
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON VETERANS AFFAIRS AND EMERGENCY
PREPAREDNESS, MAY 2, 2006

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of July 3, 1985 (P.L.164, No.45), entitled "An
2 act relating to the prevention and reduction of premature
3 death and disability in this Commonwealth; providing for
4 assistance, coordination and support of the development and
5 maintenance of a comprehensive emergency medical services
6 system and for qualifications, eligibility and certification
7 of emergency medical services personnel and licensing
8 ambulance services; imposing powers and duties on the
9 Department of Health; and making repeals," further providing
10 for emergency medical services personnel.

11 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
12 hereby enacts as follows:

13 Section 1. Section 11(a) of the act of July 3, 1985
14 (P.L.164, No.45), known as the Emergency Medical Services Act,
15 amended October 5, 1994 (P.L.557, No.82), is amended to read:
16 Section 11. Emergency medical services personnel.

17 (a) Education.--The department shall assist, encourage and
18 coordinate the education of first responders, emergency medical

1 technicians and EMT-paramedics, who shall be certified by the
2 department upon successful completion of courses of instruction
3 recognized by the department and written and practical skill
4 examinations administered by the department or its designees.

5 (1) The department shall develop standards in the form
6 of rules and regulations for the accreditation of appropriate
7 educational institutes and shall be empowered to recognize
8 such institutes as meeting such standards.

9 (2) First responder, emergency medical technician and
10 EMT-paramedic students enrolled in courses recognized by the
11 department shall be subject to the appropriate liability
12 exemptions listed in this section, as shall participating
13 institutes, organizations and facilities pursuant to the
14 provisions of subsection (j)(3).

15 (3) The department shall develop standards to grant
16 reciprocal certification for persons who served in the United
17 States Armed Forces as certified medical specialists and
18 performed duties comparable to first responders, emergency
19 medical technicians and EMT-paramedics.

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21 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.