

Legislative Analysis



MEDICAL FIRST RESPONDER LICENSE

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House Bill 5115 as introduced
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Committee: Workforce, Trades, and Talent
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SUMMARY:

House Bill 5115 would amend the Public Health Code to allow individuals 16 years of age and older to be licensed as medical first responders.

Currently under the code, an individual must be 18 to be licensed under Part 209, which governs emergency medical services.

The bill would retain this provision for individuals applying for licensure as an emergency medical technician, emergency medical technician specialist, paramedic, or emergency medical services instructor-coordinator license. However, it would provide that an individual applying for a *medical first responder* license could do so at age 16 or older.

Medical first responder means an individual who has met the educational requirements of a department approved medical first responder course and who is licensed to provide medical first response life support as part of a medical first response service or as a driver of an ambulance that provides basic life support services only. (Medical first responder does not include a police officer solely because his or her police vehicle is equipped with an automated external defibrillator.)

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FISCAL IMPACT:

House Bill 5115 would likely increase costs for the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS). The bill would expand the population of individuals eligible for a medical first responder license. There is no fee for an initial medical first responder license, but DHHS would have costs to process the licenses. DHHS indicates that 6,052 individuals are currently licensed as medical first responders in Michigan. Fiscal Year 2020-21 funding for the Emergency Medical Services Program line item appropriation is \$6.7 million Gross (\$1.5 million GF/GP), about half of which is for EMS program licensing and support, and half for statewide trauma system programs.

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