

SENATE BILL NO. 957

June 03, 2020, 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

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

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

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

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

28 (2) If the department determines that the application of the
29 individual satisfies the requirements of subsection (1) and that

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

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

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

28 (5) An individual who is granted a special retiree license
29 under this section shall only perform activities in a manner that

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