first reading
Referred to Health and Human Services Finance and Policy

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to health; modifying training requirements for EMT, AEMT, and paramedic
1.3 certification renewal; amending Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 144E.28,
1.4 subdivision 7.

1.5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 144E.28, subdivision 7, is amended to read:

1.7 Subd. 7. **Renewal.** (a) Before the expiration date of certification, an applicant for renewal
1.8 of certification as an EMT shall:

1.9 (1) successfully complete a course in cardiopulmonary resuscitation that is approved by
1.10 the board or the licensee's medical director;

1.11 (2) take the United States Department of Transportation EMT refresher course and
1.12 successfully pass the practical skills test portion of the course, or successfully complete 48
1.13 hours of continuing education in EMT programs that are consistent with the United States
1.14 Department of Transportation National EMS Education Standards or its equivalent as
1.15 approved by the board or as approved by the licensee's medical director and pass a practical
1.16 skills test approved by the board and administered by an education program approved by
1.17 the board. The cardiopulmonary resuscitation course and practical skills test may be included
1.18 as part of the refresher course or continuing education renewal requirements; ~~and~~

1.19 (3) complete at least four hours of training on mental illnesses, de-escalation, and suicide
1.20 prevention that is approved by the board or the licensee's medical director; and

1.21 ~~(3)~~ (4) complete a board-approved application form.

2.1 (b) Before the expiration date of certification, an applicant for renewal of certification
2.2 as an AEMT or paramedic shall:

2.3 (1) for an AEMT, successfully complete a course in cardiopulmonary resuscitation that
2.4 is approved by the board or the licensee's medical director and for a paramedic, successfully
2.5 complete a course in advanced cardiac life support that is approved by the board or the
2.6 licensee's medical director;

2.7 (2) successfully complete 48 hours of continuing education in emergency medical training
2.8 programs, appropriate to the level of the applicant's AEMT or paramedic certification, that
2.9 are consistent with the United States Department of Transportation National EMS Education
2.10 Standards or its equivalent as approved by the board or as approved by the licensee's medical
2.11 director. An applicant may take the United States Department of Transportation Emergency
2.12 Medical Technician refresher course or its equivalent without the written or practical test
2.13 as approved by the board, and as appropriate to the applicant's level of certification, as part
2.14 of the 48 hours of continuing education. Each hour of the refresher course, the
2.15 cardiopulmonary resuscitation course, and the advanced cardiac life-support course counts
2.16 toward the 48-hour continuing education requirement; ~~and~~

2.17 (3) complete at least four hours of training on mental illnesses, de-escalation, and suicide
2.18 prevention that is approved by the board or the licensee's medical director; and

2.19 ~~(3)~~ (4) complete a board-approved application form.

2.20 (c) Certification shall be renewed every two years.

2.21 (d) If the applicant does not meet the renewal requirements under this subdivision, the
2.22 applicant's certification expires.