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1 AMENDMENT TO SENATE BILL 1254

2 AMENDMENT NO. \_\_\_\_\_. Amend Senate Bill 1254 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 Section 3.50 as follows:

6 (210 ILCS 50/3.50)

7 Sec. 3.50. Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) Licensure.

8 (a) "Emergency Medical Technician-Basic" or "EMT-B" means  
9 a person who has successfully completed a course of instruction  
10 in basic life support as prescribed by the Department, is  
11 currently licensed by the Department in accordance with  
12 standards prescribed by this Act and rules adopted by the  
13 Department pursuant to this Act, and practices within an EMS  
14 System.

15 (b) "Emergency Medical Technician-Intermediate" or "EMT-I"  
16 means a person who has successfully completed a course of

1 instruction in intermediate life support as prescribed by the  
2 Department, is currently licensed by the Department in  
3 accordance with standards prescribed by this Act and rules  
4 adopted by the Department pursuant to this Act, and practices  
5 within an Intermediate or Advanced Life Support EMS System.

6 (c) "Emergency Medical Technician-Paramedic" or "EMT-P"  
7 means a person who has successfully completed a course of  
8 instruction in advanced life support care as prescribed by the  
9 Department, is licensed by the Department in accordance with  
10 standards prescribed by this Act and rules adopted by the  
11 Department pursuant to this Act, and practices within an  
12 Advanced Life Support EMS System.

13 (d) The Department shall have the authority and  
14 responsibility to:

15 (1) Prescribe education and training requirements,  
16 which includes training in the use of epinephrine, for all  
17 levels of EMT, based on the respective national curricula  
18 of the United States Department of Transportation and any  
19 modifications to such curricula specified by the  
20 Department through rules adopted pursuant to this Act. ~~+~~

21 (2) Prescribe licensure testing requirements for all  
22 levels of EMT, which shall include a requirement that all  
23 phases of instruction, training, and field experience be  
24 completed before taking the EMT licensure examination.  
25 Candidates may elect to take the National Registry of  
26 Emergency Medical Technicians examination in lieu of the

1 Department's examination, but are responsible for making  
2 their own arrangements for taking the National Registry  
3 examination.

4 (2.5) Review applications for EMT licensure from  
5 honorably discharged members of the armed forces of the  
6 United States with military emergency medical training.  
7 Applications shall be filed with the Department within one  
8 year after military discharge and shall contain: (i) proof  
9 of successful completion of military emergency medical  
10 training; (ii) a detailed description of the emergency  
11 medical curriculum completed; and (iii) a detailed  
12 description of the applicant's clinical experience. The  
13 Department may request additional and clarifying  
14 information. The Department shall evaluate the  
15 application, including the applicant's training and  
16 experience, consistent with the standards set forth under  
17 subsections (a), (b), (c), and (d) of Section 3.10. If the  
18 application clearly demonstrates that the training and  
19 experience meets such standards, the Department shall  
20 offer the applicant the opportunity to successfully  
21 complete a Department-approved EMT examination for which  
22 the applicant is qualified. Upon passage of an examination,  
23 the Department shall issue a license, which shall be  
24 subject to all provisions of this Act that are otherwise  
25 applicable to the class of EMT license issued.

26 (3) License individuals as an EMT-B, EMT-I, or EMT-P

1 who have met the Department's education, training and  
2 testing requirements.†

3 (4) Prescribe annual continuing education and  
4 relicensure requirements for all levels of EMT.†

5 (5) Relicense individuals as an EMT-B, EMT-I, or EMT-P  
6 every 4 years, based on their compliance with continuing  
7 education and relicensure requirements.†

8 (6) Grant inactive status to any EMT who qualifies,  
9 based on standards and procedures established by the  
10 Department in rules adopted pursuant to this Act.†

11 (7) Charge each candidate for EMT a fee to be submitted  
12 with an application for a licensure examination.†

13 (8) Suspend, revoke, or refuse to renew the license of  
14 an EMT, after an opportunity for a hearing, when findings  
15 show one or more of the following:

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

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

21 (C) The EMT, 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 EMT has failed to maintain or has violated  
26 standards of performance and conduct as prescribed by

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

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

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

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

16          The education requirements prescribed by the Department  
17          under this subsection must allow for the suspension of those  
18          requirements in the case of a member of the armed services or  
19          reserve forces of the United States or a member of the Illinois  
20          National Guard who is on active duty pursuant to an executive  
21          order of the President of the United States, an act of the  
22          Congress of the United States, or an order of the Governor at  
23          the time that the member would otherwise be required to fulfill  
24          a particular education requirement. Such a person must fulfill  
25          the education requirement within 6 months after his or her  
26          release from active duty.

1           (e) In the event that any rule of the Department or an EMS  
2 Medical Director that requires testing for drug use as a  
3 condition for EMT licensure conflicts with or duplicates a  
4 provision of a collective bargaining agreement that requires  
5 testing for drug use, that rule shall not apply to any person  
6 covered by the collective bargaining agreement.

7           (Source: P.A. 94-504, eff. 8-8-05.)

8           Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon  
9 becoming law."