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Amendment Form

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Subtitle of House Bill 1253

TO ADOPT THE EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES PERSONNEL LICENSURE  
INTERSTATE COMPACT IN ARKANSAS.

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**Amendment No. 1 to House Bill 1253**

Amend House Bill 1253 as originally introduced:

Page 21, delete line 14, and substitute the following:

"effective in this state.

(d) For the purposes of the member state's ability to reject a rule under Section 12(B) of the Emergency Medical Services Personnel Licensure Interstate Compact, Arkansas delegates its authority in this provision to the General Assembly or the Legislative Council.

SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 20-13-1102 is amended to read as follows:

20-13-1102. Mandatory criminal history checks for emergency medical services personnel.

(a)(1) Any applicant applying for initial licensure shall complete a criminal history check form and shall request the Identification Bureau of the Division of Arkansas State Police to conduct a state ~~or~~ and national criminal history check, ~~or both~~, on the applicant.

(2) The applicant shall pay all appropriate fees for the state ~~or~~ and national criminal history check, ~~or both~~, as set forth by the bureau.

(3) The applicant shall attach the criminal history check form to the Arkansas emergency medical services personnel licensure application.

(b) The Division of Emergency Medical Services ~~of the Department of Health~~ shall conduct a state ~~or~~ and national criminal history check, ~~or both~~, on the applicant and determine whether the applicant is disqualified from licensure based on the report of the applicant's criminal history and forward



its determination to the applicant directly.

SECTION 3. Arkansas Code § 20-13-1104 is amended to read as follows:  
20-13-1104. Form – State and national criminal history check.

(a) A request for a state ~~or~~ and national criminal history check, ~~or~~ both, on a person shall include a completed form as required by the Identification Bureau of the Division of Arkansas State Police and by the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

~~(b) If an applicant is requesting initial Arkansas emergency medical services personnel licensure and can provide proof of continuous residency in the State of Arkansas for the past five (5) years, then the applicant shall be required to have only a state criminal history check completed.~~

~~(c) If an applicant is requesting initial Arkansas emergency medical services personnel licensure and is from another state or if the applicant cannot provide proof of continuous residency in the State of Arkansas for the past five (5) years, the applicant shall be required to have both a state and a national criminal history check completed.~~

(b) The criminal history check shall conform to the applicable federal standards and shall include the taking of fingerprints.

(c) Upon completion of the criminal history check, the Identification Bureau of the Division of Arkansas State Police shall forward to the Department of Health all releasable information obtained concerning the applicant.

(d)(1) Any information received by the department from the Identification Bureau of the Division of Arkansas State Police under this section shall not be available for examination except by:

(A) The affected applicant for licensure or his or her authorized representative; or

(B) The person whose license is subject to revocation or his or her authorized representative.

(2) A record, file, or document shall not be removed from the custody of the Identification Bureau of the Division of Arkansas State Police.

(e) Any information made available to the affected applicant for licensure or the person whose license is subject to revocation shall be information pertaining to that person only.

(f) Rights of privilege and confidentiality established in this section shall not extend to a document created for purposes other than the criminal history check.

(g) The department shall adopt the necessary rules to implement this section.

(h)(1) The department may participate at the state and federal level in programs that provide notification of an arrest subsequent to an initial criminal history check that is conducted through available governmental systems.

(2) The department may submit an applicant's fingerprints to the federal Next Generation Identification system.

(3) The fingerprints may be searched against future submissions to the federal Next Generation Identification system, including latent fingerprint searches.

(4) An applicant enrolled in the federal Next Generation Identification system is not required to re-fingerprint when a subsequent request for a state or federal criminal history check is required if:

(A) A legible set of the applicant's fingerprints is obtained when the applicant enrolls in the federal Next Generation Identification system; and

(B) The applicant is subject to the Rap Back service of the federal Next Generation Identification system.

(i) The Identification Bureau of the Division of Arkansas State Police and the Federal Bureau of Investigation may maintain fingerprints in the Integrated Automated Fingerprint Identification System."

The Amendment was read  
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