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"AN ACT CONCERNING STANDARDS OF PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT FOR EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE PERSONNEL."

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- 1 In line 5, after the first "medical technician", strike "or" and insert ",
2 emergency medical responder," and after the second "medical
3 technician" insert "or emergency medical services instructor"
- 4 In line 10, after "technician" insert ", emergency medical responder,
5 advanced emergency medical technician or emergency medical
6 services instructor" and after "paramedicine" strike "or" and insert ","
- 7 In line 11, after "services" insert "or the provision of emergency
8 medical services education"
- 9 In line 15, before "(8)", insert "or"
- 10 Strike line 16 in its entirety and insert the following in lieu thereof:

11 "record. [; or (9)] The commissioner may take any such disciplinary
12 action against a paramedic for violation of any provision of section 20-
13 206jj or any"

14 After the last section, add the following and renumber sections and
15 internal references accordingly:

16 "Sec. 501. Section 19a-195a of the general statutes is repealed and the
17 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2013*):

18 (a) The Commissioner of Public Health shall adopt regulations in
19 accordance with the provisions of chapter 54 to provide that
20 emergency medical technicians shall be recertified every three years.
21 For the purpose of maintaining an acceptable level of proficiency, each
22 emergency medical technician who is recertified for a three-year
23 period shall complete thirty hours of refresher training approved by
24 the commissioner, or meet such other requirements as may be
25 prescribed by the commissioner.

26 (b) The commissioner shall adopt regulations, in accordance with
27 the provisions of chapter 54, to (1) provide for state-wide
28 standardization of certification for each class of (A) emergency medical
29 technicians, including, but not limited to, paramedics, (B) emergency
30 medical services instructors, and (C) [medical response technicians]
31 emergency medical responders, (2) allow course work for such
32 certification to be taken state-wide, and (3) allow persons so certified to
33 perform within their scope of certification state-wide.

34 Sec. 502. (*Effective from passage*) (a) There is established, within
35 available appropriations, the Connecticut emergency medical services
36 primary service area task force. The task force shall review topics,
37 including, but not limited to, the following: (1) The current process for
38 designating and changing primary service areas; (2) local primary
39 service area contract and applicable subcontract language and
40 emergency medical services plans as such language and plans vary
41 among municipalities and as such contracts and plans pertain to

42 performance and oversight measures; (3) methods to designate
43 emergency medical service providers that are used by other states that
44 have populations, geography and emergency medical services systems
45 that are similar to those of this state; and (4) the process by which
46 municipalities may petition for a change or removal of a primary
47 service area responder.

48 (b) The task force shall consist of the following members:

49 (1) Five members appointed by the Commissioner of Public Health,
50 one each of whom shall be: (A) A representative of a municipal
51 emergency medical services provider; (B) a representative of a for-
52 profit ambulance service; (C) a representative of the Connecticut
53 Hospital Association; (D) a representative of a nonprofit emergency
54 medical services provider; and (E) a representative of the emergency
55 medical services advisory board, established pursuant to section 19a-
56 178a of the general statutes;

57 (2) Three members appointed by the Senate chairperson of the joint
58 standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of
59 matters relating to public health, one each of whom shall be: (A) The
60 chief elected official or an administrator of a municipality; (B) a
61 representative of an emergency medical services provider that
62 primarily provides fire services; and (C) a fire chief or representative of
63 a fire department that provides emergency medical services;

64 (3) Three members appointed by the House chairperson of the joint
65 standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of
66 matters relating to public health, one each of whom shall be: (A) The
67 chief elected official or an administrator of a municipality; and (B) a
68 representative of a municipal public safety board, public safety agency,
69 or municipal legislative body; and (C) a fire chief or representative of a
70 fire department that provides emergency medical services;

71 (4) The chief elected official or an administrator of a municipality,
72 who shall be appointed by the Senate ranking member of the joint

73 standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of
74 matters relating to public health;

75 (5) A representative of a not-for-profit emergency medical services
76 provider, who shall be appointed by the House ranking member of the
77 joint standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance
78 of matters relating to public health;

79 (6) A representative of the Association of Connecticut Ambulance
80 Providers, who shall be appointed, jointly, by the ranking members of
81 the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having
82 cognizance of matters relating to public health; and

83 (7) The Commissioner of Public Health, or the commissioner's
84 designee.

85 (c) Each person making an appointment pursuant to subsection (b)
86 of this section shall ensure that each member who is associated with a
87 municipality or municipal entity represents a different municipality.

88 (d) The Commissioner of Public Health, or the commissioner's
89 designee, shall serve as a co-chairperson of the task force. The
90 members shall elect another person to serve as a co-chairperson from
91 among the members of the task force.

92 (e) All appointments to the task force shall be made not later than
93 thirty days after the effective date of this section. The Commissioner of
94 Public Health or the commissioner's designee shall schedule the first
95 meeting of the task force. A majority of the task force members shall
96 constitute a quorum. A majority vote of a quorum shall be required for
97 any official action of the task force.

98 (f) The administrative staff of the Department of Public Health shall
99 serve as administrative staff of the task force.

100 (g) Not later than February 15, 2014, the task force shall report, in
101 accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes,

102 to the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having
 103 cognizance of matters relating to public health concerning its activities,
 104 as described in subsection (a) of this section. Such report shall include,
 105 but need not be limited to, recommendations concerning: (1) The
 106 process for designating and changing a primary service area; (2)
 107 improvements to local primary service area contract and applicable
 108 subcontract language and emergency medical services plans, including
 109 provisions of such contracts and plans relating to performance
 110 measures and oversight by municipalities of primary service area
 111 responders; (3) a process for expanding or enhancing emergency
 112 medical services offered in local primary service areas; (4) a
 113 mechanism for reporting adverse events to the Department of Public
 114 Health and for said department to issue a response; and (5) an
 115 outreach plan to educate municipalities on their rights and duties as
 116 holders of contracts and subcontracts for primary service area
 117 responders.

118 (h) The task force shall submit its report on February 15, 2014. The
 119 task force shall terminate on the date it submits its report."

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Sec. 501	<i>October 1, 2013</i>	19a-195a
Sec. 502	<i>from passage</i>	New section