

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 3.55 as follows:

6 (210 ILCS 50/3.55)

7 Sec. 3.55. Scope of practice.

8 (a) Any person currently licensed as an EMT-B, EMT-I, or
9 EMT-P may perform emergency and non-emergency medical services
10 as defined in this Act, in accordance with his or her level of
11 education, training and licensure, the standards of
12 performance and conduct prescribed by the Department in rules
13 adopted pursuant to this Act, and the requirements of the EMS
14 System in which he or she practices, as contained in the
15 approved Program Plan for that System. A currently licensed EMT
16 may perform emergency and non-emergency medical services in
17 accordance with his or her level of education, training, and
18 licensure, regardless of the level (BLS, ILS, or ALS) of the
19 ambulance to which he or she is assigned when performing those
20 services.

21 (a-5) A person currently approved as a First Responder or
22 licensed as an EMT-B, EMT-I, or EMT-P who has successfully
23 completed a Department approved course in automated

1 defibrillator operation and who is functioning within a
2 Department approved EMS System may utilize such automated
3 defibrillator according to the standards of performance and
4 conduct prescribed by the Department in rules adopted pursuant
5 to this Act and the requirements of the EMS System in which he
6 or she practices, as contained in the approved Program Plan for
7 that System.

8 (a-7) A person currently licensed as an EMT-B, EMT-I, or
9 EMT-P who has successfully completed a Department approved
10 course in the administration of epinephrine, shall be required
11 to carry epinephrine with him or her as part of the EMT medical
12 supplies whenever he or she is performing the duties of an
13 emergency medical technician.

14 (b) A person currently licensed as an EMT-B, EMT-I, or
15 EMT-P may only practice as an EMT or utilize his or her EMT
16 license in pre-hospital or inter-hospital emergency care
17 settings or non-emergency medical transport situations, under
18 the written or verbal direction of the EMS Medical Director.
19 For purposes of this Section, a "pre-hospital emergency care
20 setting" may include a location, that is not a health care
21 facility, which utilizes EMTs to render pre-hospital emergency
22 care prior to the arrival of a transport vehicle. The location
23 shall include communication equipment and all of the portable
24 equipment and drugs appropriate for the EMT's level of care, as
25 required by this Act, rules adopted by the Department pursuant
26 to this Act, and the protocols of the EMS Systems, and shall

1 operate only with the approval and under the direction of the
2 EMS Medical Director.

3 This Section shall not prohibit an EMT-B, EMT-I, or EMT-P
4 from practicing within an emergency department or other health
5 care setting for the purpose of receiving continuing education
6 or training approved by the EMS Medical Director. This Section
7 shall also not prohibit an EMT-B, EMT-I, or EMT-P from seeking
8 credentials other than his or her EMT license and utilizing
9 such credentials to work in emergency departments or other
10 health care settings under the jurisdiction of that employer.

11 (c) A person currently licensed as an EMT-B, EMT-I, or
12 EMT-P may honor Do Not Resuscitate (DNR) orders and powers of
13 attorney for health care only in accordance with rules adopted
14 by the Department pursuant to this Act and protocols of the EMS
15 System in which he or she practices.

16 (d) A student enrolled in a Department approved emergency
17 medical technician program, while fulfilling the clinical
18 training and in-field supervised experience requirements
19 mandated for licensure or approval by the System and the
20 Department, may perform prescribed procedures under the direct
21 supervision of a physician licensed to practice medicine in all
22 of its branches, a qualified registered professional nurse or a
23 qualified EMT, only when authorized by the EMS Medical
24 Director.

25 (Source: P.A. 92-376, eff. 8-15-01.)