

## HB182 INTRODUCED



1 HB182  
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## SYNOPSIS:

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

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

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

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



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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



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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, ~~i~~ and  
(ii) the optional modules are prescribed, by rule, by the  
~~board department pursuant to the Alabama Administrative~~  
~~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,



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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, 2026.