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**A Bill**

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HOUSE BILL

By: Representative L. Johnson

Filed with: House Committee on Public Health, Welfare, and Labor  
pursuant to A.C.A. §10-3-217.

**For An Act To Be Entitled**

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

**Subtitle**

TO ALLOW EMERGENCY MEDICAL RESPONDERS TO  
BE CERTIFIED; 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;

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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 certification 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.

Referred by Representative Eubanks  
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