



General Assembly

January Session, 2025

Substitute Bill No. 7201



AN ACT CONCERNING A SUPPLEMENTAL PARAMEDIC.

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2025*) (a) As used in this section:

2 (1) "Ambulance service", "emergency medical service organization",
3 "paramedic intercept service" and "patient" have the same meanings as
4 provided in section 19a-175 of the general statutes;

5 (2) "Emergency medical services personnel" has the same meaning as
6 provided in section 19a-180b of the general statutes;

7 (3) "Paramedic" means an individual licensed pursuant to chapter
8 384d of the general statutes as a paramedic;

9 (4) "Paramedic service" means treatment provided to a patient by a
10 paramedic acting within the scope of such paramedic's practice;

11 (5) "Supplemental paramedic" means an emergency medical service
12 organization that (A) holds a certificate of authorization by the
13 Commissioner of Public Health, (B) responds to a victim of sudden
14 illness or injury when available and when called upon, and (C) may
15 transport a patient, provide paramedic service or operate an ambulance
16 service or paramedic intercept service; and

17 (6) "UConn emergency medical service organization" means the

18 emergency medical service organization operated by the fire
19 department of The University of Connecticut on the university's campus
20 in Storrs.

21 (b) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (a) of section 19a-
22 180 of the general statutes, the Commissioner of Public Health may issue
23 a certificate of authorization for a supplemental paramedic to the
24 UConn emergency medical service organization. A certificate of
25 authorization shall be issued to the UConn emergency medical service
26 organization upon such organization showing proof satisfactory to the
27 commissioner that such organization (1) meets the minimum standards
28 of the commissioner in the areas of training, equipment and emergency
29 medical services personnel, and (2) maintains liability insurance in an
30 amount not less than one million dollars. The application for such
31 certificate of authorization shall be made in a form and manner
32 prescribed by the commissioner. Upon the commissioner's
33 determination that the applicant is qualified as a supplemental
34 paramedic, the commissioner shall issue to such applicant a certificate
35 of authorization that shall be effective for two years. Such certificate of
36 authorization may be renewable biennially. If the commissioner
37 determines that the applicant for such license is not so qualified, the
38 commissioner shall provide such applicant with written notice of the
39 denial of the application with a statement of the reasons for such denial.
40 Not later than thirty days after receipt of such notice, the applicant may
41 request a hearing concerning the denial of the application. Any hearing
42 conducted pursuant to this subsection shall be conducted in accordance
43 with the provisions of chapter 54 of the general statutes. If the
44 commissioner's denial of a certificate of authorization is sustained after
45 such hearing, the applicant may make new application not less than one
46 year after the date on which such denial was sustained.

47 (c) The commissioner may suspend or revoke the holder's certificate
48 of authorization for a supplemental paramedic if the holder does not
49 maintain the minimum standards of the commissioner pursuant to
50 subdivision (1) of subsection (b) of this section and liability insurance
51 pursuant to subdivision (2) of subsection (b) of this section or violates

52 any provision of chapter 368d of the general statutes. The holder shall
53 have an opportunity to show compliance with all requirements for the
54 retention of such certificate of authorization.

55 Sec. 2. Section 19a-180c of the general statutes is repealed and the
56 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2025*):

57 (a) For the purposes of this section, "primary service area responder"
58 has the same meaning as provided in section 19a-175, [and]
59 "supplemental first responder" has the same meaning as provided in
60 section 19a-180b and "supplemental paramedic" has the same meaning
61 as provided in section 1 of this act.

62 (b) If any combination of a primary service area responder, a member
63 of a supplemental paramedic and a supplemental first responder are
64 [both] on the scene of an emergency medical call at the same time, the
65 primary service area responder shall control and direct emergency
66 activities at such scene. If a member of a supplemental paramedic and a
67 supplemental first responder are both on the scene of an emergency
68 medical call at the same time, the supplemental paramedic shall control
69 and direct emergency activities at such scene.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	October 1, 2025	New section
Sec. 2	October 1, 2025	19a-180c

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Statement of Legislative Commissioners:

In Section 1(b), "shall be renewable" was changed to "may be renewable" for accuracy; in Section 1(c), the first sentence was redrafted for accuracy and clarity; and Section 2(b) was redrafted for accuracy and clarity.

PS Joint Favorable Subst. -LCO