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## 2017 SENATE BILL 28

February 8, 2017 - Introduced by JOINT LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL. Referred to Committee on Health and Human Services.

1     **AN ACT to amend** 256.15 (10); and **to create** 256.15 (8) (cm) of the statutes;  
2             **relating to:** licensure or certificate renewal for certain emergency medical  
3             services personnel.

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***Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau***

This bill is explained in the NOTES provided by the Joint Legislative Council in the bill.

For further information see the ***state and local*** fiscal estimate, which will be printed as an appendix to this bill.

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***The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:***

JOINT LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL PREFATORY NOTE: This bill was prepared for the Joint Legislative Council's Study Committee on Volunteer Firefighter and Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) Shortages.

Under current law, a certified first responder or licensed EMT or paramedic must renew the credential every two years. The law directs the Department of Health Services (DHS) to promulgate rules specifying the continuing education, examination, and other administrative requirements for the renewal. Under those rules, the continuing education requirements vary based upon the certification and licensure level, and, for some licensure levels, may be satisfied through examination by the National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians.

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This bill revises the credentialing renewal period for a certified first responder or licensed EMT or paramedic from two years to four years. The bill does not modify the authority for DHS to promulgate rules governing the renewal process.

1           **SECTION 1.** 256.15 (8) (cm) of the statutes is created to read:

2           256.15 **(8)** (cm) Every holder of a certificate issued under sub. (8) shall renew  
3 the certificate every 4 years by applying to the department on forms provided by the  
4 department. Upon receipt of an application for renewal containing documentation  
5 acceptable to the department that the requirements for certification have been met,  
6 the department shall renew the certificate unless the department finds that the  
7 applicant has acted in a manner or under circumstances constituting grounds for  
8 suspension or revocation of the certificate.

9           **SECTION 2.** 256.15 (10) of the statutes is amended to read:

10           256.15 **(10)** LICENSE RENEWAL. Every holder of a license issued under sub. (5)  
11 or (7) shall renew the license ~~on July 1 of each even-numbered year~~ every 4 years by  
12 applying to the department on forms provided by the department. Upon receipt of  
13 an application for renewal containing documentation acceptable to the department  
14 that the requirements of sub. (6) have been met, the department shall renew the  
15 license unless the department finds that the applicant has acted in a manner or  
16 under circumstances constituting grounds for suspension or revocation of the  
17 license.

18                                   **(END)**