



HOUSE BILL 675: EMT Personnel Credentialing Modifications.

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OVERVIEW: *House Bill 675 would, beginning January 1, 2026, require any person seeking credentialing as an emergency medical services personnel to pass a test that complies with the National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians examination standards, and make other related changes.*

CURRENT LAW & BILL ANALYSIS:

[Article 7 of Chapter 131E](#) provides for the regulation of emergency medical services and provides that no person may provide emergency medical services without first obtaining an EMS Provider License from the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), after passing an examination and meeting the other requirements for licensure. The Article further vests with the Medical Care Commission authority to adopt rules concerning the qualifications for licensure of any person seeking to obtain an EMS Provider License. Any person that wishes to obtain credentialing as an emergency medical services personnel must undergo a criminal history background check. A person credentialed by another state or national credentialing agency may be eligible for credentialing in North Carolina without examination for a maximum of four years.

Section 1 would define "practical examination" to mean a test that "complies with the National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians examination standards."

Section 2 would provide that a person seeking credentialing as an emergency medical services personnel is required to pass the National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians examination for the level of certification desired. Further, the section would provide that any person that currently holds a State or other currently accepted credential prior to January 1, 2026, would be required to be certified under the National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians by January 1, 2030. This section would also reduce the examination waiver period for out-of-state credentialed providers to no more than one year. For any person wishing to obtain a specialty certification, this section would require they pass the appropriate examination from the International Board of Specialty Certification. A credentialed person would be required to carry with them an up-to-date certification card.

Section 3 would authorize the Medical Care Commission to adopt temporary rules to implement the provisions of the act, which would remain in effect until permanent rules to replace the temporary rules could be adopted.

EFFECTIVE DATE: This bill would become effective January 1, 2026.

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