

Act 853 of the 1989 Regular Session.

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HB1461

By: Representative Matthews

"AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 12, CHAPTER 75, SUBCHAPTER 1 OF THE ARKANSAS CODE OF 1987 TO AUTHORIZE THE ADOPTION OF A UNIFORM AND BADGE OR IDENTIFICATION CARD FOR THE OFFICE OF EMERGENCY SERVICES PERSONNEL; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

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

SECTION 1. Ark. Code 12-75-127 is hereby amended to read as follows:  
" 12-75-127. Emergency services workers - Eligibility - Oath.

(a) No person shall be employed or associated in any capacity in any emergency services organization established under this chapter who advocates or has advocated a change by force or violence in the constitutional form of the government of the United States or of this state or the overthrow of any government in the United States by force or violence or who has been convicted or is under indictment or information charging any subversive act against the United States.

(b) Each person who is appointed to serve in the organization for emergency services shall, before entering upon his duties, take an oath, in writing, before a person authorized to administer oaths in this state, which oath shall be substantially as follows:

'I, . . . . . , do solemnly swear that I will support and defend the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of Arkansas, against all enemies, foreign and domestic; that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same; that I take this obligation freely, without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion; and that I will well and faithfully discharge the duties upon which I am about to enter.'

(c) The Director, State Office of Emergency Services, may determine what is to constitute an Office of Emergency Services uniform for State Office personnel. Likewise, the Chief Executive Officer of a local Office of Emergency Services may determine, as deemed necessary, what is to constitute a uniform for his jurisdiction. The uniform may include a badge and/or identification card of appropriate design and dimensions to identify local office of Emergency Services personnel as bonafide emergency services workers within their jurisdiction and State Office of Emergency Services personnel as bonafide emergency workers for the State of Arkansas.

(d) All persons issued or provided such badge, identification and/or uniform shall wear, carry, or display it at such times and places as shall be designated or required by the Chief Executive Officer of the local jurisdiction for local Office of Emergency Services personnel and by the Director, State Office of Emergency Services, for State Office of Emergency Services personnel.

SECTION 2. All provisions of this act of a general and permanent nature are amendatory to the Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated and the Arkansas Code Revision Commission shall incorporate the same in the Code.

SECTION 3. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act are hereby repealed.

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