2017 BILL

AN ACT to amend 256.15 (10); and to create 256.15 (8) (cm) of the statutes;

relating to: licensure or certificate renewal for certain emergency medical

services personnel.

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.

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.

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

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

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

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

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