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Substitute House Bill No. 6184

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The Committee on Public Health reported through REP. SAYERS of the 60th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

AN ACT CONCERNING RENEWAL OF LAPSED PARAMEDIC LICENSES.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 19a-179 of the general statutes is amended by
2 adding subsections (c) to (e), inclusive, as follows (*Effective October 1,*
3 *2005*):

4 (NEW) (c) The commissioner may issue a temporary emergency
5 medical technician certificate to an applicant who presents evidence
6 satisfactory to the commissioner that (1) the applicant was certified by
7 the department as an emergency medical technician prior to becoming
8 licensed as a paramedic pursuant to section 20-206*ll*, and (2) the
9 applicant's certification as an emergency medical technician has
10 expired and the applicant's license as a paramedic has become void
11 pursuant to section 19a-88 of the general statutes. Such temporary
12 certificate shall be valid for a period not to exceed one year and shall
13 not be renewable.

14 (NEW) (d) An applicant who is issued a temporary emergency
15 medical technician certificate pursuant to subsection (c) of this section
16 may, prior to the expiration of such temporary certificate, apply to the
17 department for:

18 (1) Renewal of such person's paramedic license, giving such
19 person's name in full, such person's residence and business address
20 and such other information as the department requests, provided the
21 application for license renewal is accompanied by evidence satisfactory
22 to the commissioner that the applicant was under the medical control
23 of a sponsor hospital on the date the applicant's paramedic license
24 became void for nonrenewal; or

25 (2) Recertification as an emergency medical technician, provided the
26 application for recertification is accompanied by evidence satisfactory
27 to the commissioner that the applicant completed emergency medical
28 technician refresher training approved by the commissioner not later
29 than one year after issuance of the temporary emergency medical
30 technician certificate. The department shall recertify such person as an
31 emergency medical technician without the examination required for
32 initial certification specified in regulations adopted by the
33 commissioner pursuant to this section.

34 (NEW) (e) For purposes of subsection (d) of this section, "medical
35 control" means the active surveillance by physicians of mobile
36 intensive care sufficient for the assessment of overall practice levels, as
37 defined by state-wide protocols, and "sponsor hospital" means a
38 hospital that has agreed to maintain staff for the provision of medical
39 control, supervision and direction to an emergency medical service
40 organization, as defined in section 19a-175, and its personnel and has
41 been approved for such activity by the Office of Emergency Medical
42 Services.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	October 1, 2005	19a-179

PH *Joint Favorable Subst.*

The following fiscal impact statement and bill analysis are prepared for the benefit of members of the General Assembly, solely for the purpose of information, summarization, and explanation, and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either House thereof for any purpose:

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact:

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 06 \$	FY 07 \$
Public Health, Dept.	GF - None	None	None

Note: GF=General Fund

Municipal Impact:

Municipalities	Effect	FY 06 \$	FY 07 \$
Various Municipalities	Savings	Potential Minimal	Potential Minimal

Explanation

Provisions in the bill will result in no fiscal impact for the Department of Public Health.

Minimal savings may result for any municipality that pays training expenses on behalf of emergency medical services staff. An Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) refresher course can cost \$400 less than a full EMT certification course and take approximately 120 hours less to complete .

OLR Bill Analysis

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AN ACT CONCERNING RENEWAL OF LAPSED PARAMEDIC LICENSES**SUMMARY:**

This bill allows a paramedic whose license has lapsed to (1) be recertified on a temporary basis as an emergency medical technician (EMT) under certain conditions and (2) apply for renewal of his paramedic license or for recertification as an EMT before the temporary certificate expires. The temporary certification is valid for up to one year and is not renewable.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2005

APPLYING FOR TEMPORARY EMT CERTIFICATION

Under the bill, the Department of Public Health (DPH) can issue a temporary EMT certificate to an applicant presenting satisfactory evidence that (1) he was certified by DPH as an EMT before becoming a licensed paramedic and (2) his EMT certification has expired and his paramedic license is void for failure to renew.

APPLYING FOR RENEWAL OF PARAMEDIC LICENSE

Under the bill, a person receiving a temporary EMT certification can apply to DPH, before his temporary permit expires, for renewal of his paramedic license. The applicant must give DPH his name, residence and business addresses and other information DPH may request. The license renewal application must include satisfactory evidence that the applicant was under the medical control of a sponsor hospital on the date his license became void because of nonrenewal.

The bill defines "medical control" as the active surveillance by physicians of mobile intensive care sufficient to assess overall practice levels as defined by statewide protocols. "Sponsor hospital" means a hospital that has (1) agreed to maintain staff to provide medical control, supervision, and direction to an emergency medical service organization and its personnel and (2) been approved for such activity

by the state Office of Emergency Medical Services.

APPLYING FOR RECERTIFICATION AS AN EMT

The bill also allows an applicant receiving a temporary EMT certificate to apply, before the temporary certificate expires, for recertification as an EMT. The application must include satisfactory evidence that the person completed EMT refresher training approved by DPH within one year of receiving temporary certification. DPH must recertify the person as an EMT without the exam required for initial certification.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Public Health Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute
Yea 23 Nay 0