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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON VETERANS AFFAIRS AND EMERGENCY
PREPAREDNESS, JANUARY 14, 2025

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 35 (Health and Safety) of the Pennsylvania
2 Consolidated Statutes, in emergency medical services system,
3 further providing for emergency medical responders, for
4 emergency medical technicians, for emergency medical services
5 vehicle operators and for advanced life support ambulances.

6 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
7 hereby enacts as follows:

8 Section 1. Sections 8114(c), 8115(c)(2), 8122(a)(6) and (8)
9 and (b)(1)(iv), (3) and (4) and 8130(b) of Title 35 of the
10 Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes are amended to read:

11 § 8114. Emergency medical responders.

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13 (c) Triennial registration.--An EMR's certification is
14 deemed registered for three years after issuance. An EMR must
15 register the EMR certification at three-year intervals by
16 completing an application for triennial registration on a form
17 or through an electronic process, as prescribed by the
18 department. The following shall apply:

1 (1) The department shall issue a triennial registration
2 of an EMR certification to an EMR who meets all of the
3 following:

4 (i) Has a current registration and applies for a new
5 registration no later than:

6 (A) 30 days before the current registration is
7 to expire; or

8 (B) a lesser time established by regulation of
9 the department.

10 (ii) Successfully:

11 (A) completes EMR triennial registration
12 practical skills and written knowledge examinations
13 approved by the department; or

14 (B) secures continuing education credits for EMR
15 triennial registration as required by the department
16 in continuing education programs approved by the
17 department.

18 (2) An EMR whose registration of an EMR certification
19 has [expired must qualify for a triennial registration of the
20 certification as prescribed by regulation of the department.]
21 been expired for six years or less may be recertified if the
22 following criteria are met:

23 (i) The EMR tests for competency or completes 16
24 hours of continuing education credits as determined by
25 the department.

26 (ii) The EMR obtains a valid certificate evidencing
27 successful completion of a CPR course acceptable to the
28 department.

29 (3) The department shall certify an EMR who meets the
30 criteria under paragraph (2).

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2 § 8115. Emergency medical technicians.

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4 (c) Triennial registration.--An EMT's certification is
5 deemed registered for three years after issuance. An EMT must
6 register the EMT certification at three-year intervals by
7 completing an application for triennial registration on a form
8 or through an electronic process, as prescribed by the
9 department. The following shall apply:

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11 (2) An EMT whose registration of an EMT certification
12 has [expired must qualify for a triennial registration of the
13 certification as prescribed by regulation of the department.]
14 been expired for six years or less may be recertified if the
15 following criteria are met:

16 (i) The EMT tests for competency or completes 24
17 hours of continuing education credits as determined by
18 the department.

19 (ii) The EMT obtains a valid certificate evidencing
20 successful completion of a CPR course acceptable to the
21 department.

22 § 8122. Emergency medical services vehicle operators.

23 (a) Certification.--An EMS vehicle operator certification
24 shall be permanent, subject to disciplinary action under this
25 section. The department shall certify as an EMS vehicle operator
26 a person who meets all of the following:

27 * * *

28 (6) Has successfully completed an emergency vehicle
29 operator's course of instruction in person and on site, or by
30 digital format, with a trainer approved by the department.

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2 (8) Has successfully completed an emergency vehicle
3 operator's course of instruction in person and on site, or by
4 digital format, with a trainer approved by the department
5 following a disqualification from certification under
6 paragraph (7), regardless of whether the person successfully
7 completed the course previously.

8 (b) Registration.--An EMS vehicle operator, other than an
9 EMS vehicle operator who operates a vehicle exclusively for a
10 QRS, shall register the EMS vehicle operator's certification. An
11 EMS vehicle operator who operates an EMS vehicle exclusively for
12 a QRS shall have no registration requirements. Except as
13 otherwise provided in this subsection, an EMS vehicle operator's
14 certification shall be deemed registered for three years after
15 issuance. An EMS vehicle operator may not operate a ground EMS
16 vehicle unless the certification is currently registered. The
17 following shall apply:

18 (1) The department shall issue a registration of an EMS
19 vehicle operator's certification to an EMS vehicle operator
20 who meets all of the following:

21 * * *

22 [(iv) Successfully completes continuing education
23 credits for EMS vehicle operators as required by the
24 department in continuing education programs approved by
25 the department.]

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27 [(3) If an EMS provider's certification is subject to a
28 biennial registration cycle, the continuing education
29 requirements for the registration of the EMS vehicle
30 operator's certification following the initial registration

1 of the certification shall be prorated based upon the month
2 in which the EMS provider became certified, with any
3 fractional requirement rounded down.

4 (4) An EMS vehicle operator whose registration of an EMS
5 vehicle operator's certification has expired shall qualify
6 for a biennial registration of the certification as
7 prescribed by regulation of the department.]

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9 § 8130. Advanced life support ambulances.

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11 (b) Staffing requirements.--

12 (1) Except as otherwise provided in this section,
13 minimum staffing requirements for an ALS ambulance when
14 responding to a call to provide EMS for a patient requiring
15 EMS above the skill level of an advanced EMT is one EMS
16 provider at or above the EMT level[,] and one EMS provider
17 above the advanced EMT level. [and one EMS vehicle operator.
18 Only the two EMS providers need to respond if one of them is
19 also the EMS vehicle operator.] When present, an EMS provider
20 qualified to provide the type and level of EMS required by
21 the patient must attend to the patient at the scene and
22 during transportation. If a member of the ambulance crew
23 arrives at the scene before another crew member, that person
24 shall begin providing EMS to the patient at that person's
25 skill level.

26 (2) Minimum staffing requirements for an ALS ambulance
27 is the same as for a BLS ambulance when the ALS ambulance
28 responds to a call to provide EMS for a patient requiring EMS
29 at or below the skill level of an advanced EMT.

30 (3) When necessary and due to limited availability of

1 EMS resources, such as staffing during a 911 emergency call,
2 the ALS staffing requirement under this subsection may be one
3 EMS provider at or above the advanced EMT level and one EMS
4 vehicle operator. The department shall provide guidance for
5 the provision of patient care under this paragraph.

6 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.