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Referred to Committee on Public Health

Introduced by:  
(PH)

**AN ACT CONCERNING PATIENT SAFETY.**

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

1 Section 1. Subsection (a) of section 19a-180 of the general statutes is  
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*  
3 *October 1, 2009*):

4 (a) No person shall operate any ambulance service, rescue service or  
5 management service or otherwise transport in a motor vehicle a  
6 patient on a stretcher without either a license or a certificate issued by  
7 the commissioner. No person shall operate a commercial ambulance  
8 service or commercial rescue service or a management service without  
9 a license issued by the commissioner. A certificate shall be issued to  
10 any volunteer or municipal ambulance service which shows proof  
11 satisfactory to the commissioner that it meets the minimum standards  
12 of the commissioner in the areas of training, equipment and personnel.  
13 No license or certificate shall be issued to any volunteer, municipal or  
14 commercial ambulance service, rescue service or management service,  
15 as defined in subdivision (19) of section 19a-175, unless it meets the  
16 requirements of subsection (e) of section 14-100a. Applicants for a  
17 license shall use the forms prescribed by the commissioner and shall

18 submit such application to the commissioner accompanied by an  
19 annual fee of one hundred dollars. In considering requests for  
20 approval of permits for new or expanded emergency medical services  
21 in any region, the commissioner shall consult with the Office of  
22 Emergency Medical Services and the emergency medical services  
23 council of such region and shall hold a public hearing to determine the  
24 necessity for such services. Written notice of such hearing shall be  
25 given to current providers in the geographic region where such new or  
26 expanded services would be implemented, provided, any volunteer  
27 ambulance service which elects not to levy charges for services  
28 rendered under this chapter shall be exempt from the provisions  
29 concerning requests for approval of permits for new or expanded  
30 emergency medical services set forth in this subsection. A primary  
31 service area responder in a municipality in which the applicant  
32 operates or proposes to operate shall, upon request, be granted  
33 intervenor status with opportunity for cross-examination. Each  
34 applicant for licensure shall furnish proof of financial responsibility  
35 which the commissioner deems sufficient to satisfy any claim. The  
36 commissioner may adopt regulations, in accordance with the  
37 provisions of chapter 54, to establish satisfactory kinds of coverage and  
38 limits of insurance for each applicant for either licensure or  
39 certification. Until such regulations are adopted, the following shall be  
40 the required limits for licensure: (1) For damages by reason of personal  
41 injury to, or the death of, one person on account of any accident, at  
42 least five hundred thousand dollars, and more than one person on  
43 account of any accident, at least one million dollars, (2) for damage to  
44 property at least fifty thousand dollars, and (3) for malpractice in the  
45 care of one passenger at least two hundred fifty thousand dollars, and  
46 for more than one passenger at least five hundred thousand dollars. In  
47 lieu of the limits set forth in subdivisions (1) to (3), inclusive, of this  
48 subsection, a single limit of liability shall be allowed as follows: (A) For  
49 damages by reason of personal injury to, or death of, one or more  
50 persons and damage to property, at least one million dollars; and (B)  
51 for malpractice in the care of one or more passengers, at least five  
52 hundred thousand dollars. A certificate of such proof shall be filed

53 with the commissioner. Upon determination by the commissioner that  
54 an applicant is financially responsible, properly certified and otherwise  
55 qualified to operate a commercial ambulance service, rescue service or  
56 management service, the commissioner shall issue the appropriate  
57 license effective for one year to such applicant. If the commissioner  
58 determines that an applicant for either a certificate or license is not so  
59 qualified, the commissioner shall notify such applicant of the denial of  
60 the application with a statement of the reasons for such denial. Such  
61 applicant shall have thirty days to request a hearing on the denial of  
62 the application.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2009</i>	19a-180(a)

**PH**            *Joint Favorable*

**JUD**           *Joint Favorable*