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PUBLIC ACT SUMMARY



PA 25-56—sHB 7201

Public Safety and Security Committee

AN ACT CONCERNING A SUPPLEMENTAL PARAMEDIC

SUMMARY: This act authorizes UConn’s emergency medical services (EMS) organization, operated by the UConn Storrs campus fire department, to apply to the Department of Public Health (DPH) commissioner for a certificate of authorization as a supplemental paramedic, which the commissioner must issue if certain parameters are met.

Under the act, a “supplemental paramedic” is an EMS organization that (1) holds a DPH-issued certificate of authorization; (2) responds to the victim of a sudden illness or injury when available and called upon; and (3) may transport a patient, provide paramedic service, or operate an ambulance service or paramedic intercept service.

The act also specifies which first responder controls and directs emergency activities when any combination of a primary service area responder (PSAR), supplemental paramedic, and supplemental first responder is on the scene of an emergency medical call. Under the act, the PSAR must control and direct emergency activities, however, if a PSAR is not present, the supplemental paramedic must do so.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2025

SUPPLEMENTAL PARAMEDIC APPLICATION

Under the act, UConn’s EMS organization may apply to the DPH commissioner for a supplemental paramedic certificate as she prescribes, regardless of existing law’s licensure requirements for ambulance and paramedic intercept services. The EMS organization must prove to the commissioner’s satisfaction that it meets the minimum training, equipment, and personnel standards and has at least \$1 million in liability insurance.

Application Determinations

If the commissioner determines that UConn’s EMS organization is qualified to be a supplemental paramedic, the act requires her to issue it a two-year renewable certificate. If she denies the application, she must notify the organization in writing and include the reasons for the denial.

Within 30 days after receiving the denial notice, the organization may request a hearing under the Uniform Administrative Procedure Act. If the commissioner’s denial is upheld after a hearing, the organization cannot reapply until one year after the decision was upheld.

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Certificate Revocation and Suspension

The act authorizes the DPH commissioner to suspend or revoke the certificate of authorization if the UConn EMS organization (1) fails to maintain the minimum standards and liability insurance requirements described above or (2) violates the state's EMS laws. The act gives the organization an opportunity to demonstrate its compliance with these requirements to keep its certificate of authorization.