



**House Military and Veterans Affairs Reported  
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A BILL

TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

Relating to emergency medical services personnel; to amend Section 22-18-4, Code of Alabama 1975, to require the Alabama Department of Public Health to credit education or training acquired in military service toward qualifying for an emergency medical services personnel license; and to delete duplicative language and make nonsubstantive, technical revisions to update the existing code language to current style.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

Section 1. Section 22-18-4, Code of Alabama 1975, is amended to read as follows:

"§22-18-4

(a) In addition to all other fees ~~now~~ payable, the ~~Board of Health~~department shall establish, by rule, a fee for EMSP and air or ground provider service licenses. Each license issued to an EMSP shall be valid for a period of 24 calendar months. Each license issued to a provider service shall be valid for a period not to exceed 12 calendar months. The same fee shall be charged for renewal of a license. No additional fee shall be collected when an EMSP becomes eligible for



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reclassification of his or her license to a higher level.

(b) All fees collected under this chapter shall be retained in a separate fund by the ~~Board of Health~~department for the purpose of enforcing this chapter, and shall be disbursed as other funds of the state are disbursed; provided, that no fee or permit charge authorized under this chapter shall be charged ~~or collected~~ for the issuing of a permit to a volunteer rescue squad, as defined in Section 32-11-1, for providing ambulance service on a gratuitous basis, or any member thereof who volunteers his or her service, unless licensure is requested by the squad, company, or individual, whereupon, a fee ~~will~~shall be charged.

(c) Any person desiring EMSP licensure shall complete an approved EMSP course as defined by rules of the ~~Board of Health~~department, successfully pass the appropriate level licensure examination as determined by the ~~Board of Health~~department, and submit an application to the ~~board~~department. An approved EMSP course for any level shall be a course conforming to the curriculum for that level as approved by the United States Department of Transportation, or approved by any other federal agency as, ~~in the future,~~ may ~~take~~have jurisdiction over EMSP training curriculum development. A curriculum may be required to be supplemented with additional modules: (i) if the modules are optional modules approved by the United States Department of Transportation, or ~~its~~a successor as specified above, ; and (ii) the optional modules are prescribed, by rule, by the ~~board~~department ~~pursuant to the Alabama Administrative~~



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~~Procedure Act.~~

(d) (1) The department shall accept, upon satisfactory presentation by the applicant, education, training, and experience completed while a member of the Armed Forces or Reserves of the United States or the National Guard, Military Reserves, or Naval Militia of any state, and proof of successful passage of the National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians examination as credit toward the qualifications for EMSP licensure.

(2) The department shall adopt rules to implement this subsection.

~~(d)~~ (e) No air or ground ambulance shall be operated for ambulance purposes, and no individual shall fly, drive, operate, attend, or permit the ambulance to be operated for the purpose of transporting a patient from any point within the State of Alabama to any other point within the State of Alabama unless the ambulance is ~~duly~~ licensed by the ~~Board of Health~~ department. The ~~Board of Health~~ department may prescribe exceptions to this requirement consistent with the interests of public health. Any ground ambulance shall at all times be driven by a person holding a valid ~~driver's~~ driver license ~~and~~ who has passed the Emergency Vehicle Operator Course approved by the ~~Board of Health~~ department, the Apparatus Operator's Course taught by the Alabama Fire College, or the Emergency Vehicle Driver Course taught by the Alabama Fire College."

Section 2. This act shall become effective on October 1, 2025.