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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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JOZWIAK, KEEFER, M. MACKENZIE, OBERLANDER, PENNYCUICK AND  
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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, MAY 13, 2022

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AN ACT

1 Amending Title 35 (Health and Safety) of the Pennsylvania  
2 Consolidated Statutes, in emergency medical services system,  
3 further providing for emergency medical responders, for  
4 emergency medical technicians, for advanced emergency medical  
5 technicians and for paramedics.

6 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
7 hereby enacts as follows:

8 Section 1. Sections 8114(b)(5), 8115(b)(5), 8116(b)(5) and  
9 (c) introductory paragraph and 8117(c)(5) and (d) introductory  
10 paragraph of Title 35 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes  
11 are amended to read:

12 § 8114. Emergency medical responders.

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14 (b) Certification.--The department shall certify as an EMR  
15 an individual who meets all of the following:

16 \* \* \*

17 (5) Has passed a written EMR certification examination  
18 [approved by the department.] administered by an EMS  
19 educational institute as specified under section 8113(d)(1)

1 (relating to emergency medical services providers).

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3 § 8115. Emergency medical technicians.

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5 (b) Certification.--The department shall certify as an EMT  
6 an individual who meets all of the following:

7 \* \* \*

8 (5) Has passed a written EMT certification examination  
9 [approved by the department.] administered by an EMS  
10 educational institute as specified under section 8113(d) (1)  
11 (relating to emergency medical services providers).

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13 § 8116. Advanced emergency medical technicians.

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15 (b) Certification.--The department shall certify as an  
16 advanced EMT an individual who meets all of the following:

17 \* \* \*

18 (5) Has passed a written advanced EMT certification  
19 examination [approved by the department.] administered by an  
20 EMS educational institute as specified under section 8113(d)  
21 (1) (relating to emergency medical services providers).

22 (c) Biennial registration.--An advanced EMT's certification  
23 is deemed registered when the certification is issued. The  
24 initial registration shall expire as set forth in section  
25 8113(n) [(relating to emergency medical services providers)].  
26 Except for the initial registration period, an advanced EMT must  
27 register the advanced EMT certification at two-year intervals by  
28 completing an application for biennial registration on a form or  
29 through an electronic process, as prescribed by regulation of  
30 the department. The following shall apply:

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2 § 8117. Paramedics.

3 \* \* \*

4 (c) Certification.--The department shall certify as a  
5 paramedic an EMT or advanced EMT who meets all of the following:

6 \* \* \*

7 (5) Has passed a written paramedic certification  
8 examination [approved by the department.] administered by an  
9 EMS educational institute as specified under section 8113(d)  
10 (1) (relating to emergency medical services providers).

11 (d) Biennial registration.--A paramedic's certification is  
12 deemed registered when the certification is issued. The initial  
13 registration shall expire as set forth in section 8113(n)  
14 [(relating to emergency medical services providers)]. Except for  
15 the initial registration period, a paramedic must register the  
16 paramedic certification at two-year intervals by completing an  
17 application for biennial registration on a form or through an  
18 electronic process as prescribed by regulation of the  
19 department. The following shall apply:

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