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1 AMENDMENT TO SENATE BILL 711

2 AMENDMENT NO. _____. Amend Senate Bill 711 by replacing
3 everything after the enacting clause with the following:

4 "Section 5. The Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Systems
5 Act is amended by changing Sections 3.5, 3.50, 3.55, and 3.65
6 and by adding Section 3.260 as follows:

7 (210 ILCS 50/3.5)

8 Sec. 3.5. Definitions. As used in this Act:

9 "Clinical observation" means the ongoing observation of a
10 patient's medical or mental health condition by a licensed
11 health care professional utilizing a medical skill set while
12 continuing assessment and care.

13 "Department" means the Illinois Department of Public
14 Health.

15 "Director" means the Director of the Illinois Department
16 of Public Health.

1 "Emergency" means a medical condition of recent onset and
2 severity that would lead a prudent layperson, possessing an
3 average knowledge of medicine and health, to believe that
4 urgent or unscheduled medical care is required.

5 "Emergency Medical Services personnel" or "EMS personnel"
6 means persons licensed as an Emergency Medical Responder (EMR)
7 (First Responder), Emergency Medical Dispatcher (EMD),
8 Emergency Medical Technician (EMT), Emergency Medical
9 Technician-Intermediate (EMT-I), Advanced Emergency Medical
10 Technician (A-EMT), Paramedic (EMT-P), Emergency
11 Communications Registered Nurse (ECRN), Pre-Hospital
12 Registered Nurse (PHRN), Pre-Hospital Advanced Practice
13 Registered Nurse (PHAPRN), or Pre-Hospital Physician Assistant
14 (PHPA).

15 "Exclusive representative" has the same meaning as defined
16 in Section 3 of the Illinois Public Labor Relations Act.

17 "Health care facility" means a hospital, nursing home,
18 physician's office or other fixed location at which medical
19 and health care services are performed. It does not include
20 "pre-hospital emergency care settings" which utilize EMS
21 personnel to render pre-hospital emergency care prior to the
22 arrival of a transport vehicle, as defined in this Act.

23 "Hospital" has the meaning ascribed to that term in the
24 Hospital Licensing Act.

25 "Labor organization" has the same meaning as defined in
26 Section 3 of the Illinois Public Labor Relations Act.

1 "Medical monitoring" means the performance of medical
2 tests and physical exams to evaluate an individual's ongoing
3 exposure to a factor that could negatively impact that
4 person's health. "Medical monitoring" includes close
5 surveillance or supervision of patients liable to suffer
6 deterioration in physical or mental health and checks of
7 various parameters such as pulse rate, temperature,
8 respiration rate, the condition of the pupils, the level of
9 consciousness and awareness, the degree of appreciation of
10 pain, and blood gas concentrations such as oxygen and carbon
11 dioxide.

12 "NREMT" means the National Registry of Emergency Medical
13 Technicians.

14 "Silver spanner program" means a program in which a member
15 under a fire department's or fire protection district's
16 collective bargaining agreement works on or at the EMS System
17 under another fire department's or fire protection district's
18 collective bargaining agreement and (i) the other fire
19 department or fire protection district is not the member's
20 full-time employer and (ii) any EMS services not included
21 under the original fire department's or fire protection
22 district's collective bargaining agreement are included in the
23 other fire department's or fire protection district's
24 collective bargaining agreement.

25 "Trauma" means any significant injury which involves
26 single or multiple organ systems.

1 (Source: P.A. 103-521, eff. 1-1-24; 103-689, eff. 1-1-25.)

2 (210 ILCS 50/3.50)

3 Sec. 3.50. Emergency Medical Services personnel licensure
4 levels.

5 (a) "Emergency Medical Technician" or "EMT" means a person
6 who has successfully completed a course in basic life support
7 as approved by the Department, is currently licensed by the
8 Department in accordance with standards prescribed by this Act
9 and rules adopted by the Department pursuant to this Act, and
10 practices within an EMS System. A valid Emergency Medical
11 Technician-Basic (EMT-B) license issued under this Act shall
12 continue to be valid and shall be recognized as an Emergency
13 Medical Technician (EMT) license until the Emergency Medical
14 Technician-Basic (EMT-B) license expires.

15 (b) "Emergency Medical Technician-Intermediate" or "EMT-I"
16 means a person who has successfully completed a course in
17 intermediate life support as approved by the Department, is
18 currently licensed by the Department in accordance with
19 standards prescribed by this Act and rules adopted by the
20 Department pursuant to this Act, and practices within an
21 Intermediate or Advanced Life Support EMS System.

22 (b-5) "Advanced Emergency Medical Technician" or "A-EMT"
23 means a person who has successfully completed a course in
24 basic and limited advanced emergency medical care as approved
25 by the Department, is currently licensed by the Department in

1 accordance with standards prescribed by this Act and rules
2 adopted by the Department pursuant to this Act, and practices
3 within an Intermediate or Advanced Life Support EMS System.

4 (c) "Paramedic (EMT-P)" means a person who has
5 successfully completed a course in advanced life support care
6 as approved by the Department, is licensed by the Department
7 in accordance with standards prescribed by this Act and rules
8 adopted by the Department pursuant to this Act, and practices
9 within an Advanced Life Support EMS System. A valid Emergency
10 Medical Technician-Paramedic (EMT-P) license issued under this
11 Act shall continue to be valid and shall be recognized as a
12 Paramedic license until the Emergency Medical
13 Technician-Paramedic (EMT-P) license expires.

14 (c-5) "Emergency Medical Responder" or "EMR (First
15 Responder)" means a person who has successfully completed a
16 course in emergency medical response as approved by the
17 Department and provides emergency medical response services in
18 accordance with the level of care established by the National
19 EMS Educational Standards Emergency Medical Responder course
20 as modified by the Department, or who provides services as
21 part of an EMS System response plan, as approved by the
22 Department, of that EMS System. The Department shall have the
23 authority to adopt rules governing the curriculum, practice,
24 and necessary equipment applicable to Emergency Medical
25 Responders.

26 On August 15, 2014 (the effective date of Public Act

1 98-973), a person who is licensed by the Department as a First
2 Responder and has completed a Department-approved course in
3 first responder defibrillator training based on, or equivalent
4 to, the National EMS Educational Standards or other standards
5 previously recognized by the Department shall be eligible for
6 licensure as an Emergency Medical Responder upon meeting the
7 licensure requirements and submitting an application to the
8 Department. A valid First Responder license issued under this
9 Act shall continue to be valid and shall be recognized as an
10 Emergency Medical Responder license until the First Responder
11 license expires.

12 (c-10) All EMS Systems and licensees shall be fully
13 compliant with the National EMS Education Standards, as
14 modified by the Department in administrative rules, within 24
15 months after the adoption of the administrative rules.

16 (d) The Department shall have the authority and
17 responsibility to:

18 (1) Prescribe education and training requirements,
19 which includes training in the use of epinephrine, for all
20 levels of EMS personnel except for EMRs, based on the
21 National EMS Educational Standards and any modifications
22 to those curricula specified by the Department through
23 rules adopted pursuant to this Act.

24 (A) A failure rate per course of 30% or greater at
25 the first attempt on the licensure examination shall
26 require the EMS System to submit a quality improvement

1 plan to the Department. The EMS System shall share
2 failure rates with the EMS Lead Instructor quarterly.
3 Neither the EMS System nor the Department may take
4 licensure action against an EMS Lead Instructor based
5 solely on first-attempt pass rates.

6 (B) Candidates shall complete the licensure
7 examination within the timeline required by the NREMT.

8 (C) An accredited Paramedic program shall be
9 conducted only by an EMS System or an academic
10 institution whose curriculum has been approved by the
11 EMS System. An EMS System associate hospital may allow
12 students from an EMS System-approved and
13 Department-approved Paramedic course to complete
14 clinical rotations as approved by the EMS System
15 Medical Director. The approval by the EMS System
16 Medical Director may not be unreasonably denied.

17 (2) Prescribe licensure testing requirements for all
18 levels of EMS personnel, which shall include a requirement
19 that all phases of instruction, training, and field
20 experience be completed before taking the appropriate
21 licensure examination. Candidates shall ~~may elect to~~ take
22 the appropriate National Registry examination ~~in lieu of~~
23 ~~the Department's examination, but are responsible for~~
24 ~~making their own arrangements for taking the National~~
25 ~~Registry examination.~~ In prescribing licensure testing
26 requirements for honorably discharged members of the armed

1 forces of the United States under this paragraph (2), the
2 Department shall ensure that a candidate's military
3 emergency medical training, emergency medical curriculum
4 completed, and clinical experience, as described in
5 paragraph (2.5), are recognized.

6 (2.5) Review applications for EMS personnel licensure
7 from honorably discharged members of the armed forces of
8 the United States with military emergency medical
9 training. Applications shall be filed with the Department
10 within one year after military discharge and shall
11 contain: (i) proof of successful completion of military
12 emergency medical training; (ii) a detailed description of
13 the emergency medical curriculum completed; and (iii) a
14 detailed description of the applicant's clinical
15 experience. The Department may request additional and
16 clarifying information. The Department shall evaluate the
17 application, including the applicant's training and
18 experience, consistent with the standards set forth under
19 subsections (a), (b), (c), and (d) of Section 3.10. If the
20 application clearly demonstrates that the training and
21 experience meet such standards, the Department shall offer
22 the applicant the opportunity to successfully complete a
23 Department-approved EMS personnel examination for the
24 level of license for which the applicant is qualified.
25 Upon passage of an examination, the Department shall issue
26 a license, which shall be subject to all provisions of

1 this Act that are otherwise applicable to the level of EMS
2 personnel license issued.

3 (3) License individuals as an EMR, EMT, EMT-I, A-EMT,
4 or Paramedic who have met the Department's education,
5 training and examination requirements.

6 (4) Prescribe annual continuing education and
7 relicensure requirements for all EMS personnel licensure
8 levels.

9 (5) Relicense individuals as an EMD, EMR, EMT, EMT-I,
10 A-EMT, PHRN, PHAPRN, PHPA, or Paramedic every 4 years,
11 based on their compliance with continuing education and
12 relicensure requirements as required by the Department
13 pursuant to this Act. Every 4 years, a Paramedic shall
14 have 100 hours of approved continuing education, an EMT-I
15 and an advanced EMT shall have 80 hours of approved
16 continuing education, and an EMT shall have 60 hours of
17 approved continuing education. An Illinois licensed EMR,
18 EMD, EMT, EMT-I, A-EMT, Paramedic, ECRN, PHPA, PHAPRN, or
19 PHRN whose license has been expired for less than 36
20 months may apply for reinstatement by the Department.
21 Reinstatement shall require that the applicant (i) submit
22 satisfactory proof of completion of continuing medical
23 education and clinical requirements to be prescribed by
24 the Department in an administrative rule; (ii) submit a
25 positive recommendation from an Illinois EMS Medical
26 Director attesting to the applicant's qualifications for

1 retesting; and (iii) pass a Department approved test for
2 the level of EMS personnel license sought to be
3 reinstated.

4 (6) Grant inactive status to any EMR, EMD, EMT, EMT-I,
5 A-EMT, Paramedic, ECRN, PHAPRN, PHPA, or PHRN who
6 qualifies, based on standards and procedures established
7 by the Department in rules adopted pursuant to this Act.

8 (7) Charge a fee for EMS personnel examination,
9 licensure, and license renewal.

10 (8) Suspend, revoke, or refuse to issue or renew the
11 license of any licensee, after an opportunity for an
12 impartial hearing before a neutral administrative law
13 judge appointed by the Director, where the preponderance
14 of the evidence shows one or more of the following:

15 (A) The licensee has not met continuing education
16 or relicensure requirements as prescribed by the
17 Department;

18 (B) The licensee has failed to maintain
19 proficiency in the level of skills for which he or she
20 is licensed;

21 (C) The licensee, during the provision of medical
22 services, engaged in dishonorable, unethical, or
23 unprofessional conduct of a character likely to
24 deceive, defraud, or harm the public;

25 (D) The licensee has failed to maintain or has
26 violated standards of performance and conduct as

1 prescribed by the Department in rules adopted pursuant
2 to this Act or his or her EMS System's Program Plan;

3 (E) The licensee is physically impaired to the
4 extent that he or she cannot physically perform the
5 skills and functions for which he or she is licensed,
6 as verified by a physician, unless the person is on
7 inactive status pursuant to Department regulations;

8 (F) The licensee is mentally impaired to the
9 extent that he or she cannot exercise the appropriate
10 judgment, skill and safety for performing the
11 functions for which he or she is licensed, as verified
12 by a physician, unless the person is on inactive
13 status pursuant to Department regulations;

14 (G) The licensee has violated this Act or any rule
15 adopted by the Department pursuant to this Act; or

16 (H) The licensee has been convicted (or entered a
17 plea of guilty or nolo contendere) by a court of
18 competent jurisdiction of a Class X, Class 1, or Class
19 2 felony in this State or an out-of-state equivalent
20 offense.

21 (9) Prescribe education and training requirements in
22 the administration and use of opioid antagonists for all
23 levels of EMS personnel based on the National EMS
24 Educational Standards and any modifications to those
25 curricula specified by the Department through rules
26 adopted pursuant to this Act.

1 (d-5) An EMR, EMD, EMT, EMT-I, A-EMT, Paramedic, ECRN,
2 PHAPRN, PHPA, or PHRN who is a member of the Illinois National
3 Guard or an Illinois State Trooper or who exclusively serves
4 as a volunteer for units of local government with a population
5 base of less than 5,000 or as a volunteer for a not-for-profit
6 organization that serves a service area with a population base
7 of less than 5,000 may submit an application to the Department
8 for a waiver of the fees described under paragraph (7) of
9 subsection (d) of this Section on a form prescribed by the
10 Department.

11 (d-10) A person who is not an EMS personnel may operate an
12 EMS vehicle pursuant to this Act if the following requirements
13 are met: (i) the person meets the requirements of Section
14 11-1421 of the Illinois Vehicle Code; (ii) 2
15 Department-licensed EMS personnel are present and have met
16 educational requirements prescribed by the Department; and
17 (iii) the clinical condition of the patient necessitates the
18 involvement of additional licensed personnel to ensure
19 appropriate assessment, treatment, and patient safety. If a
20 waiver is issued by the Department, the person who is not an
21 EMS personnel may operate the EMS vehicle if only one EMS
22 personnel is present. Upon request, the Department may issue a
23 retroactive waiver when appropriate.

24 The education requirements prescribed by the Department
25 under this Section must allow for the suspension of those
26 requirements in the case of a member of the armed services or

1 reserve forces of the United States or a member of the Illinois
2 National Guard who is on active duty pursuant to an executive
3 order of the President of the United States, an act of the
4 Congress of the United States, or an order of the Governor at
5 the time that the member would otherwise be required to
6 fulfill a particular education requirement. Such a person must
7 fulfill the education requirement within 6 months after his or
8 her release from active duty.

9 (e) In the event that any rule of the Department or an EMS
10 Medical Director that requires testing for drug use as a
11 condition of the applicable EMS personnel license conflicts
12 with or duplicates a provision of a collective bargaining
13 agreement that requires testing for drug use, that rule shall
14 not apply to any person covered by the collective bargaining
15 agreement.

16 (f) At the time of applying for or renewing his or her
17 license, an applicant for a license or license renewal may
18 submit an email address to the Department. The Department
19 shall keep the email address on file as a form of contact for
20 the individual. The Department shall send license renewal
21 notices electronically and by mail to a licensee who provides
22 the Department with his or her email address. The notices
23 shall be sent at least 60 days prior to the expiration date of
24 the license.

25 (Source: P.A. 101-81, eff. 7-12-19; 101-153, eff. 1-1-20;
26 102-558, eff. 8-20-21; 102-623, eff. 8-27-21.)

1 (210 ILCS 50/3.55)

2 Sec. 3.55. Scope of practice.

3 (a) Any person currently licensed as an EMR, EMT, EMT-I,
4 A-EMT, PHRN, PHAPRN, PHPA, or Paramedic may perform emergency
5 and non-emergency medical services as defined in this Act, in
6 accordance with his or her level of education, training and
7 licensure, the standards of performance and conduct prescribed
8 by the Department in rules adopted pursuant to this Act, and
9 the requirements of the EMS System in which he or she
10 practices, as contained in the approved Program Plan for that
11 System. The Director may, by written order, temporarily modify
12 individual scopes of practice in response to public health
13 emergencies for periods not exceeding 180 days.

14 (a-5) EMS personnel who have successfully completed a
15 Department approved course in automated defibrillator
16 operation and who are functioning within a Department approved
17 EMS System may utilize such automated defibrillator according
18 to the standards of performance and conduct prescribed by the
19 Department in rules adopted pursuant to this Act and the
20 requirements of the EMS System in which they practice, as
21 contained in the approved Program Plan for that System.

22 (a-7) An EMT, EMT-I, A-EMT, PHRN, PHAPRN, PHPA, or
23 Paramedic who has successfully completed a Department approved
24 course in the administration of epinephrine shall be required
25 to carry epinephrine with him or her as part of the EMS

1 personnel medical supplies whenever he or she is performing
2 official duties as determined by the EMS System. The
3 epinephrine may be administered from a glass vial,
4 auto-injector, ampule, or pre-filled syringe.

5 (b) An EMR, EMT, EMT-I, A-EMT, PHRN, PHAPRN, PHPA, or
6 Paramedic may practice as an EMR, EMT, EMT-I, A-EMT, or
7 Paramedic or utilize his or her EMR, EMT, EMT-I, A-EMT, PHRN,
8 PHAPRN, PHPA, or Paramedic license in pre-hospital or
9 inter-hospital emergency care settings or non-emergency
10 medical transport situations, under the written or verbal
11 direction of the EMS Medical Director. For purposes of this
12 Section, a "pre-hospital emergency care setting" may include a
13 location, that is not a health care facility, which utilizes
14 EMS personnel to render pre-hospital emergency care prior to
15 the arrival of a transport vehicle. The location shall include
16 communication equipment and all of the portable equipment and
17 drugs appropriate for the EMR, EMT, EMT-I, A-EMT, or
18 Paramedic's level of care, as required by this Act, rules
19 adopted by the Department pursuant to this Act, and the
20 protocols of the EMS Systems, and shall operate only with the
21 approval and under the direction of the EMS Medical Director.

22 This Section shall not prohibit an EMR, EMT, EMT-I, A-EMT,
23 PHRN, PHAPRN, PHPA, or Paramedic from practicing within an
24 emergency department or other health care setting for the
25 purpose of receiving continuing education or training approved
26 by the EMS Medical Director. This Section shall also not

1 prohibit an EMT, EMT-I, A-EMT, PHRN, PHAPRN, PHPA, or
2 Paramedic from seeking credentials other than his or her EMT,
3 EMT-I, A-EMT, PHRN, PHAPRN, PHPA, or Paramedic license and
4 utilizing such credentials to work in emergency departments or
5 other health care settings under the jurisdiction of that
6 employer.

7 (c) An EMT, EMT-I, A-EMT, PHRN, PHAPRN, PHPA, or Paramedic
8 may honor Do Not Resuscitate (DNR) orders and powers of
9 attorney for health care only in accordance with rules adopted
10 by the Department pursuant to this Act and protocols of the EMS
11 System in which he or she practices.

12 (d) A student enrolled in a Department approved EMS
13 personnel program, while fulfilling the clinical training and
14 in-field supervised experience requirements mandated for
15 licensure or approval by the System and the Department, may
16 perform ~~prescribed~~ procedures under the direct supervision of
17 a physician licensed to practice medicine in all of its
18 branches, a qualified registered professional nurse, or
19 qualified EMS personnel, only when authorized by the EMS
20 Medical Director. A student enrolled in an EMT class may take
21 the Department-approved EMR licensure exam after the student
22 has completed the first 40 hours of the EMS System-approved
23 and Department-approved EMT course.

24 (e) An EMR, EMT, EMT-I, A-EMT, PHRN, PHAPRN, PHPA, or
25 Paramedic may transport a police dog injured in the line of
26 duty to a veterinary clinic or similar facility if there are no

1 persons requiring medical attention or transport at that time.
2 For the purposes of this subsection, "police dog" means a dog
3 owned or used by a law enforcement department or agency in the
4 course of the department or agency's work, including a search
5 and rescue dog, service dog, accelerant detection canine, or
6 other dog that is in use by a county, municipal, or State law
7 enforcement agency.

8 (f) Nothing in this Act shall be construed to prohibit an
9 EMT, EMT-I, A-EMT, Paramedic, or PHRN from completing an
10 initial Occupational Safety and Health Administration
11 Respirator Medical Evaluation Questionnaire on behalf of fire
12 service personnel, as permitted by his or her EMS System
13 Medical Director.

14 (g) An EMT, EMT-I, A-EMT, Paramedic, PHRN, PHAPRN, or PHPA
15 shall be eligible to work for another EMS System for a period
16 not to exceed 2 weeks if the individual is under the direct
17 supervision of another licensed individual operating at the
18 same or higher level as the EMT, EMT-I, A-EMT, Paramedic,
19 PHRN, PHAPRN, or PHPA; obtained approval in writing from the
20 EMS System's Medical Director; and tests into the EMS System
21 based upon appropriate standards as outlined in the EMS System
22 Program Plan. The EMS System within which the EMT, EMT-I,
23 A-EMT, Paramedic, PHRN, PHAPRN, or PHPA is seeking to join
24 must make all required testing available to the EMT, EMT-I,
25 A-EMT, Paramedic, PHRN, PHAPRN, or PHPA within 2 weeks after
26 the written request. Failure to do so by the EMS System shall

1 allow the EMT, EMT-I, A-EMT, Paramedic, PHRN, PHAPRN, or PHPA
2 to continue working for another EMS System until all required
3 testing becomes available.

4 (h) A member of a fire department's or fire protection
5 district's collective bargaining unit shall be eligible to
6 work under a silver spanner program for another EMS System's
7 fire department or fire protection district that is not the
8 full-time employer of that member, for a period not to exceed 2
9 weeks, if the member: (1) is under the direct supervision of
10 another licensed individual operating at the same or higher
11 licensure level as the member; (2) made a written request to
12 the EMS System's Medical Director for approval to work under
13 the silver spanner program, which shall be approved or denied
14 within 24 hours after the EMS System's Medical Director
15 received the request; and (3) tests into the EMS System based
16 upon appropriate standards as outlined in the EMS System
17 Program Plan. The EMS System within which the member is
18 seeking to join must make all required testing available to
19 the member within 2 weeks of the written request. Failure to do
20 so by the EMS System shall allow the member to continue working
21 under a silver spanner program until all required testing
22 becomes available.

23 (Source: P.A. 102-79, eff. 1-1-22; 103-521, eff. 1-1-24;
24 103-547, eff. 8-11-23; 103-605, eff. 7-1-24.)

1 Sec. 3.65. EMS Lead Instructor.

2 (a) "EMS Lead Instructor" means a person who has
3 successfully completed a course of education as approved by
4 the Department, and who is currently approved by the
5 Department to coordinate or teach education, training and
6 continuing education courses, in accordance with standards
7 prescribed by this Act and rules adopted by the Department
8 pursuant to this Act.

9 (b) The Department shall have the authority and
10 responsibility to:

11 (1) Prescribe education requirements for EMS Lead
12 Instructor candidates through rules adopted pursuant to
13 this Act.

14 (2) Prescribe testing requirements for EMS Lead
15 Instructor candidates through rules adopted pursuant to
16 this Act.

17 (3) Charge each candidate for EMS Lead Instructor a
18 fee to be submitted with an application for an
19 examination, an application for licensure, and an
20 application for relicensure.

21 (4) Approve individuals as EMS Lead Instructors who
22 have met the Department's education and testing
23 requirements.

24 (5) Require that all education, training and
25 continuing education courses for EMT, EMT-I, A-EMT,
26 Paramedic, PHRN, PHPA, PHAPRN, ECRN, EMR, and Emergency

1 Medical Dispatcher be coordinated by at least one approved
2 EMS Lead Instructor. A program which includes education,
3 training or continuing education for more than one type of
4 personnel may use one EMS Lead Instructor to coordinate
5 the program, and a single EMS Lead Instructor may
6 simultaneously coordinate more than one program or course.
7 An EMS Lead Instructor may oversee a paramedic with at
8 least 3 years of experience to teach EMT classes, with a
9 licensed teacher, in high schools. High school students
10 electing to not take the National Registry of Emergency
11 Medical Technicians (NREMT) Certification exam shall not
12 be accounted for in calculating the course pass rate by
13 the EMS System or Department.

14 (6) Provide standards and procedures for awarding EMS
15 Lead Instructor approval to persons previously approved by
16 the Department to coordinate such courses, based on
17 qualifications prescribed by the Department through rules
18 adopted pursuant to this Act.

19 (7) Suspend, revoke, or refuse to issue or renew the
20 approval of an EMS Lead Instructor, after an opportunity
21 for a hearing, when findings show one or more of the
22 following:

23 (A) The EMS Lead Instructor has failed to conduct
24 a course in accordance with the curriculum prescribed
25 by this Act and rules adopted by the Department
26 pursuant to this Act; or

1 (B) The EMS Lead Instructor has failed to comply
2 with protocols prescribed by the Department through
3 rules adopted pursuant to this Act.

4 (c) To be eligible for an EMS Lead Instructor license, the
5 applicant shall meet at least the following minimum experience
6 and education requirements and shall provide a written
7 recommendation from the EMS Medical Director of the primary
8 EMS System affiliation:

9 (1) a current Illinois license as an EMD, EMT, EMT-I,
10 A-EMT, Paramedic, RN, PHRN, PHPA, PHAPRN, or physician;

11 (2) a minimum of 2 years of experience in EMS or
12 emergency care;

13 (3) at least 6 hours of teaching hours audited by a
14 current EMS Lead Instructor;

15 (4) documented EMS classroom teaching experience with
16 a recommendation for EMS Lead Instructor licensure by an
17 EMS Medical Director; and

18 (5) documented successful completion of the National
19 Standard Curriculum for EMS Instructors, or its
20 equivalent, as approved by the Department.

21 (Source: P.A. 103-689, eff. 1-1-25.)

22 (210 ILCS 50/3.260 new)

23 Sec. 3.260. Emergency Medical Services bridge programs.

24 (a) As used in this Section, "stakeholders" include, but
25 are not limited to, members representing private ground

1 ambulance providers throughout this State representing
2 for-profit and nonprofit rural and urban ground ambulance
3 providers; the State Board of Education, the Illinois
4 Community College Systems, and the University of Illinois
5 Systems; the Illinois Board of Higher Education; and the
6 Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity.

7 (b) The Department of Public Health shall facilitate
8 gathering stakeholders to review and provide recommendations
9 on the development of bridge programs that encourage and allow
10 individuals licensed as certified nursing assistants to
11 transition to careers as EMS personnel and a bridge program
12 that encourages and allows EMS personnel to transition to
13 careers as nursing professionals licensed under the Nurse
14 Practice Act.

15 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
16 becoming law."