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COMMITTEE/SUBCOMMITTEE ACTION

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OTHER

1 Committee/Subcommittee hearing bill: Health & Human Services
2 Committee
3 Representative Perry offered the following:
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Amendment (with title amendment)

6 Remove everything after the enacting clause and insert:

7 Section 1. Subsection (1) of section 381.0034, Florida
8 Statutes, is amended to read:

9 381.0034 Requirement for instruction on HIV and AIDS.—

10 (1) As of July 1, 1991, the Department of Health shall require
11 each person licensed or certified under ~~chapter 401~~, chapter
12 467, part IV of chapter 468, or chapter 483, as a condition of
13 biennial relicensure, to complete an educational course approved
14 by the department on the modes of transmission, infection
15 control procedures, clinical management, and prevention of human
16 immunodeficiency virus and acquired immune deficiency syndrome.
17 Such course shall include information on current state Florida
18 law on acquired immune deficiency syndrome and its impact on
19 testing, confidentiality of test results, and treatment of

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20 patients. Each such licensee or certificateholder shall submit
21 confirmation of having completed the said course, on a form
22 provided by the department, when submitting fees or application
23 for each biennial renewal.

24 Section 2. Subsection (7) of section 401.23, Florida
25 Statutes, is amended to read:

26 401.23 Definitions.—As used in this part, the term:

27 (7) "Basic life support" means treatment of medical
28 emergencies by a qualified person through the use of techniques
29 ~~such as patient assessment, cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR),~~
30 ~~splinting, obstetrical assistance, bandaging, administration of~~
31 ~~oxygen, application of medical antishock trousers,~~
32 ~~administration of a subcutaneous injection using a premeasured~~
33 ~~autoinjector of epinephrine to a person suffering an~~
34 ~~anaphylactic reaction, and other techniques~~ described in the
35 Emergency Medical Technician Basic Training Course Curriculum or
36 the National EMS Education Standards of the United States
37 Department of Transportation, and as approved by the department.
38 The term ~~"basic life support"~~ also includes other techniques
39 that ~~which~~ have been approved and are performed under conditions
40 specified by rules of the department.

41 Section 3. Section 401.24, Florida Statutes, is amended to
42 read:

43 401.24 Emergency medical services state plan.—The
44 department is responsible, at a minimum, for the improvement and
45 regulation of basic and advanced life support programs. The
46 department shall develop, and biennially revise every 5 years, a
47 comprehensive state plan for basic and advanced life support

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48 services, the emergency medical services grants program, trauma
49 centers, the injury control program, and medical disaster
50 preparedness. The state plan shall include, but need not be
51 limited to:

52 (1) Emergency medical systems planning, including the
53 prehospital and hospital phases of patient care, and injury
54 control effort and unification of such services into a total
55 delivery system to include air, water, and land services.

56 (2) Requirements for the operation, coordination, and
57 ongoing development of emergency medical services, which
58 includes: basic life support or advanced life support vehicles,
59 equipment, and supplies; communications; personnel; training;
60 public education; state trauma system; injury control; and other
61 medical care components.

62 (3) The definition of areas of responsibility for
63 regulating and planning the ongoing and developing delivery
64 service requirements.

65 Section 4. Subsections (4) and (12) of section 401.27,
66 Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

67 401.27 Personnel; standards and certification.—

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

70 (a) Have completed an appropriate training course as
71 follows:

72 1. For an emergency medical technician, an emergency
73 medical technician training course equivalent to the most recent
74 national standard curriculum or National EMS Education Standards
75 ~~emergency medical technician basic training course~~ of the United

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76 States Department of Transportation, and as approved by the
77 department;

78 2. For a paramedic, a paramedic training program
79 equivalent to the most recent national standard curriculum or
80 National EMS Education Standards paramedic course of the United
81 States Department of Transportation, and as approved by the
82 department;

83 (b) Certify under oath that he or she is not addicted to
84 alcohol or any controlled substance;

85 (c) Certify under oath that he or she is free from any
86 physical or mental defect or disease that might impair the
87 applicant's ability to perform his or her duties;

88 (d) Within 2 years ~~1 year~~ after course completion have
89 passed an examination developed or required by the department;

90 (e)1. For an emergency medical technician, hold ~~either~~ a
91 current American Heart Association cardiopulmonary resuscitation
92 course card or an American Red Cross cardiopulmonary
93 resuscitation course card or its equivalent as defined by
94 department rule;

95 2. For a paramedic, hold a certificate of successful
96 course completion in advanced cardiac life support from the
97 American Heart Association or its equivalent as defined by
98 department rule;

99 (f) Submit the certification fee and the nonrefundable
100 examination fee prescribed in s. 401.34, which examination fee
101 will be required for each examination administered to an
102 applicant; and

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103 (g) Submit a completed application to the department,
104 which application documents compliance with paragraphs (a), (b),
105 (c), (e), (f), (g), and, if applicable, (d). The application
106 must be submitted so as to be received by the department at
107 least 30 calendar days before the next regularly scheduled
108 examination for which the applicant desires to be scheduled.

109 (12) An applicant for certification who is an out-of-state
110 trained emergency medical technician or paramedic must provide
111 proof of current emergency medical technician or paramedic
112 certification or registration based upon successful completion
113 of the United States Department of Transportation emergency
114 medical technician or paramedic training curriculum or the
115 National EMS Education Standards, and as approved by the
116 department, and hold a current certificate of successful course
117 completion in cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) or advanced
118 cardiac life support for emergency medical technicians or
119 paramedics, respectively, to be eligible for the certification
120 examination. The applicant must successfully complete the
121 certification examination within 1 year after the date of the
122 receipt of his or her application by the department. After 1
123 year, the applicant must submit a new application, meet all
124 eligibility requirements, and submit all fees to reestablish
125 eligibility to take the certification examination.

126 Section 5. Paragraph (a) of subsection (1) and subsection
127 (5) of section 401.2701, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

128 401.2701 Emergency medical services training programs.—

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129 (1) Any private or public institution in Florida desiring
130 to conduct an approved program for the education of emergency
131 medical technicians and paramedics shall:

132 (a) Submit a completed application on a form provided by
133 the department, which must include:

134 1. Evidence that the institution is in compliance with all
135 applicable requirements of the Department of Education.

136 2. Evidence of an affiliation agreement with a hospital
137 that has an emergency department staffed by at least one
138 physician and one registered nurse.

139 3. Evidence of an affiliation agreement with a current
140 ~~Florida-licensed~~ emergency medical services provider that is
141 licensed in this state. Such agreement shall include, at a
142 minimum, a commitment by the provider to conduct the field
143 experience portion of the education program.

144 4. Documentation verifying faculty, including:

145 a. A medical director who is a licensed physician meeting
146 the applicable requirements for emergency medical services
147 medical directors as outlined in this chapter and rules of the
148 department. The medical director shall have the duty and
149 responsibility of certifying that graduates have successfully
150 completed all phases of the education program and are proficient
151 in basic or advanced life support techniques, as applicable.

152 b. A program director responsible for the operation,
153 organization, periodic review, administration, development, and
154 approval of the program.

155 5. Documentation verifying that the curriculum:

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156 a. Meets the ~~course guides and instructor's lesson plans~~
157 ~~in the~~ most recent Emergency Medical Technician-Basic National
158 Standard Curricula or the National EMS Education Standards for
159 emergency medical technician programs and Emergency Medical
160 Technician-Paramedic National Standard Curricula or the National
161 EMS Education Standards for paramedic programs, and as approved
162 by the department.

163 b. Includes 2 hours of instruction on the trauma scorecard
164 methodologies for assessment of adult trauma patients and
165 pediatric trauma patients as specified by the department by
166 rule.

167 ~~e. Includes 4 hours of instruction on HIV/AIDS training~~
168 ~~consistent with the requirements of chapter 381.~~

169 6. Evidence of sufficient medical and educational
170 equipment to meet emergency medical services training program
171 needs.

172 (5) Each approved program must notify the department
173 within 30 days after ~~of~~ any change in the professional or
174 employment status of faculty. Each approved program must require
175 its students to pass a comprehensive final written and practical
176 examination evaluating the skills described in the current
177 United States Department of Transportation EMT-Basic or EMT-
178 Paramedic, National Standard Curriculum or the National EMS
179 Education Standards, and as approved by the department. Each
180 approved program must issue a certificate of completion to
181 program graduates within 14 days after ~~of~~ completion.

182 Section 6. This act shall take effect July 1, 2012.
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T I T L E A M E N D M E N T

Remove the entire title and insert:

A bill to be entitled

An act relating to emergency medical services;
amending s. 381.0034, F.S.; deleting the requirement
for emergency medical technicians, paramedics, and 911
public safety telecommunicators to complete an
educational course on the modes of transmission,
infection control procedures, clinical management, and
prevention of human immunodeficiency virus and
acquired immune deficiency syndrome; amending s.
401.23, F.S.; redefining the term "basic life support"
for purposes of the Raymond H. Alexander, M.D.,
Emergency Medical Transportation Services Act;
amending s. 401.24, F.S.; revising the period for
review of the comprehensive state plan for emergency
medical services and programs; amending s. 401.27,
F.S.; revising the requirements for certification or
recertification as an emergency medical technician or
paramedic; revising the requirements for certification
for an out-of-state trained emergency medical
technician or paramedic; amending s. 401.2701, F.S.;
revising requirements for an institution that conducts
an approved program for the education of emergency
medical technicians and paramedics; revising the
requirements that students must meet in order to

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212 receive a certificate of completion from an approved
213 program; providing an effective date.