



State of Wisconsin  
2023 - 2024 LEGISLATURE

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**FOR 2023-2025 BUDGET -- NOT READY FOR INTRODUCTION**

**AN ACT ...; relating to:** the budget.

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*Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau*

**HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

**GENERAL HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

***Certification of emergency medical responders***

Under current law, no individual may act as an emergency medical responder unless they are certified by DHS as an emergency medical responder. To be eligible for certification as an emergency medical responder, current law requires an individual to be at least 18 years of age, to be capable of performing the actions required of an emergency medical responder, and to have completed an emergency medical responder course that meets or exceeds the guidelines issued by the federal National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. This bill requires DHS to certify individuals as emergency medical responders who complete a certified training program for emergency medical responders or pass the National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians (NREMT) examination for emergency medical responders without requiring any further examination. However, the bill provides that any relevant education, training, instruction, or other experience that an applicant obtained in connection with any military service satisfies the completion of a certified training program if the applicant demonstrates that the education, training, instruction, or other experience obtained is substantially equivalent to the certified course. The bill allows DHS, in consultation with the Emergency Medical

Services Board, to promulgate rules to establish educational standards for training programs for emergency medical responders and minimum examination standards for training programs for emergency medical responders. Further, the bill prohibits emergency medical responders from replacing emergency medical technicians as a member of an ambulance crew unless the emergency medical responder has passed the NREMT examination for emergency medical responders.

For further information see the state 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:***

**SECTION 1.** 256.08 (4) (L) of the statutes is created to read:

256.08 (4) (L) Identify certified training programs for emergency medical responders.

**SECTION 2.** 256.08 (5) of the statutes is created to read:

256.08 (5) EDUCATIONAL STANDARDS. The department, in consultation with the board, may promulgate rules to establish educational standards for training programs for emergency medical responders and minimum examination standards for training programs for emergency medical responders.

**SECTION 3.** 256.15 (4) (g) of the statutes is created to read:

256.15 (4) (g) No emergency medical responder may replace an emergency medical technician as a member of an ambulance crew unless the emergency medical responder has passed the National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians examination for emergency medical responders.

**SECTION 4.** 256.15 (8) (b) (intro.) of the statutes is amended to read:

256.15 (8) (b) (intro.) To be eligible for initial certification as an emergency medical responder, except as provided in pars. (bg) and (br) and ss. 256.17 and 256.18, an individual shall meet all of the following requirements:

**SECTION 5.** 256.15 (8) (bg) of the statutes is created to read:

256.15 (8) (bg) The department shall grant an initial certification as an emergency medical responder to any individual who meets the requirements under par. (b) 1. and 2. and successfully completes a certified training program for emergency medical responders identified by the department under s. 256.08 (4) (L). Any relevant education, training, instruction, or other experience that an applicant for initial certification as an emergency medical responder obtained in connection with any military service, as defined in s. 111.32 (12g), satisfies the completion of a certified training program for emergency medical responders if the applicant demonstrates to the satisfaction of the department that the education, training, instruction, or other experience obtained by the applicant is substantially equivalent to the certified training program for emergency medical responders.

**SECTION 6.** 256.15 (8) (br) of the statutes is created to read:

256.15 (8) (br) The department shall grant an initial certification as an emergency medical responder to any individual who meets the requirements under par. (b) 1. and 2. and passes the National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians examination for emergency medical responder certification.

**SECTION 9419. Effective dates; Health Services.**

(1) CERTIFICATION OF EMERGENCY MEDICAL RESPONDERS. The treatment of ss. 256.08 (4) (L) and 256.15 (4) (g) and (8) (b) (intro.), (bg), and (br) takes effect on July 1, 2024.

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