



# House of Representatives

General Assembly

**File No. 153**

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House Bill No. 7249

*House of Representatives, March 26, 2019*

The Committee on Veterans' Affairs reported through REP. BORER, D. of the 115th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the bill ought to pass.

***AN ACT CONCERNING EMERGENCY MEDICAL TRAINING IN HEALTH CONDITIONS COMMON TO FORMER MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES.***

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2 is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*  
3 *October 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 (1)  
13 Alzheimer's disease and dementia symptoms and care, and (2) health

14 conditions common to former members of the armed forces, as defined  
15 in section 27-103, such as post-traumatic stress disorder symptoms and  
16 care, and how to identify former members of the armed forces  
17 experiencing such health conditions.

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

**VA**      *Joint Favorable*

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

The bill, which requires that the 30 hours of refresher training required every three years for emergency medical technicians include training on health conditions common to former armed forces members, is not anticipated to result in a fiscal impact to the State or municipalities.

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

**OLR Bill Analysis****HB 7249*****AN ACT CONCERNING EMERGENCY MEDICAL TRAINING IN HEALTH CONDITIONS COMMON TO FORMER MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES.*****SUMMARY**

This bill requires that the 30 hours of refresher training required every three years for emergency medical technicians include training on health conditions common to former armed forces members, including post-traumatic stress disorder symptoms and care, and how to identify when such members are experiencing such health conditions. "Armed forces" means the U.S. Army, Navy, Marines, Coast Guard, Air Force, or any reserve component, including the National Guard performing duty under Title 32 of federal law (e.g., certain Homeland Security missions).

By law, the refresher training also must include training in Alzheimer's disease and dementia symptoms and care.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2019

**COMMITTEE ACTION**

Veterans' Affairs Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 16 Nay 0 (03/12/2019)