

CHAPTER 251

H.B. No. 241

AN ACT

relating to standards for continuing education and recertification of emergency medical services personnel.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

SECTION 1. Section 773.050(b), Health and Safety Code, is amended to read as follows:

(b) The board by rule shall establish minimum standards for:

- (1) staffing an advanced life-support emergency medical services vehicle, a mobile intensive-care unit, or a specialized emergency medical services vehicle;
- (2) emergency medical services personnel certification and performance, including certification, decertification, recertification, suspension, emergency suspension, and probation;

(3) the approval of courses and training programs, the certification of program instructors, examiners, and course coordinators for emergency medical services personnel training, and the revocation and probation of an approval or certification;

(4) *continuing education programs and examinations of emergency medical services personnel;*

(5) medical supervision of advanced life-support systems;

(6) ~~[(5)]~~ granting, suspending, and revoking a license for emergency medical services providers; and

(7) ~~[(6)]~~ emergency medical services vehicles.

SECTION 2. Sections 773.055(a), (b), and (d), Health and Safety Code, are amended to read as follows:

(a) A nonrefundable fee must accompany each application ~~[for examination]~~ for emergency medical services personnel certification. The fee may not exceed:

(1) \$75 for examination for certification ~~[or recertification]~~ of an emergency medical technician-paramedic or emergency medical technician-intermediate; ~~[or]~~

(2) \$50 for examination for certification ~~[or recertification]~~ of an emergency medical technician or emergency care attendant;

(3) *\$75 for recertification of an emergency medical technician-paramedic or emergency medical technician-intermediate; or*

(4) *\$50 for recertification of an emergency medical technician or emergency care attendant.*

(b) Except as provided by Subsection (c), the department shall notify each examinee of the results of an examination for certification ~~[or recertification]~~ not later than the 30th day after the date on which the examination is administered.

(d) The department shall furnish a person who fails an examination for certification ~~[or recertification]~~ with an analysis of the person's performance on the examination if requested in writing by that person. The board may adopt rules to allow a person who fails the examination to retake all or part of the examination. A fee of \$25 must accompany each application for reexamination.

SECTION 3. Section 773.059(a), Health and Safety Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a) Except as provided by Subsection (b), a person applying for recertification whose application is received after the expiration date of the person's certificate must pay a late fee of \$25 ~~[in addition to the examination fee]~~.

SECTION 4. The importance of this legislation and the crowded condition of the calendars in both houses create an emergency and an imperative public necessity that the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days in each house be suspended, and this rule is hereby suspended, and that this Act take effect and be in force from and after its passage, and it is so enacted.

Passed by the House on April 1, 1993: Yeas 132, Nays 0, 2 present not voting; the House concurred in Senate amendments to H.B. No. 241 on May 10, 1993: Yeas 137, Nays 0, 1 present not voting; passed by the Senate, with amendments, on May 7, 1993: Yeas 30, Nays 0.

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