

State of Wisconsin



2021 Senate Bill 89

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2021 WISCONSIN ACT

AN ACT *to amend* 256.15 (8) (b) 3.; and *to create* 256.15 (8) (bm) and 256.15 (8) (fm) of the statutes; **relating to** certification requirements for emergency medical responders.

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

SECTION 1. 256.15 (8) (b) 3. of the statutes is amended to read:

256.15 (8) (b) 3. The individual satisfactorily completes an emergency medical responder course that meets or exceeds the guidelines issued by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration under 23 CFR 1205.3 (a) (5), that includes training for response to acts of terrorism, and that is approved by the department. Any relevant education, training, instruction, or other experience that an applicant for initial certification as an emergency medical responder who is not affiliated with an ambulance service provider or emergency medical services program obtained in connection with any military service, as defined in s. 111.32 (12g), satisfies the completion of an emergency medical responder course, 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 emergency medical responder course.

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

256.15 (8) (fm) Except as provided in ss. 256.17 and 256.18, the department shall issue a certificate as an emergency medical responder, without requiring satisfactory completion of any instruction or training that may be required under par. (b), to any individual who meets the criteria under par. (b) 1. and 2. and has obtained relevant education, training, and experience in connection with military service, as defined in s. 111.32 (12g). The determination of whether an individual has obtained relevant education, training, and experience is solely within the discretion of the ambulance service provider or emergency medical services program with which the individual intends to be employed or to volunteer.

SECTION 4. Effective date.

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

* Section 991.11, WISCONSIN STATUTES: Effective date of acts. "Every act and every portion of an act enacted by the legislature over the governor's partial veto which does not expressly prescribe the time when it takes effect shall take effect on the day after its date of publication."