

CHAPTER 25

(HB 312)

AN ACT relating to emergency medical technicians.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky:

Section 1. KRS 211.964 is amended to read as follows:

- (1) The Cabinet for Health Services shall promulgate administrative regulations relating to emergency medical technicians. The regulations may include the classification and certification of emergency medical technicians, instructors, instructor-trainers, and students and trainees; examinations; standards of training and experience; curricula standards; issuance, renewal, suspension, denial, revocation, probation, and restriction of certificates; hearing of appeals; and other reasonable standards or regulations as may be necessary for the protection of public health and safety in the delivery of emergency medical services. Any administrative hearing conducted under authority of this section shall be conducted in accordance with KRS Chapter 13B. No additional testing or examinations shall be required for recertification, except for proficiency testing of new skills or knowledge, or areas in which there is documented evidence of deterioration of skills.
- (2) Recertification programs shall be organized to include continuing education and in-service training approved by the cabinet. The continuing education program shall be subject to the requirements of KRS 214.610(1).
- (3) ***On or after the effective date of this Act, a new emergency medical technician shall, for initial certification, be certified using the requirements and testing established by the National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians.***
- (4) ***On or after the effective date of this Act, a certified emergency medical technician who seeks recertification shall recertify under the requirements established and maintained by the cabinet. These requirements shall contain a minimum of sixteen (16) hours of required topics and eight (8) hours of elective topics over a two (2) year recertification period. The cabinet shall also recertify any emergency medical technician who chooses to recertify under the requirements established by the National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians in lieu of the standards established by the cabinet.***~~In lieu of the continuing education and in-service training requirement specified by the cabinet for recertification, an emergency medical technician, certified as of July 15, 1996, or within one (1) year of July 15, 1996, may elect to recertify utilizing the continuing education and inservice training required by the National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians or its successor organization. Upon successful completion of the National Registry recertification requirements, the emergency medical technician shall be recertified for the period of time specified by law.~~
- ~~(4) Emergency medical technicians certifying later than one (1) year after July 15, 1996, shall, in lieu of the certification requirements specified by the cabinet under subsection (1) of this section, successfully complete the National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians final examination for certification and shall maintain National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians credentials in order to be recertified.~~
- ~~(5) A person who has chosen to recertify as an emergency medical technician utilizing the National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians or its successor organization's requirements shall not be permitted to recertify utilizing the cabinet's requirements, unless~~

~~the National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians and its successor organization ceases business or there is no successor organization].~~

- (5)~~(6)~~ Other than the requirements of KRS 214.610(1), the cabinet shall not require any additional course work, in-service training, testing, or examinations of a person who chooses the National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians or its successor organization for certification or recertification as an emergency medical technician.
- (6)~~(7)~~ Other than the requirements of KRS 214.610(1), any person certified by the State Board of Medical Licensure as a paramedic shall be certified as an emergency medical technician by the cabinet. The certification shall be issued without fee, without additional training, in-service training, testing, or examination. The emergency medical technician certification shall be issued and expire at the same time that paramedic certification is issued or expires, and if a paramedic voluntarily gives up his certification prior to the expiration of his paramedic certification, his emergency medical technician certification shall be unaffected thereby. If a paramedic chooses not to recertify as a paramedic but chooses to retain his emergency medical technician certification, the paramedic shall, prior to the expiration of his paramedic certification, recertify as an emergency medical technician utilizing one (1) of the methods provided for in this section.
- (7)~~(8)~~ A paramedic whose certification as a paramedic is suspended, revoked, or denied by the State Board of Medical Licensure shall have the same action taken automatically by the cabinet with regard to his emergency medical technician certification. **Approved February 24, 2000**