

1 H.463

2 Introduced by Representative Consejo of Sheldon

3 Referred to Committee on

4 Date:

5 Subject: Health; emergency medical personnel; continuing education

6 Statement of purpose: This bill proposes to require the Vermont department of  
7 health to reinstate the continuing education requirements governing emergency  
8 medical personnel in effect prior to March 1, 2011.

9 An act relating to emergency medical personnel continuing education  
10 requirements

11 It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:

12 Sec. 1. 18 V.S.A. § 906 is amended to read:

13 § 906. EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES DIVISION;

14 RESPONSIBILITIES

15 To implement the policy of section 901 of this title, the department of  
16 health shall be responsible for:

17 \* \* \*

18 (8) Establishing, by rule, levels of individual certification and  
19 application forms for advanced emergency medical care. The commissioner  
20 shall use the guidelines established by the National Highway Traffic Safety

1 Administration (NHTSA) in the U.S. Department of Transportation as a  
2 standard or other comparable standards, except that a felony conviction shall  
3 not necessarily disqualify an applicant and that recertification requirements for  
4 emergency medical personnel shall be governed by subdivision (9) of this  
5 section instead of NHSTA guidelines or other comparable standards. The rules  
6 shall also provide that:

7 \* \* \*

8 (C) Unless otherwise provided under this section, an individual  
9 seeking any level of certification shall be required to pass an examination  
10 approved by the commissioner for that level of certification. ~~Written and~~  
11 ~~practical examinations shall not be required for recertification; however, to~~ To  
12 maintain certification, all individuals shall complete a specified number of  
13 hours of continuing education ~~as established by rule by the commissioner, and~~  
14 in certain cases an examination, pursuant to subdivision (9) of this section.

15 \* \* \*

16 (9)(A) Administering continuing education requirements and  
17 examinations for emergency medical personnel. Each level of emergency  
18 medical personnel shall complete the corresponding requirements once every  
19 two years as follows:

20 (i) a first responder shall complete:

1                   (I) 12 hours of continuing education on subjects specified by  
2 the department by rule; and

3                   (II) a written and skills examination;

4                   (ii) a basic emergency medical technician shall complete:

5                   (I) 24 hours of continuing education on subjects specified by  
6 the department by rule; and

7                   (II) a written and skills examination;

8                   (iii) an intermediate or advanced emergency medical technician  
9 shall complete:

10                  (I) 40 hours of continuing education on subjects specified by  
11 the department by rule; and

12                  (II) a written and skills examination; and

13                  (iv) a paramedic shall complete 72 hours of continuing education  
14 on subjects specified by the department by rule.

15                  (B) The department shall adopt such rules as are necessary to carry  
16 out the provisions of this subdivision (9).

17                  Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

18                  This act shall take effect on passage.