

SENATE BILL NO. 19

January 13, 2021, Introduced by Senator ZORN and referred to the Committee on Health Policy and Human Services.

A bill to amend 1978 PA 368, entitled
"Public health code,"
(MCL 333.1101 to 333.25211) by adding section 20955.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 **Sec. 20955. (1) An individual who is retired from practicing**
2 **as a medical first responder, emergency medical technician,**
3 **emergency medical technician specialist, paramedic, or emergency**
4 **medical services instructor-coordinator and wishes to donate his or**
5 **her expertise for the patient care of indigent and needy**

1 individuals in this state or for the patient care of individuals in
2 medically underserved areas of this state may obtain a special
3 retiree license to practice as a medical first responder, emergency
4 medical technician, emergency medical technician specialist,
5 paramedic, or emergency medical services instructor-coordinator
6 from which he or she is retired by submitting an application to the
7 department under this section. An applicant shall submit an
8 application for a special retiree license on a form provided by the
9 department and shall include each of the following:

10 (a) Documentation that the individual has been previously
11 licensed to practice as a medical first responder, emergency
12 medical technician, emergency medical technician specialist,
13 paramedic, or emergency medical services instructor-coordinator in
14 this state and that his or her license was in good standing at the
15 time his or her license expired.

16 (b) Acknowledgment and documentation that the applicant will
17 not receive any payment or compensation, either direct or indirect,
18 or have the expectation of any payment or compensation, for any
19 patient care provided under the special retiree license.

20 (c) If the applicant has been out of practice for 3 or more
21 years, documentation that, during the 3 years immediately preceding
22 the application, he or she has attended at least 2/3 of the
23 continuing education requirements established by the department for
24 the renewal of a license for a medical first responder, emergency
25 medical technician, emergency medical technician specialist,
26 paramedic, or emergency medical services instructor-coordinator.

27 (2) If the department determines that the application of the
28 individual satisfies the requirements of subsection (1) and that
29 the individual meets the requirements for a license under this

1 part, the department shall grant a special retiree license to the
2 applicant. A licensee seeking renewal under this section shall
3 provide the department with an updated acknowledgment and
4 documentation as described in subsection (1)(b). The department
5 shall not charge a fee for the issuance or renewal of a special
6 retiree license under this section.

7 (3) Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, an
8 individual who is granted a special retiree license under this
9 section and who accepts the privilege of practicing as a medical
10 first responder, emergency medical technician, emergency medical
11 technician specialist, paramedic, or emergency medical services
12 instructor-coordinator in this state is subject to all the
13 provisions of this part applicable to practicing as a medical first
14 responder, emergency medical technician, emergency medical
15 technician specialist, paramedic, or emergency medical services
16 instructor-coordinator, including those provisions concerning
17 continuing education and disciplinary action.

18 (4) For purposes of this section, an individual is considered
19 retired from practicing as a medical first responder, emergency
20 medical technician, emergency medical technician specialist,
21 paramedic, or emergency medical services instructor-coordinator if
22 the individual's license has expired with the individual's
23 intention of ceasing to engage, for remuneration, in practicing as
24 a medical first responder, emergency medical technician, emergency
25 medical technician specialist, paramedic, or emergency medical
26 services instructor-coordinator.

27 (5) An individual who is granted a special retiree license
28 under this section shall only perform activities in a manner that
29 is consistent with his or her education, licensure, and approved

1 medical control authority protocols as a medical first responder,
2 emergency medical technician, emergency medical technician
3 specialist, paramedic, or emergency medical services instructor-
4 coordinator for which he or she was licensed before his or her
5 retirement.