



# House of Representatives

General Assembly

**File No. 652**

January Session, 2019

House Bill No. 6128

*House of Representatives, April 15, 2019*

The Committee on Public Health reported through REP. STEINBERG of the 136th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the bill ought to pass.

***AN ACT CONCERNING CONTINUING EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS FOR PERSONS LICENSED OR CERTIFIED AS EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES PERSONNEL BUT WHO ARE NOT EMPLOYED AS EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES PERSONNEL.***

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

1 Section 1. Subsection (e) of section 20-206mm of the general statutes  
2 is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*  
3 *1, 2019*):

4 (e) An emergency medical responder, emergency medical  
5 technician, advanced emergency medical technician or emergency  
6 medical services instructor shall be recertified every three years. For  
7 the purpose of maintaining an acceptable level of proficiency, each  
8 emergency medical technician who is recertified for a three-year  
9 period shall complete thirty hours of refresher training approved by  
10 the commissioner or meet such other requirements as may be  
11 prescribed by the commissioner. The refresher training or other  
12 requirements shall include, but not be limited to, training in

13 Alzheimer's disease and dementia symptoms and care. A person  
14 certified as an emergency medical services personnel pursuant to this  
15 chapter and the regulations adopted pursuant to section 20-20600, who  
16 is not employed as an emergency medical services personnel may be  
17 recertified in accordance with this subsection, provided such person  
18 shall not be subject to the requirement of completion of refresher  
19 training courses until such time as such person reenters employment  
20 as an emergency medical services personnel.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	July 1, 2019	20-206mm(e)

**PH**      *Joint Favorable*

*The following Fiscal Impact Statement and Bill Analysis are prepared for the benefit of the members of the General Assembly, solely for purposes of information, summarization and explanation and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either chamber thereof for any purpose. In general, fiscal impacts are based upon a variety of informational sources, including the analyst's professional knowledge. Whenever applicable, agency data is consulted as part of the analysis, however final products do not necessarily reflect an assessment from any specific department.*

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**OFA Fiscal Note****State Impact:** None**Municipal Impact:** None**Explanation**

The bill, which allows certain emergency medical services (EMS) personnel to renew their certifications without completing a required refresher training course until reentering EMS employment, is not anticipated to result in a fiscal impact to the State or municipalities. The bill is not anticipated to alter the number of EMS certification renewals made every three years through the Department of Public Health.

**The Out Years****State Impact:** None**Municipal Impact:** None

**OLR Bill Analysis****HB 6128****AN ACT CONCERNING CONTINUING EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS FOR PERSONS LICENSED OR CERTIFIED AS EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES PERSONNEL BUT WHO ARE NOT EMPLOYED AS EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES PERSONNEL.****SUMMARY**

This bill allows a certified emergency medical responder (EMR), emergency medical technician (EMT), advanced EMT, or emergency medical services (EMS) instructor ("EMS personnel") who is not currently employed as such to renew his or her certification without completing the required refresher training course until reentering employment as an EMS personnel.

By law, certified EMS personnel must renew their state certification every three years. To do so, they must (1) pay a renewal fee and (2) complete a DPH-approved refresher course or, for EMS personnel certified in other states, an out-of-state course with requirements that are equal to Connecticut's.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2019

**BACKGROUND*****Related Bill***

sSB 1005, favorably reported by the Public Health Committee, requires EMS personnel, starting January 1, 2020, to renew their state certification by completing national training and examination requirements.

**COMMITTEE ACTION**

Public Health Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 25 Nay 0 (03/29/2019)