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2015 SENATE BILL 210

July 16, 2015 - Introduced by Senators HARSDORF, MARKLEIN, BEWLEY, MILLER, RINGHAND, VINEHOUT and WIRCH, cosponsored by Representatives PETRYK, NOVAK, BALLWEG, E. BROOKS, HORLACHER, JACQUE, JARCHOW, KNODL, KNUDSON, MURPHY, MURSAU, SPIROS, STEFFEN, DANOU, MILROY and SUBECK. Referred to Committee on Health and Human Services.

1 **AN ACT** *to amend* 256.01 (6), (7), (8) and (9) and 256.15 (2) (a); and *to create*
2 256.15 (2) (c) of the statutes; **relating to:** exempting out-of-state emergency
3 medical services personnel from licensure requirements.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This bill permits an out-of-state person providing emergency medical services (EMS) to act as an ambulance service provider, emergency medical technician, or first responder without holding a license, training permit, or certificate in this state when responding to a request for mutual aid if the person holds a valid license, training permit, or certificate in the state from which that person is responding. As used in this bill, "emergency medical technician" refers to an emergency medical technician-basic, emergency medical technician-intermediate, or emergency medical technician-paramedic. Generally, under current law, a person may not act as or advertise for the provision of services as an ambulance service provider, emergency medical technician, or first responder unless that person holds the required Wisconsin license, training permit, or certificate. This bill creates a limited exemption from that requirement for those holding appropriate credentials in another state when they respond from that state to a request for mutual aid from within this state.

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

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1 **SECTION 1.** 256.01 (6), (7), (8) and (9) of the statutes, as affected by 2015
2 Wisconsin Act (Senate Bill 182), are amended to read:

3 256.01 **(6)** “Emergency medical technician — basic” means an individual who
4 is licensed by the department to administer basic life support and to properly handle
5 and transport sick, disabled or injured individuals or is exempt under s. 256.15 (2)
6 (b) or (c).

7 **(7)** “Emergency medical technician — intermediate” means an individual who
8 is licensed by the department as an emergency medical technician — intermediate
9 under s. 256.15 (5) or is exempt under s. 256.15 (2) (b) or (c).

10 **(8)** “Emergency medical technician — paramedic” means an individual who is
11 specially trained in emergency cardiac, trauma and other lifesaving or emergency
12 procedures in a training program or course of instruction prescribed by the
13 department and who is examined and licensed as an emergency medical technician
14 — paramedic under s. 256.15 (5) or is exempt under s. 256.15 (2) (b) or (c).

15 **(9)** “First responder” means a person who is certified by the department as a
16 first responder under s. 256.15 (8) (a) or is exempt under s. 256.15 (2) (b) or (c) and
17 who, as a condition of employment or as a member of an organization that provides
18 emergency medical care before hospitalization, provides emergency medical care to
19 a sick, disabled or injured individual before the arrival of an ambulance, but who
20 does not provide transportation for a patient.

21 **SECTION 2.** 256.15 (2) (a) of the statutes, as affected by 2015 Wisconsin Act 2015
22 Wisconsin Act (Senate Bill 182), is amended to read:

23 256.15 **(2)** (a) Except when acting under s. 257.03 and except as provided in par.
24 pars. (b) and (c), no person may act as or advertise for the provision of services as an
25 ambulance service provider unless the person holds an ambulance service provider

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1 license issued under this section. Except when acting under s. 257.03 and except as
2 provided in ~~par.~~ pars. (b) and (c), no individual may act as or advertise for the
3 provision of services as an emergency medical technician unless he or she holds an
4 emergency medical technician license or training permit issued under sub. (5).
5 Except when acting under s. 257.03 and except as provided in ~~par.~~ pars. (b) and (c),
6 no individual may act as or advertise for the provision of services as a first responder
7 unless he or she holds a first responder certificate issued under sub. (8).

8 **SECTION 3.** 256.15 (2) (c) of the statutes is created to read:

9 256.15 (2) (c) Notwithstanding par. (a), a person may act as an ambulance
10 service provider, emergency medical technician, or first responder without a license,
11 training permit, or certificate described under par. (a) if all of the following apply:

12 1. The person holds a valid license, training permit, certificate, or other
13 credential allowing the person to act as an ambulance service provider, emergency
14 medical technician, or first responder in another state.

15 2. The person is acting in response to a request for mutual aid and responding
16 from the state in which that person holds a license, training permit, certificate, or
17 other credential allowing the person to act as an ambulance service provider,
18 emergency medical technician, or first responder.

19 (END)