

HOUSE BILL NO. 5115

June 23, 2021, Introduced by Reps. Yaroch, Markkanen and Allor and referred to the Committee on Workforce, Trades, and Talent.

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~~**If applying for a medical first responder license, is**
5 **16 years of age or older. If applying for an emergency medical**
6 **technician, emergency medical technician specialist, paramedic, or**
7 **emergency medical services instructor-coordinator license, is** 18
8 years of age or older.

9 (b) Meets either of the following requirements:

10 (i) Has successfully completed the appropriate education
11 program approved under section 20912.

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

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

23 (i) A medical first responder must pass the written examination
24 proctored by the department or the department's designee and a
25 practical examination approved by the department. The instructors
26 of the medical first responder course shall administer the
27 practical examination. The department or the department's designee
28 may also proctor the practical examination. The individual shall
29 pay the fee for the written examination required under this

1 subparagraph directly to the National Registry of Emergency Medical
2 Technicians or other organization approved by the department.

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

11 (d) Meets other requirements of this part.

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

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

1 exceeds his or her designated level of licensure and for which he
2 or she does not have at least 3 years' field experience at that
3 level of licensure.

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

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

10 (a) Medical first responder - no fee.

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

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

13 (d) Paramedic - \$80.00.

14 (e) Emergency medical services instructor-coordinator -
15 \$100.00.

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

25 (8) The department shall waive the fee required under
26 subsection (6) for the initial license if the applicant for initial
27 licensure was separated from service with an honorable character of
28 service or under honorable conditions (general) character of
29 service in the armed forces. The applicant shall provide a form

1 DD214, **form** DD215, or any other form that is satisfactory to the
2 department to be eligible for the waiver of the fee under this
3 subsection.

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