



House Bill No. 5907

Special Act No. 15-8

AN ACT CONCERNING SUPPLEMENTAL FIRST RESPONDERS.

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

Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) (a) For the purposes of this section, "supplemental first responder" means an emergency medical services provider who holds a certificate of authorization by the Commissioner of Public Health and responds to a victim of sudden illness or injury when available and only when called upon, but does not offer transportation to patients or operate an ambulance service or paramedic intercept service, "emergency medical services personnel" means an individual certified pursuant to chapter 384d of the general statutes to practice as an emergency medical responder, emergency medical technician, advanced emergency medical technician or emergency medical services instructor or an individual licensed pursuant to chapter 384d of the general statutes as a paramedic, and "patient", "ambulance service", "provider", "paramedic intercept service" and "emergency medical technician" have the same meanings as provided in section 19a-175 of the general statutes.

(b) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (a) of section 19a-180 of the general statutes, the Commissioner of Public Health may issue a certificate of authorization for a supplemental first responder to an emergency medical services provider who operates only in a

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municipality with a population of at least one hundred five thousand, but not more than one hundred fifteen thousand, as determined by the most recent population estimate by the Department of Public Health. A certificate of authorization shall be issued to an emergency medical services provider that shows proof satisfactory to the commissioner that such emergency medical services provider (1) meets the minimum standards of the commissioner in the areas of training, equipment and emergency medical services personnel, and (2) maintains liability insurance in an amount not less than one million dollars. Applications for such certificate of authorization shall be made in the form and manner prescribed by the commissioner. Upon determination by the commissioner that an applicant is qualified to be a supplemental first responder, the commissioner shall issue a certificate of authorization effective for two years to such applicant. Such certificate of authorization shall be renewable biennially. If the commissioner determines that an applicant for such license is not so qualified, the commissioner shall provide such applicant with written notice of the denial of the application with a statement of the reasons for such denial. Such applicant shall have thirty days to request a hearing concerning the denial of the application. Any hearing conducted pursuant to this subsection shall be conducted in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54 of the general statutes. If the commissioner's denial of a certificate of authorization is sustained after such hearing, an applicant may make new application not less than one year after the date on which such denial was sustained.

(c) The commissioner may suspend or revoke a holder's certificate of authorization for a supplemental first responder if such holder does not maintain the minimum standards of the commissioner pursuant to subdivisions (1) and (2) of subsection (b) of this section or violates any provision of chapter 368d of the general statutes. Such holder shall have an opportunity to show compliance with all requirements for the retention of such certificate of authorization.

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Sec. 2. (*Effective from passage*) (a) For the purposes of this section, "primary service area responder" has the same meaning as provided in section 19a-175 of the general statutes and "supplemental first responder" has the same meaning as provided in section 1 of this act.

(b) If a primary service area responder and a supplemental first responder are both on the scene of an emergency medical call, the primary service area responder shall control and direct emergency activities at such scene.

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