AN ACT to create 256.15 (8) (bm) of the statutes; relating to: certification requirements for emergency medical responders.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This bill prohibits the Department of Health Services from requiring an applicant who is applying for certification as an emergency medical responder to register with or take the examination of the National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians (NREMT). An ambulance service provider or another emergency medical services program is allowed to require an emergency medical responder to register with or take the examination of the NREMT. Current rules promulgated by DHS require an applicant for a license as an emergency medical services practitioner at any level, including an emergency medical responder, to be registered with the NREMT or, in certain circumstances, to complete the NREMT examination.

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

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

256.15 (8) (bm) The department may not require an applicant for certification as an emergency medical responder to register with or take the examination of the national registry of emergency medical technicians. An ambulance service provider
or another emergency medical services program may require an emergency medical
responder to register with or take the examination of the national registry of
emergency medical technicians as a condition of being employed by or volunteering
with the provider or program.

SECTION 2. Effective date.

(1) This act takes effect on the first day of the 7th month beginning after
publication.

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