

Senate Bill 233

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1 To amend Chapter 11 of Title 31 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
2 emergency medical services, so as to require the board to administer or approve examinations
3 which conform to the respective scopes of practice for purposes of certifying emergency
4 medical technicians, paramedics, and cardiac technicians; to provide for related matters; to
5 repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7 SECTION 1.

8 Chapter 11 of Title 31 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to emergency
9 medical services, is amended in Code Section 31-11-51, relating to certification and
10 recertification of emergency medical technicians, as follows:

11 "31-11-51.

12 The board shall, by regulation, authorize the department to establish procedures and
13 standards for certifying and recertifying emergency medical technicians. The department
14 shall succeed to all rules and regulations, policies, procedures, and administrative orders
15 of the composite board which were in effect on December 31, 2001, and which relate to the
16 functions transferred to the department by this chapter. Such rules, regulations, policies,
17 procedures, and administrative orders shall remain in effect until amended, repealed,
18 superseded, or nullified by proper authority or as otherwise provided by law. No later than
19 July 1, 2010, the board shall administer or approve an examination for purposes of
20 certifying and recertifying emergency medical technicians which measures competency
21 directly related to the scope of practice for emergency medical technicians as established
22 by the board; provided, however, that this shall not be construed to prevent the board from
23 accepting other additional examinations for purposes of certifying and recertifying
24 emergency medical technicians."

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SECTION 2.

26 Said chapter is further amended in Code Section 31-11-52, relating to certification and
27 recertification of, and training for, paramedics and cardiac technicians, as follows:
28 "31-11-52.

29 (a) The department shall establish procedures and standards for certifying and recertifying
30 paramedics and cardiac technicians. An applicant for initial certification as a paramedic or
31 a cardiac technician must:

32 (1) Submit a completed application on a form to be prescribed by the department, which
33 shall include evidence that the applicant is 18 years of age or older and is of good moral
34 character;

35 (2) Submit from the department a notarized statement that the applicant has completed
36 a training course approved by the department;

37 (3) Submit to the department a fee as set forth in the regulations of the department; and

38 (4) Meet such other requirements as are set forth in the rules and regulations of the
39 department.

40 (b) The department shall also adopt procedures and standards for its approval of paramedic
41 training courses and cardiac technician training courses. The department shall adopt such
42 regulations after consultation with appropriate public and private agencies and
43 organizations concerned with medical education and the practice of medicine. Procedures
44 and standards adopted by the department shall be consistent with the purposes and
45 provisions of this chapter.

46 (c) No later than July 1, 2010, the board shall administer or approve one or more
47 examinations for purposes of certifying and recertifying paramedics and cardiac
48 technicians which measure competency directly related to the scopes of practice for
49 paramedics and cardiac technicians as established by the board; provided, however, that
50 this shall not be construed to prevent the board from accepting other additional
51 examinations for purposes of certifying and recertifying paramedics and cardiac
52 technicians."

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SECTION 3.

54 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.