



State of Wisconsin
2017 - 2018 LEGISLATURE

LRB-3126/1
TJD:kjf

2017 SENATE BILL 238

May 11, 2017 – Introduced by Senators HARSDORF, TESTIN, OLSEN, MARKLEIN, WIRCH, NASS and VINEHOUT, cosponsored by Representatives KREMER, KOLSTE, ANDERSON, BALLWEG, E. BROOKS, CONSIDINE, HORLACHER, HUTTON, JAGLER, KERKMAN, MURSAU, NOVAK, OHNSTAD, PETRYK, RIPP, SCHRAA, SINICKI, SKOWRONSKI, SPIROS, SPREITZER, SUBECK and TUSLER. Referred to Committee on Revenue, Financial Institutions and Rural Issues.

1 **AN ACT to amend** 20.435 (1) (ch) and 256.12 (5) (title) and (a); and **to create**
2 256.12 (5) (am) of the statutes; **relating to:** funding for first responder and
3 emergency medical technician training and certification and making an
4 appropriation.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This bill allows the Department of Health Services to pay for aid for first responder training and examinations. Currently, and under the bill, DHS may pay aid for emergency medical technician — basic training and examinations. The bill also allows ambulance service providers that receive aids from DHS to escrow unused moneys and use those moneys in a subsequent year for first responder training and examinations or emergency medical technician training and examinations at any level.

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

5 **SECTION 1.** 20.435 (1) (ch) of the statutes is amended to read:
6 20.435 (1) (ch) *Emergency medical services; aids.* The amounts in the schedule
7 for emergency medical technician — basic and first responder training and

SENATE BILL 238**SECTION 1**

1 examination aid under s. 256.12 (5) and for ambulance service vehicles or vehicle
2 equipment, emergency medical services supplies or equipment or emergency
3 medical training for personnel under s. 256.12 (4).

4 **SECTION 2.** 256.12 (5) (title) and (a) of the statutes are amended to read:

5 256.12 (5) (title) EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIAN AND FIRST RESPONDER TRAINING
6 AND EXAMINATION AID. (a) From the appropriation account under s. 20.435 (1) (ch),
7 the department shall annually distribute funds to ambulance service providers that
8 are public agencies, volunteer fire departments, or nonprofit corporations to
9 purchase the training required for licensure and renewal of licensure as an
10 emergency medical technician — basic under s. 256.15 (6) or for certification and
11 renewal of certification as a first responder under s. 256.15 (8), and to pay for
12 administration of the examination required for licensure or renewal of licensure as
13 an emergency medical technician — basic under s. 256.15 (6) (a) 3. and (b) 1 or
14 certification or renewal of certification as a first responder under s. 256.15 (8).

15 **SECTION 3.** 256.12 (5) (am) of the statutes is created to read:

16 256.12 (5) (am) If an ambulance service provider does not use funds received
17 under par. (a) within a calendar year, the ambulance service provider may escrow
18 those funds in the year in which the funds are distributed to the ambulance service
19 provider. In a subsequent year, an ambulance service provider may use escrowed
20 funds to purchase the training required for certification or renewal of certification
21 as a first responder or licensure or renewal of licensure as an emergency medical
22 technician at any level or to pay for administration of the examination required for
23 certification or renewal of certification as a first responder or for licensure or renewal
24 of licensure as an emergency medical technician at any level.

25 (END)