

By Senator Garcia

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1                                   A bill to be entitled  
 2           An act relating to certification of emergency medical  
 3           technicians and paramedics; amending s. 401.27, F.S.;  
 4           revising requirements for certification or  
 5           recertification as an emergency medical technician or  
 6           paramedic; providing an effective date.

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 8   Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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 10           Section 1. Subsection (4) of section 401.27, Florida  
 11           Statutes, is amended to read:

12           401.27 Personnel; standards and certification.—

13           (4) An applicant for certification or recertification as an  
 14           emergency medical technician or paramedic must:

15           (a) Have completed an appropriate training course as  
 16           follows:

17           1. For an emergency medical technician, an emergency  
 18           medical technician training course equivalent to the most recent  
 19           emergency medical technician basic training course of the United  
 20           States Department of Transportation as approved by the  
 21           department;

22           2. For a paramedic, a paramedic training program equivalent  
 23           to the most recent paramedic course of the United States  
 24           Department of Transportation as approved by the department;

25           (b) Have completed an appropriate examination as follows:

26           1. For an emergency medical technician, passing within 2  
 27           years after course completion the National Registry of Emergency  
 28           Medical Technician's certification examination;

29           2. For a paramedic, passing within 2 years after course

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30 completion an examination developed or required by the  
31 department;

32 (c) ~~(d)~~ Hold appropriate certification as follows: ~~Within 1~~  
33 year after course completion have passed an examination  
34 developed or required by the department;

35 ~~(e)~~1. For an emergency medical technician, ~~hold~~ either a  
36 current American Heart Association cardiopulmonary resuscitation  
37 course card or an American Red Cross cardiopulmonary  
38 resuscitation course card or its equivalent as defined by  
39 department rule;

40 2. For a paramedic, ~~hold~~ a certificate of successful course  
41 completion in advanced cardiac life support from the American  
42 Heart Association or its equivalent as defined by department  
43 rule;

44 (d) ~~(b)~~ Certify under oath that he or she is not addicted to  
45 alcohol or any controlled substance;

46 (e) ~~(e)~~ Certify under oath that he or she is free from any  
47 physical or mental defect or disease that might impair the  
48 applicant's ability to perform his or her duties;

49 (f) Submit the certification fee and the nonrefundable  
50 examination fee prescribed in s. 401.34, which examination fee  
51 will be required for each examination administered to an  
52 applicant; and

53 (g) Submit a completed application to the department, which  
54 application documents compliance with paragraphs (a), (b), (d),  
55 ~~(e)~~, (e), (f), (g), and, if applicable, (c) ~~(d)~~. The application  
56 must be submitted so as to be received by the department at  
57 least 30 calendar days before the next regularly scheduled  
58 examination for which the applicant desires to be scheduled.

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Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2012.