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4 SYNOPSIS:

5 Under existing law, many examining and licensing
6 boards that regulate professions in the State of
7 Alabama accept experience, training, and education
8 gained by an individual during military service as
9 credit toward occupational or professional
10 qualification requirements.

11 This bill would extend this allowance to
12 individuals seeking an emergency medical services
13 personnel license from the Alabama Department of Public
14 Health.

15 This bill would delete duplicative language and
16 also make nonsubstantive, technical revisions to update
17 the existing code language to current style.

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20 A BILL

21 TO BE ENTITLED

22 AN ACT

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24 Relating to emergency medical services personnel; to
25 amend Section 22-18-4, Code of Alabama 1975, to require the
26 Alabama Department of Public Health to credit education or
27 training acquired in military service toward qualifying for an
28 emergency medical services personnel license; and to delete



29 duplicative language and make nonsubstantive, technical
30 revisions to update the existing code language to current
31 style.

32 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

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

35 "§22-18-4

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

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

56 (c) Any person desiring EMSP licensure shall complete



57 an approved EMSP course as defined by rules of the ~~Board of~~
58 ~~Health~~department, successfully pass the appropriate level
59 licensure examination as determined by the ~~Board of~~
60 ~~Health~~department, and submit an application to the
61 ~~board~~department. An approved EMSP course for any level shall
62 be a course conforming to the curriculum for that level as
63 approved by the United States Department of Transportation, or
64 approved by any other federal agency as ~~in the future~~, may
65 ~~take~~have jurisdiction over EMSP training curriculum
66 development. A curriculum may be required to be supplemented
67 with additional modules: (i) if the modules are optional
68 modules approved by the United States Department of
69 Transportation, or ~~its~~a successor as specified above(i) and
70 (ii) the optional modules are prescribed by rule by the
71 ~~board~~department ~~pursuant to the Alabama Administrative~~
72 ~~Procedure Act~~.

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

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

83 ~~(d)~~(e) No air or ground ambulance shall be operated for
84 ambulance purposes and no individual shall fly, drive,

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85 operate, attend, or permit the ambulance to be operated for
86 the purpose of transporting a patient from any point within
87 the State of Alabama to any other point within the State of
88 Alabama unless the ambulance is ~~duly~~ licensed by the ~~Board of~~
89 ~~Health~~department. The ~~Board of~~Health~~department~~ may prescribe
90 exceptions to this requirement consistent with the interests
91 of public health. Any ground ambulance shall at all times be
92 driven by a person holding a valid ~~driver's~~driver license~~and~~
93 who has passed the Emergency Vehicle Operator Course approved
94 by the ~~Board of~~Health~~department~~, the Apparatus Operator's
95 Course taught by the Alabama Fire College, or the Emergency
96 Vehicle Driver Course taught by the Alabama Fire College."

97 Section 2. This act shall become effective on October
98 1, 2026.