

Substitute Bill No. 1005

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AN ACT CONCERNING THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH'S RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING REVISIONS TO EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES DEFINITIONS, CERTIFICATION AND CONTINUING EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

- 1 Section 1. Section 19a-175 of the general statutes is repealed and the
- 2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2019*):
- 3 As used in this chapter, unless the context otherwise requires:
- 4 (1) "Emergency medical service system" means a system which
- 5 provides for the arrangement of personnel, facilities and equipment for
- 6 the efficient, effective and coordinated delivery of health care services
- 7 under emergency conditions;
- 8 (2) "Patient" means an injured or ill person or a person with a
- 9 physical disability requiring assistance and transportation;
- 10 (3) "Ambulance" means a motor vehicle specifically designed to
- 11 carry patients;
- 12 (4) "Ambulance service" means an organization which transports
- 13 patients;
- 14 (5) "Emergency medical technician" means a person who is certified

- 15 pursuant to chapter 384d;
- 16 (6) "Ambulance driver" means a person whose primary function is 17 driving an ambulance;
- 18 (7) "Emergency medical services instructor" means a person who is 19 certified pursuant to chapter 384d;
- 20 (8) "Communications facility" means any facility housing the 21 personnel and equipment for handling the emergency communications 22 needs of a particular geographic area;
- 23 (9) "Life saving equipment" means equipment used by emergency 24 medical personnel for the stabilization and treatment of patients;
- 25 (10)"Emergency medical service organization" means 26 corporation or organization whether public, private or voluntary that 27 [offers transportation or treatment services to patients primarily] has 28 been certified or licensed by the Department of Public Health to offer 29 services as part of the emergency medical services system, which 30 services include, but are not limited to, treatment of patients (A) under 31 emergency conditions, sudden illness or injury, or (B) during 32 transportation by an authorized emergency medical services vehicle;
 - (11) "Invalid coach" means a vehicle used exclusively for the transportation of nonambulatory patients, who are not confined to stretchers, to or from either a medical facility or the patient's home in nonemergency situations or utilized in emergency situations as a backup vehicle when insufficient emergency vehicles exist;
- 38 (12) "Rescue service" means any organization, whether for-profit or 39 nonprofit, whose primary purpose is to search for persons who have 40 become lost or to render emergency service to persons who are in 41 dangerous or perilous circumstances;
- 42 **[**(13) "Provider" means any person, corporation or organization, 43 whether profit or nonprofit, whose primary purpose is to deliver

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- 44 medical care or services, including such related medical care services
- 45 as ambulance transportation;
- 46 [(14)] (13) "Commissioner" means the Commissioner of Public
- 47 Health;
- 48 [(15)] (14) "Paramedic" means a person licensed pursuant to chapter
- 49 384d;
- [(16)] (15) "Commercial ambulance service" means an ambulance
- 51 service which primarily operates for profit;
- 52 [(17)] (16) "Licensed ambulance service" means a commercial
- 53 ambulance service or a volunteer or municipal ambulance service
- issued a license by the commissioner;
- [(18)] (17) "Certified ambulance service" means a municipal,
- 56 volunteer or nonprofit ambulance service issued a certificate by the
- 57 commissioner;
- [(19)] (18) "Automatic external defibrillator" means a device that: (A)
- 59 Is used to administer an electric shock through the chest wall to the
- 60 heart; (B) contains internal decision-making electronics,
- 61 microcomputers or special software that allows it to interpret
- 62 physiologic signals, make medical diagnosis and, if necessary, apply
- 63 therapy; (C) guides the user through the process of using the device by
- audible or visual prompts; and (D) does not require the user to employ
- any discretion or judgment in its use;
- [(20)] (19) "Mutual aid call" means a call for emergency medical
- 67 services that, pursuant to the terms of a written agreement, is
- responded to by a secondary or alternate emergency medical [services
- 69 provider service organization if the primary or designated emergency
- 70 medical [services provider] service organization is unable to respond
- 71 because such primary or designated [provider] emergency medical
- 72 <u>service organization</u> is responding to another call for emergency
- 73 medical services or the ambulance or nontransport emergency vehicle

- operated by such primary or designated [provider] emergency medical
- 75 <u>service organization</u> is out of service. For purposes of this subdivision,
- 76 "nontransport emergency vehicle" means a vehicle used by emergency
- 77 medical technicians or paramedics in responding to emergency calls
- 78 that is not used to carry patients;
- 79 [(21)] (20) "Municipality" means the legislative body of a
- 80 municipality or the board of selectmen in the case of a municipality in
- 81 which the legislative body is a town meeting;
- 82 [(22)] (21) "Primary service area" means a specific geographic area to
- 83 which one designated emergency medical [services provider] service
- 84 <u>organization</u> is assigned for each category of emergency medical
- 85 response services;
- 86 [(23)] (22) "Primary service area responder" means an emergency
- 87 medical [services provider] <u>service organization</u> who is designated to
- 88 respond to a victim of sudden illness or injury in a primary service
- 89 area;
- 90 [(24)] (23) "Interfacility critical care transport" means the interfacility
- 91 transport of a patient between licensed health care institutions;
- 92 [(25)] (24) "Advanced emergency medical technician" means an
- 93 individual who is certified as an advanced emergency medical
- 94 technician pursuant to chapter 384d;
- 95 [(26)] (25) "Emergency medical responder" means an individual who
- 96 is certified pursuant to chapter 384d;
- 97 [(27)] (26) "Medical oversight" means the active surveillance by
- 98 physicians of the provision of emergency medical services sufficient
- 99 for the assessment of overall emergency medical service practice levels,
- as defined by state-wide protocols;
- 101 [(28)] (27) "Office of Emergency Medical Services" means the office
- 102 established within the Department of Public Health pursuant to

- section 19a-178, as amended by this act;
- [(29)] (28) "Sponsor hospital" means a hospital that has agreed to
- maintain staff for the provision of medical oversight, supervision and
- 106 direction to an emergency medical service organization and its
- personnel and has been approved for such activity by the Department
- 108 of Public Health;
- [(30)] (29) "Paramedic intercept service" means paramedic treatment
- 110 services provided by an entity that does not provide the ground
- 111 ambulance transport; [and]
- [(31)] (30) "Authorized emergency medical services vehicle" means
- an ambulance, invalid coach or advanced emergency technician-
- 114 staffed intercept vehicle or a paramedic-staffed intercept vehicle
- licensed or certified by the Department of Public Health for purposes
- of providing emergency medical care to patients; and
- 117 (31) "Emergency medical services personnel" means an individual
- 118 certified to practice as an emergency medical responder, emergency
- 119 medical technician, advanced emergency medical technician,
- 120 emergency medical services instructor or an individual licensed as a
- 121 paramedic.
- Sec. 2. Subdivisions (6) to (8), inclusive, of section 19a-177 of the
- 123 general statutes are repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
- thereof (*Effective July 1, 2019*):
- 125 (6) Establish such minimum standards and adopt such regulations
- in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54, as may be necessary to
- develop the following components of an emergency medical service
- system: (A) Communications, which shall include, but not be limited
- 129 to, equipment, radio frequencies and operational procedures; (B)
- transportation services, which shall include, but not be limited to,
- 131 vehicle type, design, condition and maintenance, and operational
- procedures; (C) training, which shall include, but not be limited to,
- 133 emergency medical [technicians] services personnel, communications

- personnel, paraprofessionals associated with emergency medical services, firefighters and state and local police; and (D) emergency medical service facilities, which shall include, but not be limited to, categorization of emergency departments as to their treatment capabilities and ancillary services;
- (7) Coordinate training of all <u>emergency medical services</u> personnel;
 [related to emergency medical services;]
 - (8) (A) Develop an emergency medical services data collection system. Each emergency medical service organization licensed or certified pursuant to chapter 386d shall submit data to the commissioner, on a quarterly basis, from each licensed ambulance service, certified ambulance service or paramedic intercept service that provides emergency medical services. Such submitted data shall include, but not be limited to: (i) The total number of calls for emergency medical services received by such licensed ambulance service, certified ambulance service or paramedic intercept service through the 9-1-1 system during the reporting period; (ii) each level of emergency medical services, as defined in regulations adopted pursuant to section 19a-179, required for each such call; (iii) the response time for each licensed ambulance service, certified ambulance service or paramedic intercept service during the reporting period; (iv) the number of passed calls, cancelled calls and mutual aid calls, both made and received, during the reporting period; and (v) for the reporting period, the prehospital data for the nonscheduled transport of patients required by regulations adopted pursuant to subdivision (6) of this section. The data required under this subdivision may be submitted in any [written or] electronic form selected by such licensed ambulance service, certified ambulance service or paramedic intercept approved by the commissioner, provided commissioner shall take into consideration the needs of such licensed ambulance service, certified ambulance service or paramedic intercept service in approving such [written or] electronic form. The commissioner may conduct an audit of any such licensed ambulance

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service, certified ambulance service or paramedic intercept service as the commissioner deems necessary in order to verify the accuracy of such reported data.

(B) On or before December 31, 2018, and annually thereafter, the commissioner shall prepare a report to the Emergency Medical Services Advisory Board, established pursuant to section 19a-178a, as amended by this act, that shall include, but not be limited to, the following data: (i) The total number of calls for emergency medical services received during the reporting year by each licensed ambulance service, certified ambulance service or paramedic intercept service; (ii) the level of emergency medical services required for each such call; (iii) the name of the [provider of] emergency medical service organization that provided each such level of emergency medical services furnished during the reporting year; (iv) the response time, by time ranges or fractile response times, for each licensed ambulance service, certified ambulance service or paramedic intercept service, using a common definition of response time, as provided in regulations adopted pursuant to section 19a-179; and (v) the number of passed calls, cancelled calls and mutual aid calls during the reporting year. The commissioner shall prepare such report in a format that categorizes such data for each municipality in which the emergency medical services were provided, with each such municipality grouped according to urban, suburban and rural classifications.

(C) If any licensed ambulance service, certified ambulance service or paramedic intercept service does not submit the data required under subparagraph (A) of this subdivision for a period of six consecutive months, or if the commissioner believes that such licensed ambulance service, certified ambulance service or paramedic intercept service knowingly or intentionally submitted incomplete or false data, the commissioner shall issue a written order directing such licensed ambulance service, certified ambulance service or paramedic intercept service to comply with the provisions of subparagraph (A) of this subdivision and submit all missing data or such corrected data as the

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commissioner may require. If such licensed ambulance service, certified ambulance service or paramedic intercept service fails to fully comply with such order not later than three months from the date such order is issued, the commissioner (i) shall conduct a hearing, in accordance with chapter 54, at which such licensed ambulance service, certified ambulance service or paramedic intercept service shall be required to show cause why the primary service area assignment of such licensed ambulance service, certified ambulance service or paramedic intercept service should not be revoked, and (ii) may take such disciplinary action under section 19a-17 as the commissioner deems appropriate.

- The commissioner shall collect the data required by subparagraph (A) of this subdivision, in the manner provided in said subparagraph, from each emergency medical service organization licensed or certified pursuant to this chapter. Any such emergency medical service organization that fails to comply with the provisions of this section shall be liable for a civil penalty not to exceed one hundred dollars per day for each failure to report the required data regarding emergency medical services provided to a patient, as determined by the commissioner. The civil penalties set forth in this subparagraph shall be assessed only after the department provides a written notice of deficiency and the organization is afforded the opportunity to respond to such notice. An organization shall have not more than fifteen business days after the date of receiving such notice to provide a written response to the department. The commissioner may adopt regulations, in accordance with chapter 54, concerning development, implementation, monitoring and collection emergency medical service system data. All state agencies licensed or certified as emergency medical service organizations shall be exempt from the civil penalties set forth in this subparagraph;
- (E) The commissioner shall, with the recommendation of the Connecticut Emergency Medical Services Advisory Board established pursuant to section 19a-178a, as amended by this act, adopt for use in

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- 233 trauma data collection the most recent version of the National Trauma
- 234 Data Bank's National Trauma Data Standards and Data Dictionary and
- 235 nationally recognized guidelines for field triage of injured patients.
- Sec. 3. Subsection (b) of section 19a-178a of the general statutes is
- repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (Effective July
- 238 1, 2019):
- 239 (b) The advisory board shall consist of members appointed in 240 accordance with the provisions of this subsection and shall include the 241 Commissioner of Public Health, the department's emergency medical 242 services medical director and the president of each of the regional 243 emergency medical services councils, or their designees. The Governor 244 shall appoint the following members: (1) One person from the 245 Connecticut Association of Directors of Health; (2) three persons from 246 the Connecticut College of Emergency Physicians; (3) one person from 247 the Connecticut Committee on Trauma of the American College of 248 Surgeons; (4) one person from the Connecticut Medical Advisory 249 Committee; (5) one person from the Emergency Nurses Association; (6) 250 one person from the Connecticut Association of Emergency Medical 251 Services Instructors; (7) one person from the Connecticut Hospital 252 Association; (8) two persons representing commercial ambulance 253 [providers] <u>services</u>; (9) one person from the Connecticut State 254 Firefighters Association; (10) one person from the Connecticut Fire 255 Chiefs Association; (11) one person from the Connecticut Police Chiefs 256 Association; (12) one person from the Connecticut State Police; and (13) 257 one person from the Connecticut Commission on Fire Prevention and 258 Control. An additional eighteen members shall be appointed as 259 follows: (A) Three by the president pro tempore of the Senate; (B) three 260 by the majority leader of the Senate; (C) four by the minority leader of 261 the Senate; (D) three by the speaker of the House of Representatives; 262 (E) two by the majority leader of the House of Representatives; and (F) 263 three by the minority leader of the House of Representatives. The 264 appointees shall include a person with experience in municipal ambulance services; a person with experience in for-profit ambulance 265

services; three persons with experience in volunteer ambulance services; a paramedic; an emergency medical technician; an advanced emergency medical technician; three consumers and four persons from state-wide organizations with interests in emergency medical services as well as any other areas of expertise that may be deemed necessary for the proper functioning of the advisory board.

- Sec. 4. Subsection (a) of section 19a-180 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July* 1, 2019):
 - (a) No person shall operate any ambulance service, paramedic intercept service or rescue service without either a license or a certificate issued by the commissioner. No person shall operate a commercial ambulance service or commercial rescue service without a license issued by the commissioner. A certificate shall be issued to any volunteer or municipal ambulance service or any ambulance service or paramedic intercept service that is operated and maintained by a state agency and that shows proof satisfactory to the commissioner that it meets the minimum standards of the commissioner in the areas of training, equipment and personnel. No license or certificate shall be issued to any volunteer, municipal or commercial ambulance service, paramedic intercept service or rescue service or any ambulance service or paramedic intercept service that is operated and maintained by a state agency, unless it meets the requirements of subsection (e) of section 14-100a. Applicants for a license shall use the forms prescribed by the commissioner and shall submit such application to the commissioner accompanied by an annual fee of two hundred dollars. In considering requests for approval of permits for new or expanded emergency medical services in any region, the commissioner shall consult with the Office of Emergency Medical Services and the emergency medical services council of such region and shall hold a public hearing to determine the necessity for such services. Written notice of such hearing shall be given to current [providers] emergency medical service organizations in the geographic region where such

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new or expanded services would be implemented, provided, any volunteer ambulance service which elects not to levy charges for services rendered under this chapter shall be exempt from the provisions concerning requests for approval of permits for new or expanded emergency medical services set forth in this subsection. A primary service area responder that operates in the service area identified in the application shall, upon request, be granted intervenor status with opportunity for cross-examination. Each applicant for licensure shall furnish proof of financial responsibility which the commissioner deems sufficient to satisfy any claim. The commissioner may adopt regulations, in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54, to establish satisfactory kinds of coverage and limits of insurance for each applicant for either licensure or certification. Until such regulations are adopted, the following shall be the required limits for licensure: (1) For damages by reason of personal injury to, or the death of, one person on account of any accident, at least five hundred thousand dollars, and more than one person on account of any accident, at least one million dollars, (2) for damage to property at least fifty thousand dollars, and (3) for malpractice in the care of one passenger at least two hundred fifty thousand dollars, and for more than one passenger at least five hundred thousand dollars. In lieu of the limits set forth in subdivisions (1) to (3), inclusive, of this subsection, a single limit of liability shall be allowed as follows: (A) For damages by reason of personal injury to, or death of, one or more persons and damage to property, at least one million dollars; and (B) for malpractice in the care of one or more passengers, at least five hundred thousand dollars. A certificate of such proof shall be filed with the commissioner. Upon determination by the commissioner that an applicant is financially responsible, properly certified and otherwise qualified to operate a commercial ambulance service, paramedic intercept service or rescue service, the commissioner shall issue the appropriate license effective for one year to such applicant. If the commissioner determines that an applicant for either a certificate or license is not so qualified, the commissioner shall notify such applicant of the denial of the application with a statement of the reasons for such

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- denial. Such applicant shall have thirty days to request a hearing on the denial of the application.
- Sec. 5. Subsections (i) to (l), inclusive, of section 19a-180 of the general statutes are repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2019*):
 - (i) The commissioner shall develop a short form application for primary service area responders seeking to add an emergency vehicle to their existing fleets pursuant to subsection (h) of this section. The application shall require an applicant to provide such information as the commissioner deems necessary, including, but not limited to, (1) the applicant's name and address, (2) the primary service area where the additional vehicle is proposed to be used, (3) an explanation as to why the additional vehicle is necessary and its proposed use, (4) proof of insurance, (5) a list of the [providers] emergency medical service organizations to whom notice was sent pursuant to subsection (h) of this section and proof of such notification, and (6) total call volume, response time and calls passed within the primary service area for the one-year period preceding the date of the application.
 - (j) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (a) of this section, any ambulance service or paramedic intercept service operated and maintained by a state agency on or before October 1, 2014, that notifies the Department of Public Health's Office of Emergency Medical Services, in writing, not later than September 1, 2014, of such operation and attests to the ambulance service or paramedic intercept service being in compliance with all statutes and regulations concerning such operation (1) shall be deemed certified by the Commissioner of Public Health, or (2) shall be deemed licensed by the Commissioner of Public Health if such ambulance service or paramedic intercept service levies charges for emergency and nonemergency services.
 - (k) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (a) of this section, any volunteer, hospital-based or municipal ambulance service that is licensed or certified and a primary service area responder may apply

to the commissioner, on a short form application prescribed by the commissioner, to change the address of a principal or branch location or to add a branch location within its primary service area. Upon making such application, the applicant shall notify in writing all other primary service area responders in any municipality or abutting municipality in which the applicant proposes to change principal or branch locations. Unless a primary service area responder entitled to receive notification of such application objects, in writing, to the commissioner and requests a hearing on such application not later than fifteen calendar days after receiving such notice, the application shall be deemed approved thirty calendar days after filing. If any such primary service area responder files an objection with the commissioner within the fifteen-calendar-day time period and requests a hearing, the applicant shall be required to demonstrate need to change the address of a principal or branch location within its primary service area at a public hearing as required under subsection (a) of this section.

(l) (1) The commissioner shall develop a short form application pursuant to subsection (k) of this section for primary service area responders seeking to (A) change the address of a principal [or] location or the branch location, [pursuant to subsection (k) of this section.] or (B) to add a branch location. (2) The application shall require an applicant to provide such information as the commissioner deems necessary, including, but not limited to, [(1)] (A) the applicant's name and address, [(2)] (B) the new address where the principal or branch is to be located, [(3)] (C) an explanation as to why the principal or branch location is being moved, (D) an explanation as to the need for the addition of a branch location, and [(4)] (E) a list of the [providers] emergency medical service organizations to whom notice was sent pursuant to subsection (k) of this section and proof of such notification.

Sec. 6. Subsections (a) and (b) of section 19a-180b of the general statutes are repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof

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- (a) For the purposes of this section, "supplemental first responder" means an emergency medical [services provider] service organization who holds a certificate of authorization by the Commissioner of Public Health and responds to a victim of sudden illness or injury when available and only when called upon, but does not offer transportation to patients or operate an ambulance service or paramedic intercept service, "emergency medical services personnel" means an individual certified pursuant to chapter 384d to practice as an emergency medical responder, emergency medical technician, advanced emergency medical technician or emergency medical services instructor or an individual licensed pursuant to chapter 384d as a paramedic, and "patient", "ambulance service", ["provider"] "emergency medical service organization", "paramedic intercept service" and "emergency medical technician" have the same meanings as provided in section 19a-175, as amended by this act.
- (b) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (a) of section 19a-180, as amended by this act, the Commissioner of Public Health may issue a certificate of authorization for a supplemental first responder to an emergency medical [services provider] service organization who operates only in a municipality with a population of at least one hundred five thousand, but not more than one hundred fifteen thousand, as determined by the most recent population estimate by the Department of Public Health. A certificate of authorization shall be issued to an emergency medical [services provider] service organization that shows proof satisfactory to the commissioner that such emergency medical [services provider] service organization (1) meets the minimum standards of the commissioner in the areas of training, equipment and emergency medical services personnel, and (2) maintains liability insurance in an amount not less than one million dollars. Applications for such certificate of authorization shall be made in the form and manner prescribed by the commissioner. Upon determination by the commissioner that an applicant is qualified to be

432 a supplemental first responder, the commissioner shall issue a 433 certificate of authorization effective for two years to such applicant. 434 Such certificate of authorization shall be renewable biennially. If the 435 commissioner determines that an applicant for such license is not so 436 qualified, the commissioner shall provide such applicant with written 437 notice of the denial of the application with a statement of the reasons 438 for such denial. Such applicant shall have thirty days to request a 439 hearing concerning the denial of the application. Any hearing 440 conducted pursuant to this subsection shall be conducted in 441 accordance with the provisions of chapter 54. If the commissioner's 442 denial of a certificate of authorization is sustained after such hearing, 443 an applicant may make new application not less than one year after the 444 date on which such denial was sustained.

Sec. 7. Section 19a-180d of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2019*):

[A provider] Emergency medical services personnel, as defined in section 19a-175, as amended by this act, who holds the highest classification of licensure or certification from the Department of Public Health under this chapter and chapter 384d shall be responsible for making decisions concerning patient care on the scene of an emergency medical call. If two or more [providers] emergency medical service organizations on such scene hold the same licensure or certification classification, the [provider] emergency medical service organization for the primary service area responder, as defined in said section, shall be responsible for making such decisions. If all [providers] emergency medicine services personnel on such scene are emergency medical technicians or emergency medical responders, as defined in said section, the emergency medical service organization providing transportation services shall be responsible for making such decisions. [A provider] An emergency medical service organization on the scene of an emergency medical call who has undertaken decisionmaking responsibility for patient care shall transfer patient care to a provider with a higher classification of licensure or certification upon

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- 465 such provider's arrival on the scene. All [providers] emergency 466 medical services personnel with patient care responsibilities on the 467 scene shall ensure such transfer takes place in a timely and orderly 468 manner. For purposes of this section, the classification of licensure or 469 certification from highest to lowest is: Paramedic, advanced emergency 470 medical technician, emergency medical technician and emergency 471 medical responder. Nothing in this section shall be construed to limit 472 the authority of a fire chief or fire officer-in-charge under section 7-473 313e to control and direct emergency activities at the scene of an 474 emergency.
- Sec. 8. Subsection (a) of section 19a-181b of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July* 1, 2019):
- (a) Each municipality shall establish a local emergency medical services plan. Such plan shall include the written agreements or contracts developed between the municipality, its emergency medical [services providers] service organizations and the public safety answering point, as defined in section 28-25, that covers the municipality. The plan shall also include, but not be limited to, the following:
 - (1) The identification of levels of emergency medical services, including, but not limited to: (A) The public safety answering point responsible for receiving emergency calls and notifying and assigning the appropriate [provider] emergency medical service organization to a call for emergency medical services; (B) the emergency medical [services provider] service organization that is notified for initial response; (C) basic ambulance service; (D) advanced life support level; and (E) mutual aid call arrangements;
 - (2) The name of the person or entity responsible for carrying out each level of emergency medical services that the plan identifies;
- 495 (3) The establishment of performance standards, including, but not

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- limited to, standards for responding to a certain percentage of initial response notifications, response times, quality assurance and service area coverage patterns, for each segment of the municipality's emergency medical services system; and
- 500 (4) Any subcontracts, written agreements or mutual aid call agreements that emergency medical [services providers] service organizations may have with other entities to provide services identified in the plan.
- Sec. 9. Subsection (b) of section 19a-182 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July* 1, 2019):
- 507 (b) Each emergency medical services council shall develop and revise every five years a plan for the delivery of emergency medical 508 509 services in its area, using a format established by the Office of 510 Emergency Medical Services. Each council shall submit an annual 511 update for each regional plan to the Office of Emergency Medical 512 Services detailing accomplishments made toward plan 513 implementation. Such plan shall include an evaluation of the current 514 effectiveness of emergency medical services and detail the needs for 515 the future, and shall contain specific goals for the delivery of 516 emergency medical services within their respective geographic areas, a 517 time frame for achievement of such goals, cost data for the 518 development of such goals, and performance standards for the 519 evaluation of such goals. Special emphasis in such plan shall be placed 520 upon coordinating the existing services into a comprehensive system. 521 Such plan shall contain provisions for, but shall not be limited to, the 522 following: (1) Clearly defined geographic regions to be serviced by 523 each [provider] emergency medical service organization including 524 cooperative arrangements with other [providers] organizations, 525 personnel and backup services; (2) an adequate number of trained 526 personnel for staffing of ambulances, communications facilities and 527 hospital emergency rooms, with emphasis on former military 528 personnel trained in allied health fields; (3) a communications system

- that includes a central dispatch center, two-way radio communication between the ambulance and the receiving hospital and a universal emergency telephone number; and (4) a public education program that stresses the need for adequate training in basic lifesaving techniques and cardiopulmonary resuscitation. Such plan shall be submitted to the Commissioner of Public Health no later than June thirtieth each year the plan is due.
- Sec. 10. Section 19a-183 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2019*):
- 538 There shall be established an emergency medical services council in 539 each region. A region shall be composed of the towns so designated by 540 the commissioner. Opportunity for membership shall be available to 541 appropriate representatives of emergency medical services 542 including, but not limited to, one representative from each of the 543 following: (1) Local governments; (2) fire and law enforcement 544 officials; (3) medical and nursing professions, including mental health, 545 paraprofessional and other allied health professionals; (4) [providers 546 of] emergency medical service organizations that provide ambulance 547 services, at least one of which shall be a member of a volunteer 548 ambulance association; (5) institutions of higher education; (6) federal 549 agencies involved in the delivery of health care; and (7) consumers. All 550 emergency medical services councils [, including those in existence on 551 July 1, 1974, shall submit to the commissioner information concerning 552 the organizational structure and council bylaws for the commissioner's 553 approval. Such bylaws shall include the process by which each council 554 shall elect a president. The commissioner shall foster the development 555 of emergency medical services councils in each region.
- Sec. 11. Subsection (c) of section 20-206kk of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July* 558 1, 2019):
 - (c) No license as a paramedic or certificate as an emergency medical responder, emergency medical technician, advanced emergency

- 561 medical technician or emergency medical services instructor shall be 562 required of (1) a person performing services within the scope of 563 practice for which he or she is licensed or certified by any agency of 564 this state, or (2) a student, intern or trainee pursuing a course of study 565 in emergency medical services in an accredited institution of education 566 or within an emergency medical services program approved by the 567 commissioner, provided the activities that would otherwise require a 568 license or certificate as an emergency medical services [provider] 569 personnel are performed under supervision and constitute a part of a 570 supervised course of study.
- 571 Sec. 12. Section 20-206jj of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2019*):
- As used in this section and sections 20-206kk to 20-20600, inclusive, as amended by this act:
- 575 (1) "Advanced emergency medical technician" means an individual 576 who is certified as an advanced emergency medical technician by the 577 Department of Public Health;
- 578 (2) "Commissioner" means the Commissioner of Public Health;
- (3) "Emergency medical services instructor" means a person who is certified under the provisions of section 20-206ll or 20-206mm, as amended by this act, by the Department of Public Health to teach courses, the completion of which is required in order to become an emergency medical technician;
- 584 (4) "Emergency medical responder" means an individual who is 585 certified to practice as an emergency medical responder under the 586 provisions of section 20-206*ll* or 20-206mm, as amended by this act;
 - (5) "Emergency medical services personnel" means an individual certified to practice as an emergency medical responder, emergency medical technician, advanced emergency medical technician, emergency medical services instructor or an individual licensed as a

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- 592 (6) "Emergency medical technician" means a person who is certified 593 to practice as an emergency medical technician under the provisions of 594 section 20-206*ll* or 20-206mm, as amended by this act;
- 595 (7) "National organization for emergency medical certification"
 596 means a national organization approved by the Department of Public
 597 Health and identified on the department's Internet web site, or such
 598 national organization's successor organization, that tests and provides
 599 certification to emergency medical responders, emergency medical
 600 technicians, advanced medical technicians and paramedics;
- 601 (8) "Office of Emergency Medical Services" means the office 602 established within the Department of Public Health pursuant to 603 section 19a-178, as amended by this act;
- 604 [(8)] (9) "Paramedicine" means the carrying out of (A) all phases of 605 cardiopulmonary resuscitation and defibrillation, (B) the 606 administration of drugs and intravenous solutions under written or 607 oral authorization from a licensed physician or a licensed advanced 608 practice registered nurse, and (C) the administration of controlled 609 substances, as defined in section 21a-240, in accordance with written 610 protocols or standing orders of a licensed physician or a licensed 611 advanced practice registered nurse; [and]
- [(9)] (10) "Paramedic" means a person licensed to practice as a paramedic under the provisions of section 20-206*ll*; and
- 614 (11) "Continuing education platform Internet web site" means an 615 online database, approved by the Commissioner of Public Health, for 616 emergency medical services personnel to enter, track and reconcile the 617 hours and topics of continuing education completed by such 618 personnel.
- Sec. 13. Section 20-206mm of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2019*):

- (a) Except as provided in subsections (b) and (c) of this section, an applicant for a license as a paramedic shall submit evidence satisfactory to the Commissioner of Public Health that the applicant has successfully (1) completed a paramedic training program approved by the commissioner, and (2) passed an examination prescribed by the commissioner.
- (b) An applicant for licensure by endorsement shall present evidence satisfactory to the commissioner that the applicant (1) is licensed or certified as a paramedic in another state or jurisdiction whose requirements for practicing in such capacity are substantially similar to or higher than those of this state and that the applicant has no pending disciplinary action or unresolved complaint against him or her, or (2) (A) is currently licensed or certified as a paramedic in good standing in any New England state, New York or New Jersey, (B) has completed an initial training program consistent with the National Emergency Medical Services Education Standards, as promulgated by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration for the paramedic scope of practice model conducted by an organization offering a program that is recognized by the national emergency medical services program accrediting organization, and (C) has no pending disciplinary action or unresolved complaint against him or her.
- (c) Any person who is certified as an emergency medical technician-paramedic by the Department of Public Health on October 1, 1997, shall be deemed a licensed paramedic. Any person so deemed shall renew his license pursuant to section 19a-88 for a fee of one hundred [fifty] <u>fifty-five</u> dollars.
- (d) [The commissioner may issue an emergency medical technician certificate,] On or after January 1, 2020, each person seeking certification as an emergency medical responder [certificate or advanced emergency medical technician certificate to an applicant who presents] shall apply to the department on forms prescribed by the commissioner. Applicants for certification shall comply with the following requirements: (1) For initial certification, an applicant shall

present evidence satisfactory to the commissioner that the applicant [(1) is currently certified as an emergency medical technician, emergency medical responder, or advanced emergency medical technician in good standing in any New England state, New York or New Jersey, (2)] (A) has completed an initial training program consistent with the National Emergency Medical Services Education Standards, as promulgated by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration for the [emergency medical technician,] emergency medical responder curriculum, [or advanced emergency medical technician, and (3) has no pending disciplinary action or unresolved complaint against him or her] and (B) has passed the emergency medical responder examination administered by the national organization for emergency medical certification or an examination approved by the department, (2) for renewal certification, an applicant shall present evidence satisfactory to the commissioner that the applicant (A) has successfully completed continuing education for an emergency medical responder as required by the national organization for emergency medical certification or as approved by the department, or (B) presents a current certification as an emergency medical responder from the national organization for emergency medical certification, or (3) for certification by endorsement from another state, an applicant shall present evidence satisfactory to the commissioner that the applicant (A) is currently certified as an emergency medical responder in good standing by a state that maintains certification or licensing requirements that the commissioner determines are equal to or greater than those in this state, or (B) holds a current certification as an emergency medical responder from the national organization for emergency medical certification.

(e) [An emergency medical responder, emergency medical technician, advanced emergency medical technician or emergency medical services instructor shall be recertified every three years. For the purpose of maintaining an acceptable level of proficiency, each emergency medical technician who is recertified for a three-year period shall complete thirty hours of refresher training approved by

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the commissioner or meet such other requirements as may be prescribed by the commissioner. The refresher training or other requirements shall include, but not be limited to, training in Alzheimer's disease and dementia symptoms and care.] On or after January 1, 2020, each person seeking certification as an emergency medical technician shall apply to the department on forms prescribed by the commissioner. Applicants for certification shall comply with the following requirements: (1) For initial certification, an applicant shall present evidence satisfactory to the commissioner that the applicant (A) has completed an initial training program consistent with the National Emergency Medical Services Education Standards, as promulgated by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration for the emergency medical technician curriculum, and (B) has passed the emergency medical technician examination administered by the national organization for emergency medical certification or an examination approved by the department, (2) for renewal certification, an applicant shall present evidence satisfactory to the commissioner that the applicant (A) has successfully completed continuing education for an emergency medical technician as required by the national organization for emergency medical certification or as approved by the department, or (B) presents a current certification as an emergency medical technician from the national organization for emergency medical certification, or (3) for certification by endorsement from another state, an applicant shall present evidence satisfactory to the commissioner that the applicant (A) is currently certified as an emergency medical technician in good standing by a state that maintains certification or licensing requirements that the commissioner determines are equal to or greater than those in this state, or (B) holds a current certification as an emergency medical technician from the national organization for emergency medical certification.

(f) On or after January 1, 2020, each person seeking certification as an advanced emergency medical technician shall apply to the department on forms prescribed by the commissioner. Applicants for certification shall comply with the following requirements: (1) For

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initial certification, an applicant shall present evidence satisfactory to the commissioner that the applicant (A) has completed an initial training program consistent with the National Emergency Medical Services Education Standards, as promulgated by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration for the advanced emergency medical technician curriculum, and (B) has passed the advanced emergency medical technician examination administered by the national organization for emergency medical certification or an examination approved by the department, (2) for renewal certification, an applicant shall present evidence satisfactory to the commissioner that the applicant (A) has successfully completed continuing education for an advanced emergency medical technician as required by the national organization for emergency medical certification or as approved by the department, or (B) presents a current certification as an advanced emergency medical technician from the national organization for emergency medical certification, or (3) for certification by endorsement from another state, an applicant shall present evidence satisfactory to the commissioner that the applicant (A) is currently certified as an advanced emergency medical technician in good standing by a state that maintains certification or licensing requirements that the commissioner determines are equal to or greater than those in this state, or (B) holds a current certification as an advanced emergency medical technician from the national organization for emergency medical certification.

(g) On or after January 1, 2020, each person seeking certification as an emergency medical services instructor shall apply to the department on forms prescribed by the commissioner. Applicants for certification shall comply with the following requirements: (1) For initial certification, an applicant shall present evidence satisfactory to the commissioner that the applicant (A) is currently certified by the department as an emergency medical technician or advanced emergency medical technician or licensed by the department as a paramedic, (B) has completed a program of training as an emergency medical instructor based on current national education standards

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within the prior two years, (C) has completed twenty-five hours of teaching activity under the supervision of a currently certified emergency medical services instructor, (D) has completed written and practical examinations as prescribed by the commissioner, (E) has no pending disciplinary action or unresolved complaints against the applicant, and (F) effective on a date prescribed by the commissioner, presents documentation satisfactory to the commissioner that the applicant is currently certified as an emergency medical technician, advanced emergency medical technician or paramedic by the national organization for emergency medical certification, or (2) for renewal certification, an applicant shall present evidence satisfactory to the commissioner that the applicant (A) has successfully completed continuing education and teaching activity as required by the department, (B) maintains current certification by the department as an emergency medical technician, advanced emergency medical technician or licensure by the department as a paramedic, and (C) effective on a date as prescribed by the commissioner, presents documentation satisfactory to the commissioner that the applicant is currently certified as an emergency medical technician, advanced emergency medical technician or paramedic by the national organization for emergency medical certification.

(h) A certified emergency medical responder, emergency medical technician, advanced emergency medical technician or emergency medical services instructor shall document the completion of his or her continuing educational requirements through the continuing education platform Internet web site.

[(f)] (i) The commissioner may issue a temporary emergency medical technician certificate to an applicant who presents evidence satisfactory to the commissioner that (1) the applicant was certified by the department as an emergency medical technician prior to becoming licensed as a paramedic pursuant to section 20-206ll, or (2) the applicant's certification as an emergency medical technician has expired and the applicant's license as a paramedic has become void

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pursuant to section 19a-88. Such temporary certificate shall be valid for a period not to exceed one year and shall not be renewable.

[(g)] (j) An applicant who is issued a temporary emergency medical technician certificate pursuant to subsection [(f)] (i) of this section may, prior to the expiration of such temporary certificate, apply to the department for: (1) Renewal of such person's paramedic license, giving such person's name in full, such person's residence and business address and such other information as the department requests, provided the application for license renewal is accompanied by evidence satisfactory to the commissioner that the applicant was under the medical oversight of a sponsor hospital, as those terms are defined in section 19a-175, as amended by this act, on the date the applicant's paramedic license became void for nonrenewal; or (2) recertification as an emergency medical technician, provided the application for recertification is accompanied by evidence satisfactory to the commissioner that the applicant completed emergency medical technician refresher training approved by the commissioner not later than one year after issuance of the temporary emergency medical technician certificate. The department shall recertify such person as an emergency medical technician without the examination required for initial certification specified in regulations adopted by the commissioner pursuant to section 20-20600.

[(h) The commissioner may issue an emergency medical responder, emergency medical technician or advanced emergency medical technician certificate to an applicant for certification by endorsement who presents evidence satisfactory to the commissioner that the applicant (1) is currently certified as an emergency medical responder, emergency medical technician or advanced emergency medical technician in good standing by a state that maintains licensing requirements that the commissioner determines are equal to, or greater than, those in this state, (2) has completed an initial department-approved emergency medical responder, emergency medical technician or advanced emergency medical technician training

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program that includes written and practical examinations at the completion of the course, or a program outside the state that adheres to national education standards for the emergency medical responder, emergency medical technician or advanced emergency medical technician scope of practice and that includes an examination, and (3) has no pending disciplinary action or unresolved complaint against him or her.

(i) The commissioner may issue an emergency medical service instructor certificate to an applicant who presents (1) evidence satisfactory to the commissioner that the applicant is currently certified as an emergency medical technician in good standing, (2) documentation satisfactory to the commissioner, with reference to national education standards, regarding qualifications as an emergency medical service instructor, (3) a letter of endorsement signed by two instructors holding current emergency medical service instructor certification, (4) documentation of having completed written and practical examinations as prescribed by the commissioner, and (5) evidence satisfactory to the commissioner that the applicant has no pending disciplinary action or unresolved complaints against him or her.]

[(j)] (k) Any person certified as an emergency medical responder, emergency medical technician, advanced emergency medical technician or emergency medical services instructor pursuant to this chapter and the regulations adopted pursuant to section 20-20600 whose certification has expired may apply to the Department of Public Health for reinstatement of such certification as follows: (1) If such certification is expired [one year] for a period of two years or less, [from the date of the application for reinstatement,] such person shall complete the requirements for recertification specified in regulations adopted pursuant to section 20-20600; or (2) [if such recertification expired more than one year but less than three years from the date of application for reinstatement, such person shall complete the training required for recertification and the examination required for initial

855 certification specified in regulations adopted pursuant to section 20-856 20600; or (3)] if such certification is expired [three or] for a period of more than two years, [from the date of application for reinstatement,] 857 such person shall complete the requirements for initial certification set 858 859 forth in this section. Any certificate issued pursuant to this section 860 shall remain valid for ninety days after the expiration date of such 861 certificate and become void upon the expiration of such ninety-day 862 period.

- [(k)] (1) The Commissioner of Public Health shall issue an emergency medical technician certification to an applicant who is a member of the armed forces or the National Guard or a veteran and who (1) presents evidence satisfactory to the commissioner that such applicant holds a current certification as a person entitled to perform similar services under a different designation by the National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians, or (2) satisfies the regulations promulgated pursuant to subdivision [(4)] (3) of subsection (a) of section 19a-179. Such applicant shall be exempt from any written or practical examination requirement for certification.
- [(l)] (m) For the purposes of this section, "veteran" means any person who was discharged or released under conditions other than dishonorable from active service in the armed forces and "armed forces" has the same meaning as provided in section 27-103.
- Sec. 14. Section 20-195ff of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2019*):
- The Commissioner of Public Health may adopt regulations, in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54, to further the purposes of subdivision (18) of subsection (c) of section 19a-14, subsection (e) of section 19a-88, subdivision [(15)] (14) of section 19a-175, as amended by this act, subsection (b) of section 20-9, sections 20-195aa to 20-195ff, inclusive, and sections 20-206jj to 20-206oo, inclusive, as amended by this act.

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Sec. 15. Subdivision (14) of section 20-9 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July* 1, 2019):

(14) Any person rendering service as a physician assistant licensed pursuant to section 20-12b, a registered nurse, a licensed practical nurse or a paramedic, as defined in subdivision [(15)] (14) of section 19a-175, as amended by this act, acting within the scope of regulations adopted pursuant to section 19a-179, if such service is rendered under the supervision, control and responsibility of a licensed physician;

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following		
sections:		
Section 1	July 1, 2019	19a-175
Sec. 2	July 1, 2019	19a-177(6) to (8)
Sec. 3	July 1, 2019	19a-178a(b)
Sec. 4	July 1, 2019	19a-180(a)
Sec. 5	July 1, 2019	19a-180(i) to (l)
Sec. 6	July 1, 2019	19a-180b(a) and (b)
Sec. 7	July 1, 2019	19a-180d
Sec. 8	July 1, 2019	19a-181b(a)
Sec. 9	July 1, 2019	19a-182(b)
Sec. 10	July 1, 2019	19a-183
Sec. 11	July 1, 2019	20-206kk(c)
Sec. 12	July 1, 2019	20-206jj
Sec. 13	July 1, 2019	20-206mm
Sec. 14	July 1, 2019	20-195ff
Sec. 15	July 1, 2019	20-9(14)

Statement of Legislative Commissioners:

In Section 12(9), "and" was bracketed, and in Section 12(10), "; and" was added for grammatical correctness.

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