



Substitute House Bill No. 7201

Public Act No. 25-56

AN ACT CONCERNING A SUPPLEMENTAL PARAMEDIC.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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(6) "UConn emergency medical service organization" means the emergency medical service organization operated by the fire department of The University of Connecticut on the university's campus in Storrs.

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

(c) The commissioner may suspend or revoke the holder's certificate

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of authorization for a supplemental paramedic if the holder does not maintain the minimum standards of the commissioner pursuant to subdivision (1) of subsection (b) of this section and liability insurance pursuant to subdivision (2) of subsection (b) of this section or violates any provision of chapter 368d of the general statutes. The holder shall have an opportunity to show compliance with all requirements for the retention of such certificate of authorization.

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

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

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

Governor's Action:
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