

**Proposed Substitute
Bill No. 999**

LCO No. 5913

**AN ACT CONCERNING THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH'S
RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING EMERGENCY MEDICAL
SERVICES.**

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2015*) A provider, as defined in
2 section 19a-175 of the general statutes, as amended by this act, who
3 holds the highest classification of licensure or certification from the
4 Department of Public Health under chapters 368d and 384d of the
5 general statutes shall be responsible for making decisions concerning
6 patient care on the scene of an emergency medical call. If two or more
7 providers on such scene hold the same licensure or certification
8 classification, the provider for the primary service area responder, as
9 defined in said section, shall be responsible for making such decisions.
10 If all providers on such scene are emergency medical technicians or
11 emergency medical responders, as defined in said section, the
12 emergency medical service organization providing transportation
13 services shall be responsible for making such decisions. A provider on
14 the scene of an emergency medical call who has undertaken decision-
15 making responsibility for patient care shall transfer patient care to a
16 provider with a higher classification of licensure or certification upon
17 such provider's arrival on the scene. All providers on the scene shall
18 ensure such transfer takes place in a timely and orderly manner.

19 Nothing in this section shall be construed to limit the authority of a fire
20 chief or fire officer-in-charge under section 7-313e of the general
21 statutes to control and direct emergency activities at the scene of an
22 emergency.

23 Sec. 2. Subdivision (8) of section 19a-177 of the general statutes is
24 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*
25 *October 1, 2015*):

26 (8) (A) [Not later than October 1, 2001, develop or cause to be
27 developed a data collection system that will follow a patient from
28 initial entry into the emergency medical service system through arrival
29 at the emergency room and, within available appropriations, may
30 expand the data collection system to include clinical treatment and
31 patient outcome data. The commissioner shall, on a quarterly basis,
32 collect the following information] Develop an emergency medical
33 services data collection system. Each emergency medical services
34 organization licensed or certified pursuant to chapter 386d shall
35 submit to the commissioner, on a quarterly basis, data from each
36 licensed ambulance service, certified ambulance service or paramedic
37 intercept service that provides emergency medical services, including,
38 but not limited to: (i) The total number of calls for emergency medical
39 services received by such licensed ambulance service, certified
40 ambulance service or paramedic intercept service through the 9-1-1
41 system during the reporting period; (ii) each level of emergency
42 medical services, as defined in regulations adopted pursuant to section
43 19a-179, as amended by this act, required for each such call; (iii) the
44 response time for each licensed ambulance service, certified ambulance
45 service or paramedic intercept service during the reporting period; (iv)
46 the number of passed calls, cancelled calls and mutual aid calls during
47 the reporting period; and (v) for the reporting period, the prehospital
48 data for the nonscheduled transport of patients required by
49 regulations adopted pursuant to subdivision (6) of this section. The
50 information required under this subdivision may be submitted in any
51 written or electronic form selected by such licensed ambulance service,
52 certified ambulance service or paramedic intercept service and

53 approved by the commissioner, provided the commissioner shall take
54 into consideration the needs of such licensed ambulance service,
55 certified ambulance service or paramedic intercept service in
56 approving such written or electronic form. The commissioner may
57 conduct an audit of any such licensed ambulance service, certified
58 ambulance service or paramedic intercept service as the commissioner
59 deems necessary in order to verify the accuracy of such reported
60 information.

61 (B) The commissioner shall prepare a report to the Emergency
62 Medical Services Advisory Board, established pursuant to section 19a-
63 178a, that shall include, but not be limited to, the following
64 information: (i) The total number of calls for emergency medical
65 services received during the reporting year by each licensed
66 ambulance service, certified ambulance service or paramedic intercept
67 service; (ii) the level of emergency medical services required for each
68 such call; (iii) the name of the provider of each such level of emergency
69 medical services furnished during the reporting year; (iv) the response
70 time, by time ranges or fractile response times, for each licensed
71 ambulance service, certified ambulance service or paramedic intercept
72 service, using a common definition of response time, as provided in
73 regulations adopted pursuant to section 19a-179, as amended by this
74 act; and (v) the number of passed calls, cancelled calls and mutual aid
75 calls during the reporting year. The commissioner shall prepare such
76 report in a format that categorizes such information for each
77 municipality in which the emergency medical services were provided,
78 with each such municipality grouped according to urban, suburban
79 and rural classifications.

80 (C) If any licensed ambulance service, certified ambulance service or
81 paramedic intercept service does not submit the information required
82 under subparagraph (A) of this subdivision for a period of six
83 consecutive months, or if the commissioner believes that such licensed
84 ambulance service, certified ambulance service or paramedic intercept
85 service knowingly or intentionally submitted incomplete or false
86 information, the commissioner shall issue a written order directing

87 such licensed ambulance service, certified ambulance service or
88 paramedic intercept service to comply with the provisions of
89 subparagraph (A) of this subdivision and submit all missing
90 information or such corrected information as the commissioner may
91 require. If such licensed ambulance service, certified ambulance service
92 or paramedic intercept service fails to fully comply with such order not
93 later than three months from the date such order is issued, the
94 commissioner (i) shall conduct a hearing, in accordance with chapter
95 54, at which such licensed ambulance service, certified ambulance
96 service or paramedic intercept service shall be required to show cause
97 why the primary service area assignment of such licensed ambulance
98 service, certified ambulance service or paramedic intercept service
99 should not be revoked, and (ii) may take such disciplinary action
100 under section 19a-17 as the commissioner deems appropriate.

101 (D) The commissioner shall collect the information required by
102 subparagraph (A) of this subdivision, in the manner provided in said
103 subparagraph, from [each person or] each emergency medical service
104 organization licensed or certified [under section 19a-180 that provides
105 emergency medical services;] pursuant to chapter 386d. Any such
106 emergency medical services organization that fails to comply with the
107 provisions of this section shall be liable for a civil penalty not to exceed
108 one hundred dollars per day for each failure to report the required
109 information regarding emergency medical services provided to a
110 patient, as determined by the commissioner. The civil penalties set
111 forth in this subparagraph shall be assessed only after the department
112 provides a written notice of deficiency and the provider is afforded the
113 opportunity to respond to such notice. A provider shall have not more
114 than fifteen business days after the date of receiving such notice to
115 provide a written response to the department. The commissioner may
116 adopt regulations, in accordance with chapter 54, concerning the
117 development, implementation, monitoring and collection of
118 emergency medical services system data. All state agencies licensed or
119 certified as emergency medical services organizations shall be exempt
120 from the civil penalties set forth in this subparagraph.

121 Sec. 3. Section 19a-175 of the general statutes is repealed and the
122 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2015*):

123 As used in this chapter, unless the context otherwise requires:

124 (1) "Emergency medical service system" means a system which
125 provides for the arrangement of personnel, facilities and equipment for
126 the efficient, effective and coordinated delivery of health care services
127 under emergency conditions;

128 (2) "Patient" means an injured, ill, crippled or physically
129 handicapped person requiring assistance and transportation;

130 (3) "Ambulance" means a motor vehicle specifically designed to
131 carry patients;

132 (4) "Ambulance service" means an organization which transports
133 patients;

134 (5) "Emergency medical technician" means a person who is certified
135 pursuant to [this] chapter 384d;

136 (6) "Ambulance driver" means a person whose primary function is
137 driving an ambulance;

138 (7) "Emergency medical services instructor" means a person who is
139 certified pursuant to [this] chapter 384d;

140 (8) "Communications facility" means any facility housing the
141 personnel and equipment for handling the emergency communications
142 needs of a particular geographic area;

143 (9) "Life saving equipment" means equipment used by emergency
144 medical personnel for the stabilization and treatment of patients;

145 (10) "Emergency medical service organization" means any
146 organization whether public, private or voluntary that offers
147 transportation or treatment services to patients primarily under
148 emergency conditions;

149 (11) "Invalid coach" means a vehicle used exclusively for the
150 transportation of nonambulatory patients, who are not confined to
151 stretchers, to or from either a medical facility or the patient's home in
152 nonemergency situations or utilized in emergency situations as a
153 backup vehicle when insufficient emergency vehicles exist;

154 (12) "Rescue service" means any organization, whether for-profit or
155 nonprofit, whose primary purpose is to search for persons who have
156 become lost or to render emergency service to persons who are in
157 dangerous or perilous circumstances;

158 (13) "Provider" means any person, corporation or organization,
159 whether profit or nonprofit, whose primary purpose is to deliver
160 medical care or services, including such related medical care services
161 as ambulance transportation;

162 (14) "Commissioner" means the Commissioner of Public Health;

163 (15) "Paramedic" means a person licensed pursuant to [section 20-
164 206ll] chapter 384d;

165 (16) "Commercial ambulance service" means an ambulance service
166 which primarily operates for profit;

167 (17) "Licensed ambulance service" means a commercial ambulance
168 service or a volunteer or municipal ambulance service issued a license
169 by the commissioner;

170 (18) "Certified ambulance service" means a municipal, volunteer or
171 nonprofit ambulance service issued a certificate by the commissioner;

172 (19) "Automatic external defibrillator" means a device that: (A) Is
173 used to administer an electric shock through the chest wall to the heart;
174 (B) contains internal decision-making electronics, microcomputers or
175 special software that allows it to interpret physiologic signals, make
176 medical diagnosis and, if necessary, apply therapy; (C) guides the user
177 through the process of using the device by audible or visual prompts;
178 and (D) does not require the user to employ any discretion or

179 judgment in its use;

180 (20) "Mutual aid call" means a call for emergency medical services
181 that, pursuant to the terms of a written agreement, is responded to by a
182 secondary or alternate emergency medical services provider if the
183 primary or designated emergency medical services provider is unable
184 to respond because such primary or designated provider is responding
185 to another call for emergency medical services or the ambulance or
186 nontransport emergency vehicle operated by such primary or
187 designated provider is out of service. For purposes of this subdivision,
188 "nontransport emergency vehicle" means a vehicle used by emergency
189 medical technicians or paramedics in responding to emergency calls
190 that is not used to carry patients;

191 (21) "Municipality" means the legislative body of a municipality or
192 the board of selectmen in the case of a municipality in which the
193 legislative body is a town meeting;

194 (22) "Primary service area" means a specific geographic area to
195 which one designated emergency medical services provider is
196 assigned for each category of emergency medical response services;

197 (23) "Primary service area responder" means an emergency medical
198 services provider who is designated to respond to a victim of sudden
199 illness or injury in a primary service area;

200 (24) "Interfacility critical care transport" means the interfacility
201 transport of a patient between licensed health care institutions;

202 (25) "Advanced emergency medical technician" means an individual
203 who is certified as an advanced emergency medical technician [by the
204 Department of Public Health] pursuant to chapter 384d;

205 (26) "Emergency medical responder" means an individual who is
206 certified pursuant to [this] chapter 384d;

207 (27) "Medical oversight" means the active surveillance by physicians
208 of the provision of emergency medical services sufficient for the

209 assessment of overall emergency medical service practice levels, as
210 defined by state-wide protocols;

211 (28) "Office of Emergency Medical Services" means the office
212 established within the Department of Public Health pursuant to
213 section 19a-178;

214 (29) "Sponsor hospital" means a hospital that has agreed to maintain
215 staff for the provision of medical oversight, supervision and direction
216 to an emergency medical service organization and its personnel and
217 has been approved for such activity by the Department of Public
218 Health; and

219 (30) "Paramedic intercept service" means paramedic treatment
220 services provided by an entity that does not provide the ground
221 ambulance transport.

222 Sec. 4. Subsection (a) of section 19a-197a of the general statutes is
223 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*
224 *October 1, 2015*):

225 (a) As used in this section, "emergency medical technician" means
226 (1) any class of emergency medical technician certified under
227 regulations adopted pursuant to section [19a-179] 20-20600, as
228 amended by this act, including, but not limited to, any advanced
229 emergency medical technician, and (2) any paramedic licensed
230 pursuant to section 20-206ll, as amended by this act.

231 Sec. 5. Section 20-206jj of the general statutes is repealed and the
232 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2015*):

233 As used in sections 20-206jj to 20-20600, inclusive, as amended by
234 this act: [,"paramedicine"]

235 (1) "Advanced emergency medical technician" means an individual
236 who is certified as an advanced emergency medical technician by the
237 Department of Public Health;

238 (2) "Commissioner" means the Commissioner of Public Health;

239 (3) "Emergency medical services instructor" means a person who is
240 certified under the provisions of section 20-206ll or 20-206mm by the
241 Department of Public Health to teach courses, the completion of which
242 is required in order to become an emergency medical technician;

243 (4) "Emergency medical responder" means an individual who is
244 certified to practice as an emergency medical responder under the
245 provisions of section 20-206ll or 20-206mm, as amended by this act;

246 (5) "Emergency medical services personnel" means an individual
247 certified to practice as an emergency medical responder, emergency
248 medical technician, advanced emergency medical technician,
249 emergency medical services instructor or an individual licensed as a
250 paramedic;

251 (6) "Emergency medical technician" means a person who is certified
252 to practice as an emergency medical technician under the provisions of
253 section 20-206ll or 20-206mm, as amended by this act;

254 (7) "Office of Emergency Medical Services" means the office
255 established within the Department of Public Health pursuant to
256 section 19a-178;

257 (8) "Paramedicine" means the carrying out of [(1)] (A) all phases of
258 cardiopulmonary resuscitation and defibrillation, [(2)] (B) the
259 administration of drugs and intravenous solutions under written or
260 oral authorization from a licensed physician, and [(3)] (C) the
261 administration of controlled substances, as defined in section 21a-240,
262 in accordance with written protocols or standing orders of a licensed
263 physician; [.] and

264 (9) "Paramedic" means a person licensed to practice as a paramedic
265 under the provisions of section 20-206ll, as amended by this act.

266 Sec. 6. Section 20-206kk of the general statutes is repealed and the
267 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2015*):

268 (a) Except as provided in subsection (c) of this section, no person
269 shall practice paramedicine unless licensed as a paramedic pursuant to
270 section 20-206ll or 20-206mm, as amended by this act.

271 (b) No person shall use the title "paramedic", "emergency medical
272 responder", "emergency medical technician", "advanced emergency
273 medical technician" or "emergency medical services instructor" or
274 make use of any title, words, letters or abbreviations that may
275 reasonably be confused with licensure as a paramedic or certification
276 as an emergency medical responder, emergency medical technician,
277 advanced emergency medical technician, or emergency medical
278 services instructor unless licensed or certified pursuant to section 20-
279 206ll or 20-206mm, as amended by this act.

280 (c) No license as a paramedic or certificate as an emergency medical
281 responder, emergency medical technician, emergency medical services
282 instructor or advanced emergency medical technician shall be required
283 of (1) a person performing services within the scope of practice for
284 which he is licensed or certified by any agency of this state, or (2) a
285 student, intern or trainee pursuing a course of study in [paramedicine]
286 emergency medical services in an accredited institution of education or
287 within an emergency medical services program approved by the
288 commissioner, [as defined in section 19a-175,] provided the activities
289 that would otherwise require a license or certificate as [a paramedic]
290 an emergency medical services provider are performed under
291 supervision and constitute a part of a supervised course of study.

292 (d) Paramedics who are currently licensed by a state that maintains
293 licensing requirements equal to or higher than those in this state shall
294 be eligible for licensure as a paramedic in this state.

295 Sec. 7. Section 20-206ll of the general statutes is repealed and the
296 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2015*):

297 (a) The commissioner [, as defined in section 19a-175,] shall issue a
298 license as a paramedic to any applicant who furnishes evidence
299 satisfactory to the commissioner that the applicant has met the

300 requirements of section 20-206mm, as amended by this act. The
301 commissioner shall develop and provide application forms. The
302 application fee shall be one hundred fifty dollars.

303 [(b)] The license may be renewed annually pursuant to section 19a-
304 88 for a fee of one hundred fifty dollars.

305 (b) The commissioner shall issue a certification as an emergency
306 medical technician, emergency medical services instructor, emergency
307 medical responder or advanced emergency medical technician to any
308 applicant who furnishes evidence satisfactory to the commissioner that
309 the applicant has met the requirements of section 20-206mm, as
310 amended by this act.

311 Sec. 8. Section 20-206mm of the general statutes is repealed and the
312 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2015*):

313 (a) Except as provided in subsections (b) and (c) of this section, an
314 applicant for a license as a paramedic shall submit evidence
315 satisfactory to the Commissioner of Public Health that the applicant
316 has successfully (1) completed a paramedic training program
317 approved by the commissioner, and (2) passed an examination
318 prescribed by the commissioner.

319 (b) An applicant for licensure by endorsement shall present
320 evidence satisfactory to the commissioner that the applicant (1) is
321 licensed or certified as a paramedic in another state or jurisdiction
322 whose requirements for practicing in such capacity are substantially
323 similar to or higher than those of this state and that the applicant has
324 no pending disciplinary action or unresolved complaint against him or
325 her, or (2) (A) is currently licensed or certified as a paramedic in good
326 standing in any New England state, New York or New Jersey, (B) has
327 completed an initial training program consistent with the National
328 Emergency Medical Services Education Standards, as promulgated by
329 the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration for the paramedic
330 scope of practice model conducted by an organization offering a
331 program that is recognized by the national emergency medical services

332 program accrediting organization, and (C) has no pending disciplinary
333 action or unresolved complaint against him or her.

334 (c) Any person who is certified as an emergency medical technician-
335 paramedic by the Department of Public Health on October 1, 1997,
336 shall be deemed a licensed paramedic. Any person so deemed shall
337 renew his license pursuant to section 19a-88 for a fee of one hundred
338 fifty dollars.

339 (d) The commissioner may issue an emergency medical technician
340 certificate, [or] emergency medical responder certificate or advanced
341 emergency medical technician certificate to an applicant who presents
342 evidence satisfactory to the commissioner that the applicant (1) is
343 currently certified as an emergency medical technician, [or] emergency
344 medical responder, or advanced emergency medical technician in good
345 standing in any New England state, New York or New Jersey, (2) has
346 completed an initial training program consistent with the National
347 Emergency Medical Services Education Standards, as promulgated by
348 the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration for the emergency
349 medical technician, [or] emergency medical responder curriculum, or
350 advanced emergency medical technician, and (3) has no pending
351 disciplinary action or unresolved complaint against him or her.

352 (e) An emergency medical responder, emergency medical
353 technician, advanced emergency medical technician or emergency
354 medical services instructor shall be recertified every three years. For
355 the purpose of maintaining an acceptable level of proficiency, each
356 emergency medical technician who is recertified for a three-year
357 period shall complete thirty hours of refresher training approved by
358 the commissioner or meet such other requirements as may be
359 prescribed by the commissioner. The refresher training or other
360 requirements shall include, but not be limited to, training in
361 Alzheimer's disease and dementia symptoms and care.

362 [(e)] (f) The commissioner may issue a temporary emergency
363 medical technician certificate to an applicant who presents evidence

364 satisfactory to the commissioner that (1) the applicant was certified by
365 the department as an emergency medical technician prior to becoming
366 licensed as a paramedic pursuant to section 20-206ll, as amended by
367 this act, or (2) the applicant's certification as an emergency medical
368 technician has expired and the applicant's license as a paramedic has
369 become void pursuant to section 19a-88. Such temporary certificate
370 shall be valid for a period not to exceed one year and shall not be
371 renewable.

372 [(f)] (g) An applicant who is issued a temporary emergency medical
373 technician certificate pursuant to subsection [(e)] (f) of this section may,
374 prior to the expiration of such temporary certificate, apply to the
375 department for: (1) Renewal of such person's paramedic license, giving
376 such person's name in full, such person's residence and business
377 address and such other information as the department requests,
378 provided the application for license renewal is accompanied by
379 evidence satisfactory to the commissioner that the applicant was under
380 the medical oversight of a sponsor hospital, as those terms are defined
381 in section 19a-175, as amended by this act, on the date the applicant's
382 paramedic license became void for nonrenewal; or (2) recertification as
383 an emergency medical technician, provided the application for
384 recertification is accompanied by evidence satisfactory to the
385 commissioner that the applicant completed emergency medical
386 technician refresher training approved by the commissioner not later
387 than one year after issuance of the temporary emergency medical
388 technician certificate. The department shall recertify such person as an
389 emergency medical technician without the examination required for
390 initial certification specified in regulations adopted by the
391 commissioner pursuant to section 20-20600, as amended by this act.

392 [(g)] (h) The commissioner may issue an emergency medical
393 responder, emergency medical technician or advanced emergency
394 medical technician certificate to an applicant for certification by
395 endorsement who presents evidence satisfactory to the commissioner
396 that the applicant (1) is currently certified as an emergency medical
397 responder, emergency medical technician or advanced emergency

398 medical technician in good standing by a state that maintains licensing
399 requirements that the commissioner determines are equal to, or greater
400 than, those in this state, (2) has completed an initial department-
401 approved emergency medical responder, emergency medical
402 technician or advanced emergency medical technician training
403 program that includes written and practical examinations at the
404 completion of the course, or a program outside the state that adheres
405 to national education standards for the emergency medical responder,
406 emergency medical technician or advanced emergency medical
407 technician scope of practice and that includes an examination, and (3)
408 has no pending disciplinary action or unresolved complaint against
409 him or her.

410 [(h)] (i) The commissioner may issue an emergency medical services
411 instructor certificate to an applicant who presents (1) evidence
412 satisfactory to the commissioner that the applicant is currently certified
413 as an emergency medical technician in good standing, (2)
414 documentation satisfactory to the commissioner, with reference to
415 national education standards, regarding qualifications as an
416 emergency medical service instructor, (3) a letter of endorsement
417 signed by two instructors holding current emergency medical service
418 instructor certification, (4) documentation of having completed written
419 and practical examinations as prescribed by the commissioner, and (5)
420 evidence satisfactory to the commissioner that the applicant has no
421 pending disciplinary action or unresolved complaints against him or
422 her.

423 (j) Any person certified as an emergency medical technician,
424 advanced emergency medical technician, emergency medical
425 responder or emergency medical services instructor pursuant to this
426 chapter and the regulations adopted pursuant to section 20-20600, as
427 amended by this act, whose certification has expired may apply to the
428 Department of Public Health for reinstatement of such certification as
429 follows: (1) If such certification expired one year or less from the date
430 of the application for reinstatement, such person shall complete the
431 requirements for recertification specified in regulations adopted

432 pursuant to section 20-206oo, as amended by this act, as such
433 recertification regulations may be from time to time amended; (2) if
434 such recertification expired more than one year but less than three
435 years from the date of application for reinstatement, such person shall
436 complete the training required for recertification and the examination
437 required for initial certification specified in regulations adopted
438 pursuant to section 20-206oo, as amended by this act, as such training
439 and examination regulations may be from time to time amended; or (3)
440 if such certification expired three or more years from the date of
441 application for reinstatement, such person shall complete the
442 requirements for initial certification set forth in this section. Any
443 certificate issued pursuant to this section shall remain valid for ninety
444 days after the expiration date of such certificate and become void upon
445 the expiration of such ninety-day period.

446 [(i)] (k) The Commissioner of Public Health shall issue an
447 emergency medical technician certification to an applicant who is a
448 member of the armed forces or the National Guard or a veteran and
449 who (1) presents evidence satisfactory to the commissioner that such
450 applicant holds a current certification as a person entitled to perform
451 similar services under a different designation by the National Registry
452 of Emergency Medical Technicians, or (2) satisfies the regulations
453 promulgated pursuant to subdivision (4) of subsection (a) of section
454 19a-179, as amended by this act. Such applicant shall be exempt from
455 any written or practical examination requirement for certification.

456 [(j)] (l) For the purposes of this section, "veteran" means any person
457 who was discharged or released under conditions other than
458 dishonorable from active service in the armed forces and "armed
459 forces" has the same meaning as provided in section 27-103.

460 Sec. 9. Section 20-206nn of the general statutes is repealed and the
461 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2015*):

462 The Commissioner of Public Health may take any disciplinary
463 action set forth in section 19a-17 against a paramedic, emergency

464 medical technician, emergency medical responder, advanced
465 emergency medical technician or emergency medical services
466 instructor for any of the following reasons: (1) Failure to conform to
467 the accepted standards of the profession; (2) conviction of a felony, in
468 accordance with the provisions of section 46a-80; (3) fraud or deceit in
469 obtaining or seeking reinstatement of a license to practice
470 paramedicine or a certificate to practice as an emergency medical
471 technician, emergency medical responder, advanced emergency
472 medical technician or emergency medical services instructor; (4) fraud
473 or deceit in the practice of paramedicine, the provision of emergency
474 medical services or the provision of emergency medical services
475 education; (5) negligent, incompetent or wrongful conduct in
476 professional activities; (6) physical, mental or emotional illness or
477 disorder resulting in an inability to conform to the accepted standards
478 of the profession; (7) alcohol or substance abuse; or (8) wilful
479 falsification of entries in any hospital, patient or other health record.
480 The commissioner may take any such disciplinary action against [a
481 paramedic] emergency medical services personnel for violation of any
482 provision of section [20-206jj] 20-206mm, as amended by this act, or
483 any regulations adopted pursuant to section 20-206oo, as amended by
484 this act. The commissioner may order a license or certificate holder to
485 submit to a reasonable physical or mental examination if his or her
486 physical or mental capacity to practice safely is the subject of an
487 investigation. The commissioner may petition the superior court for
488 the judicial district of Hartford to enforce such order or any action
489 taken pursuant to section 19a-17. The commissioner shall give notice
490 and an opportunity to be heard on any contemplated action under said
491 section 19a-17.

492 Sec. 10. Section 20-206oo of the general statutes is repealed and the
493 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2015*):

494 (a) The Commissioner of Public Health may adopt regulations in
495 accordance with the provisions of chapter 54 to carry out the
496 provisions of subdivision (24) of subsection (c) of section 19a-14,
497 subsection (e) of section 19a-88, [subdivision (15) of section 19a-175,]

498 subsection (b) of section 20-9, subsection (c) of section 20-195c, sections
499 20-195aa to 20-195ff, inclusive, and sections 20-206jj to 20-206oo,
500 inclusive, as amended by this act.

501 (b) The commissioner may adopt regulations in accordance with the
502 provisions of chapter 54 to (1) provide for state-wide standardization
503 of certification for each class of emergency medical services personnel,
504 including, but not limited to, (A) emergency medical technicians, (B)
505 emergency medical services instructors, (C) emergency medical
506 responders, and (D) advanced emergency medical technicians, (2)
507 allow course work for such certification to be taken state-wide, and (3)
508 allow persons so certified to perform work within their scope of
509 certification state-wide. Such regulations shall include methods and
510 conditions for the issuance, renewal and reinstatement of licensure and
511 certification or recertification of emergency medical responders,
512 emergency medical technicians, emergency medical services
513 instructors and advanced emergency medical technicians.

514 Sec. 11. Section 19a-179a of the general statutes is repealed and the
515 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2015*):

516 [(a)] Notwithstanding any provision of the general statutes or any
517 regulation adopted pursuant to this chapter, the scope of practice of
518 any person certified or licensed as an emergency medical responder,
519 emergency medical technician, advanced emergency medical
520 technician, emergency medical services instructor or a paramedic
521 under regulations adopted pursuant to this section may include
522 treatment modalities not specified in the regulations of Connecticut
523 state agencies, provided such treatment modalities are (1) approved by
524 the Connecticut Emergency Medical Services Medical Advisory
525 Committee established pursuant to section 19a-178a and the
526 Commissioner of Public Health, and (2) administered at the medical
527 oversight and direction of a sponsor hospital.

528 [(b) The Commissioner of Public Health shall adopt regulations, in
529 accordance with chapter 54, concerning the methods and conditions

530 for the issuance, renewal and reinstatement of licensure and
531 certification or recertification of emergency medical responders,
532 emergency medical technicians and emergency medical services
533 instructors.]

534 Sec. 12. Subdivision (1) of subsection (a) of section 19a-88b of the
535 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
536 thereof (*Effective October 1, 2015*):

537 (a) (1) Notwithstanding section 19a-14 or any other provision of the
538 general statutes relating to continuing education or refresher training,
539 the Department of Public Health shall renew a license, certificate,
540 permit or registration issued to an individual pursuant to chapters
541 368d, 368v, 371 to 378, inclusive, 379a to 388, inclusive, 393a, 395, 398,
542 399, 400a and 400c that becomes void pursuant to section 19a-88 [or
543 19a-195b] while the holder of the license, certificate, permit or
544 registration is on active duty in the armed forces of the United States,
545 or such holder is a member of the National Guard ordered out by the
546 Governor for military service, not later than one year from the date of
547 discharge from active duty or ordered military service, upon
548 completion of any continuing education or refresher training required
549 to renew a license, certificate, registration or permit that has not
550 become void pursuant to section 19a-88. [or 19a-195b.] A licensee
551 applying for license renewal pursuant to this subdivision shall submit
552 an application on a form prescribed by the department and other such
553 documentation as may be required by the department.

554 Sec. 13. Sections 19a-195a and 19a-195b of the general statutes are
555 repealed. (*Effective October 1, 2015*)

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2015</i>	New section
Sec. 2	<i>October 1, 2015</i>	19a-177(8)
Sec. 3	<i>October 1, 2015</i>	19a-175
Sec. 4	<i>October 1, 2015</i>	19a-197a(a)

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Sec. 5	<i>October 1, 2015</i>	20-206jj
Sec. 6	<i>October 1, 2015</i>	20-206kk
Sec. 7	<i>October 1, 2015</i>	20-206ll
Sec. 8	<i>October 1, 2015</i>	20-206mm
Sec. 9	<i>October 1, 2015</i>	20-206nn
Sec. 10	<i>October 1, 2015</i>	20-206oo
Sec. 11	<i>October 1, 2015</i>	19a-179a
Sec. 12	<i>October 1, 2015</i>	19a-88b(a)(1)
Sec. 13	<i>October 1, 2015</i>	Repealer section