

HOUSE BILL NO. 5155

October 17, 2023, Introduced by Reps. Rheingans, Prestin, Rigas, Johnsen, BeGole, Neyer, Markkanen, Harris, Jaime Greene, Alexander, Maddock, Friske, Carra, Martin, Slagh, Mueller, Paquette, Roth, Borton, DeSana, Thompson, Kuhn, DeBoer, Steele, Hill, Outman, Schuette, Cavitt, Beson, Aragona, Hood, Beeler, Byrnes, Young, Price and VanderWall and referred to the Committee on Regulatory Reform.

A bill to amend 1978 PA 368, entitled
"Public health code,"
by amending section 20950 (MCL 333.20950), as amended by 2021 PA
25.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Sec. 20950. (1) An individual shall not practice or advertise
2 to practice as a medical first responder, emergency medical
3 technician, emergency medical technician specialist, paramedic, or
4 emergency medical services instructor-coordinator unless **the**

1 **individual is** licensed by the department under this section.

2 (2) The department shall issue a license under this section
3 only to an individual who meets all of the following requirements:

4 (a) ~~Is~~ **Meets 1 of the requirements described in section**
5 **20950a.**

6 ~~18 years of age or older.~~

7 (b) Meets either of the following requirements:

8 (i) Has successfully completed the appropriate education
9 program approved under section 20912.

10 (ii) While serving as a member of the armed forces, served as a
11 military health care specialist and was separated from service with
12 an honorable character of service or under an honorable conditions
13 (general) character of service in the 2-year period preceding the
14 date the license application is filed. The applicant shall provide
15 a form DD214, **form** DD215, or any other form that is satisfactory to
16 the department to meet the criteria established in this
17 subparagraph. This subparagraph only applies to an applicant for a
18 license as an emergency medical technician.

19 (c) Subject to subsection (3), has attained a passing score on
20 the appropriate department prescribed examination, as follows:

21 (i) A medical first responder must pass the written examination
22 proctored by the department or the department's designee and a
23 practical examination approved by the department. The instructors
24 of the medical first responder course shall administer the
25 practical examination. The department or the department's designee
26 may also proctor the practical examination. The individual shall
27 pay the fee for the written examination required under this
28 subparagraph directly to the National Registry of Emergency Medical
29 Technicians or other organization approved by the department.

1 (ii) An emergency medical technician, emergency medical
 2 technician specialist, or paramedic must pass the written
 3 examination proctored by the department or the department's
 4 designee and a practical examination proctored by the department or
 5 the department's designee. The individual shall pay the fee for the
 6 written examination required under this subparagraph directly to
 7 the National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians or other
 8 organization approved by the department.

9 (d) Meets other requirements of this part.

10 (3) The department shall require for purposes of compliance
 11 with subsection (2)(c) successful passage by each first-time
 12 applicant of an examination.

13 (4) The department shall issue a license as an emergency
 14 medical services instructor-coordinator only to an individual who
 15 meets the requirements of subsection (2) for an emergency medical
 16 services instructor-coordinator and at the time of application is
 17 currently licensed as a medical first responder, emergency medical
 18 technician, emergency medical technician specialist, or paramedic
 19 and has at least 3 years' field experience with a licensed life
 20 support agency as a medical first responder, emergency medical
 21 technician, emergency medical technician specialist, or paramedic.
 22 The department shall provide for the development and administration
 23 of an examination for emergency medical services instructor-
 24 coordinators. The license must specify the level of instruction-
 25 coordination the individual is licensed to provide. An emergency
 26 medical services instructor-coordinator shall not instruct or
 27 coordinate emergency medical training courses at a level that
 28 exceeds ~~his or her~~ **the emergency medical services instructor-**
 29 **coordinator's** designated level of licensure and for which ~~he or she~~

1 **the emergency medical services instructor-coordinator** does not have
2 at least 3 years' field experience at that level of licensure.

3 (5) Except as otherwise provided in section 20952, a license
4 under this section is effective for 3 years from the date of
5 issuance unless revoked or suspended by the department.

6 (6) Except as otherwise provided in this section, an applicant
7 for licensure under this section shall pay the following triennial
8 licensure fees:

9 (a) Medical first responder - no fee.

10 (b) Emergency medical technician - \$40.00.

11 (c) Emergency medical technician specialist - \$60.00.

12 (d) Paramedic - \$80.00.

13 (e) Emergency medical services instructor-coordinator -
14 \$100.00.

15 (7) If a life support agency certifies to the department that
16 an applicant for licensure under this section will act as a
17 volunteer and if the life support agency does not charge for its
18 services, the department shall not require the applicant to pay the
19 fee required under subsection (6). If the applicant ceases to meet
20 the definition of a volunteer under this part at any time during
21 the effective period of ~~his or her~~ **the applicant's** license and is
22 employed as a licensee under this part, the applicant shall at that
23 time pay the fee required under subsection (6).

24 (8) The department shall waive the fee required under
25 subsection (6) for the initial license if the applicant for initial
26 licensure was separated from service with an honorable character of
27 service or under honorable conditions (general) character of
28 service in the armed forces. The applicant shall provide a form
29 DD214, **form** DD215, or any other form that is satisfactory to the

1 department to be eligible for the waiver of the fee under this
2 subsection.

3 (9) As used in this section, "armed forces" means that term as
4 defined in section 16103.

5 Enacting section 1. This amendatory act does not take effect
6 unless Senate Bill No. ____ or House Bill No. 5154 (request no.
7 03189'23) of the 102nd Legislature is enacted into law.