

SENATE SUBSTITUTE FOR  
HOUSE BILL NO. 4605

A bill to amend 1978 PA 368, entitled  
"Public health code,"  
by amending section 20950 (MCL 333.20950), as amended by 2006 PA  
568.

**THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:**

1           Sec. 20950. (1) An individual shall not practice or advertise  
2 to practice as a medical first responder, emergency medical  
3 technician, emergency medical technician specialist, paramedic, or  
4 emergency medical services instructor-coordinator unless licensed  
5 ~~to do so~~ by the department **UNDER THIS SECTION.**

6           (2) The department shall issue a license under this section  
7 only to an individual who meets all of the following requirements:

8           (a) Is 18 years of age or older.

1 (B) MEETS EITHER OF THE FOLLOWING REQUIREMENTS:

2 (i) ~~(b)~~ Has successfully completed the appropriate education  
3 program approved under section 20912.

4 (ii) WHILE SERVING AS A MEMBER OF THE ARMED FORCES, SERVED AS A  
5 MILITARY HEALTH CARE SPECIALIST AND WAS SEPARATED FROM SERVICE WITH  
6 AN HONORABLE CHARACTER OF SERVICE OR UNDER AN HONORABLE CONDITIONS  
7 (GENERAL) CHARACTER OF SERVICE IN THE 2-YEAR PERIOD PRECEDING THE  
8 DATE THE LICENSE APPLICATION IS FILED. THE APPLICANT SHALL PROVIDE  
9 A FORM DD214, DD215, OR ANY OTHER FORM THAT IS SATISFACTORY TO THE  
10 DEPARTMENT TO MEET THE CRITERIA ESTABLISHED IN THIS SUBPARAGRAPH.  
11 THIS SUBPARAGRAPH ONLY APPLIES TO AN APPLICANT FOR A LICENSE AS AN  
12 EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIAN.

13 (c) Subject to subsection (3), has attained a passing score on  
14 the appropriate department prescribed examination, as follows:

15 (i) A medical first responder ~~shall~~**MUST** pass the written  
16 examination proctored by the department or the department's  
17 designee and a practical examination approved by the department.  
18 The practical examination shall be administered by the instructors  
19 of the medical first responder course. The department or the  
20 department's designee may also proctor the practical examination.

21 **THE INDIVIDUAL SHALL PAY THE FEE FOR THE WRITTEN EXAMINATION**  
22 **REQUIRED UNDER THIS SUBPARAGRAPH DIRECTLY TO THE NATIONAL REGISTRY**  
23 **OF EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIANS OR OTHER ORGANIZATION APPROVED BY**  
24 **THE DEPARTMENT.**

25 (ii) An emergency medical technician, emergency medical  
26 technician specialist, ~~and a~~**OR** paramedic ~~shall~~**MUST** pass the  
27 written examination proctored by the department or the department's

1 designee and a practical examination proctored by the department or  
2 the department's designee. **THE INDIVIDUAL SHALL PAY THE FEE FOR THE**  
3 **WRITTEN EXAMINATION REQUIRED UNDER THIS SUBPARAGRAPH DIRECTLY TO**  
4 **THE NATIONAL REGISTRY OF EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIANS OR OTHER**  
5 **ORGANIZATION APPROVED BY THE DEPARTMENT.**

6 ~~—— (iii) The fee for the written examinations required under~~  
7 ~~subparagraphs (i) and (ii) shall be paid directly to the national~~  
8 ~~registry of emergency medical technicians or other organization~~  
9 ~~approved by the department.~~

10 (d) Meets other requirements of this part.

11 (3) The department shall require for purposes of compliance  
12 with subsection (2)(c) successful passage by each first-time  
13 applicant of an examination. ~~as that term is defined in section~~  
14 ~~20904(10).~~

15 (4) The department shall issue a license as an emergency  
16 medical services instructor-coordinator only to an individual who  
17 meets the requirements of subsection (2) for an emergency medical  
18 services instructor-coordinator and at the time of application is  
19 currently licensed as a medical first responder, emergency medical  
20 technician, emergency medical technician specialist, or paramedic  
21 and has at least 3 years' field experience with a licensed life  
22 support agency as a medical first responder, emergency medical  
23 technician, emergency medical technician specialist, or paramedic.  
24 The department shall provide for the development and administration  
25 of an examination for emergency medical services instructor-  
26 coordinators. The license shall specify the level of instruction-  
27 coordination the individual is licensed to provide. An emergency

1 medical services instructor-coordinator shall not instruct or  
2 coordinate emergency medical training courses at a level that  
3 exceeds his or her designated level of licensure and for which he  
4 or she does not have at least 3 years' field experience at that  
5 level of licensure.

6 (5) Except as **OTHERWISE** provided ~~by~~**IN** section 20952, a  
7 license under this section is effective for 3 years from the date  
8 of issuance unless revoked or suspended by the department.

9 (6) Except as otherwise provided in ~~subsection (7)~~, **THIS**  
10 **SECTION**, an applicant for licensure under this section shall pay  
11 the following triennial licensure fees:

12 (a) Medical first responder - no fee.

13 (b) Emergency medical technician - \$40.00.

14 (c) Emergency medical technician specialist - \$60.00.

15 (d) Paramedic - \$80.00.

16 (e) Emergency medical services instructor-coordinator -  
17 \$100.00.

18 (7) If a life support agency certifies to the department that  
19 an applicant for licensure under this section will act as a  
20 volunteer and if the life support agency does not charge for its  
21 services, the department shall not require the applicant to pay the  
22 fee required under subsection (6). If the applicant ceases to meet  
23 the definition of a volunteer under this part at any time during  
24 the effective period of his or her license and is employed as a  
25 licensee under this part, the applicant shall at that time pay the  
26 fee required under subsection (6).

27 **(8) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL WAIVE THE FEE REQUIRED UNDER**

1 SUBSECTION (6) FOR THE INITIAL LICENSE IF THE APPLICANT FOR INITIAL  
2 LICENSURE WAS SEPARATED FROM SERVICE WITH AN HONORABLE CHARACTER OF  
3 SERVICE OR UNDER HONORABLE CONDITIONS (GENERAL) CHARACTER OF  
4 SERVICE IN THE ARMED FORCES. THE APPLICANT SHALL PROVIDE A FORM  
5 DD214, DD215, OR ANY OTHER FORM THAT IS SATISFACTORY TO THE  
6 DEPARTMENT TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR THE WAIVER OF THE FEE UNDER THIS  
7 SUBSECTION.

8 (9) AS USED IN THIS SECTION, "ARMED FORCES" MEANS THAT TERM AS  
9 DEFINED IN SECTION 2 OF THE VETERAN RIGHT TO EMPLOYMENT SERVICES  
10 ACT, 1994 PA 39, MCL 35.1092.

11 Enacting section 1. This amendatory act takes effect upon the  
12 expiration of 90 days after the date it is enacted into law.