

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA

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SENATE BILL 526\*

Short Title: EMS Cert. Ext.

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Sponsors: Senators Harris; and Carpenter.

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Referred to: Children and Human Resources.

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March 23, 1993

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO CHANGE THE CERTIFICATION PERIOD OF EMERGENCY  
MEDICAL TECHNICIANS FROM TWO YEARS TO FOUR YEARS.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. G.S. 131E-159 reads as rewritten:

**"§ 131E-159. Requirements for certification.**

(a) An individual seeking certification as an emergency medical technician or ambulance attendant shall apply to the Department using forms prescribed by that agency. The Department's representatives shall examine the applicant for emergency medical technician by written and practical examination and the applicant for ambulance attendant by written (or oral if requested) and practical examination. The Department shall issue a certificate to the applicant who meets all the requirements set forth in this Article and the rules adopted for this Article and who successfully completes the examinations required for certification. Emergency medical technician and ambulance attendant certificates shall be valid for a period not to exceed ~~two~~ four years and may be renewed after reexamination if the holder meets the requirements set forth in the rules of the Commission. The Department is authorized to revoke or suspend a certificate at any time it determines that the holder no longer meets the qualifications prescribed for emergency medical technicians or for ambulance attendants.

(b) The Commission shall adopt rules setting forth the qualifications required for certification of ambulance attendants and emergency medical technicians.

(b1) An individual currently certified as an emergency medical technician by the National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians or by another state where the

1 training/certification requirements have been approved for reciprocity by the  
2 Department of Human Resources, in accordance with rules promulgated by the Medical  
3 Care Commission, and who is either currently residing in North Carolina or affiliated  
4 with a permitted ambulance provider offering service within North Carolina, may be  
5 eligible for certification as an emergency medical technician without examination. This  
6 certification shall be valid for a period not to exceed the length of the applicant's  
7 original certification or ~~two~~four years, whichever is less.

8 (c) Duly authorized representatives of the Department may issue temporary  
9 certificates with or without examination upon finding that this action will be in the  
10 public interest. Temporary certificates shall be valid for a period not exceeding 90  
11 days."

12 Sec. 2. This act is effective upon ratification.