

HB 1301 -- Emergency Medical Technician Licensure

Sponsor: McCaherty

This bill requires the Department of Health and Senior Services to establish by rule, by January 1, 2013, a procedure to allow an honorably discharged member of the United States Armed Forces to obtain a license as an emergency medical technician for specified levels regardless of whether he or she is certified with the National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians (NREMT) if he or she meets all other current requirements for licensure under state law. The procedure must include rules which ensure that:

(1) Honorable discharged veterans receive a lifetime exemption from any NREMT certification requirements and are able to renew their license without the certification;

(2) These licensees are required to obtain similar continuing education credits as NREMT-certified licensees;

(3) All honorably discharged veterans requesting licensure must meet all the necessary education and skills requirements to function at the level of license requested. Verification of the education and skills may be made through a testing process or by developing a memorandum of understanding with the appropriate federal authority to allow military personnel to transition into the appropriate state level of licensure;

(4) The department establishes, within a reasonable time, a program to allow a returning veteran, who may be nominally deficient in the education and skills, to gain the required skills and education not provided by the military in order to obtain a license;

(5) The department establishes reasonable time periods after a veteran is honorably discharged in which he or she may be licensed; and

(6) These provisions will also apply to the licensure and certification of first responders if Missouri regulates the licensure or certification of first responders in the same manner as the licensure and certification of emergency medical technicians.