

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to present law.
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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1128

By: Representative L. Johnson

By: Senator Irvin

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO ALLOW EMERGENCY MEDICAL RESPONDERS TO BE
LICENSED; TO AUTHORIZE EMERGENCY MEDICAL RESPONDERS
TO BE REIMBURSED BY INSURANCE COMPANIES AND THE
ARKANSAS MEDICAID PROGRAM; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

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BE LICENSED; AND TO AUTHORIZE EMERGENCY
MEDICAL RESPONDERS TO BE REIMBURSED BY
INSURANCE COMPANIES AND THE ARKANSAS
MEDICAID PROGRAM.*

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 20-13-202(7), concerning the definition of "emergency medical services personnel" within the Emergency Medical Services Act, is amended to read as follows:

(7)(A) "Emergency medical services personnel" means an individual licensed by the department at any level established by the rules adopted by the State Board of Health under this subchapter and authorized to perform those services set forth in the rules.

(B) These shall include without limitation emergency medical responder, emergency medical technician, advanced emergency medical technician, paramedic, emergency medical services instructor, or emergency medical services instructor trainer;



SECTION 2. Arkansas Code Title 20, Chapter 13, Subchapter 2, is amended to add an additional section to read as follows:

20-13-219. Emergency medical responders.

(a) The Department of Health shall establish a voluntary licensure program for emergency medical responders.

(b) An emergency medical responder may be reimbursed by the Arkansas Medicaid Program and an insurance company for providing emergency medical services in the scope of his or her employment as an emergency medical responder.

/s/L. Johnson

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