
HOUSE BILL No. 1061

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 5-31-2-4; IC 9-19-14.5-1; IC 9-30-6-6; IC 10-14-2-5; IC 16-18-2; IC 16-31; IC 16-41-10-1; IC 21-14-1-6; IC 25-22.5-1-2; IC 31-9-2-52; IC 34-6-2-92; IC 34-18-2; IC 34-30-12.5-2; IC 35-45-19-2; IC 35-47-4.5-3.

Synopsis: Paramedic licensing. Provides for the licensure of paramedics by the emergency medical services commission. Establishes qualifications and requirements for a licensed paramedic. Makes it a Class B misdemeanor to practice as a paramedic without a license. Allows individuals who were certified paramedics under the former law to continue practicing until July 1, 2013, but makes them subject to the license requirement as of that date. Makes conforming changes. Replaces definitions of "paramedic" with definitions of "licensed paramedic".

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning professions and occupations.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

1 SECTION 1. IC 5-31-2-4, AS ADDED BY P.L.111-2007,
2 SECTION 2, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
3 JULY 1, 2011]: Sec. 4. "Health care provider" means:

4 (1) a physician, a hospital, a health facility (including health
5 facilities under IC 16-28), a psychiatric hospital, an emergency
6 ambulance service, a dentist, a registered or licensed practical
7 nurse, a pharmacist, a pharmacy, a physician assistant, a
8 optometrist, a podiatrist, a chiropractor, a physical therapist, a
9 respiratory care practitioner, an occupational therapist, a
10 psychologist, a **licensed** paramedic, or an emergency medical
11 technician; and

12 (2) an agent of a person or an entity described in subdivision (1).

13 SECTION 2. IC 9-19-14.5-1, AS AMENDED BY P.L.138-2009,
14 SECTION 1, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
15 JULY 1, 2011]: Sec. 1. A privately owned vehicle belonging to a
16 ~~certified~~ **licensed** paramedic, certified emergency medical
17 technician-intermediate, certified emergency medical technician-basic



1 advanced, certified emergency medical technician, certified emergency
2 medical service driver, or certified emergency medical service first
3 responder while traveling in the line of duty in connection with
4 emergency medical services activities may display flashing or
5 revolving green lights, subject to the following restrictions and
6 conditions:

- 7 (1) The lights may not have a light source less than fifty (50)
8 candlepower.
- 9 (2) All lights must be prominently displayed on the top of the
10 vehicle.
- 11 (3) Not more than two (2) green lights may be displayed on a
12 vehicle, and each light must be of the flashing or revolving type
13 and visible at three hundred sixty (360) degrees.
- 14 (4) The lights must consist of:
 - 15 (A) a lamp with a green lens; or
 - 16 (B) a green light emitting diode (LED).
- 17 However, the revolving lights may contain multiple bulbs.
- 18 (5) The green lights may not be a part of the regular head lamps
19 displayed on the vehicle.
- 20 (6) For a person to be authorized under this chapter to display a
21 flashing or revolving green light on the person's vehicle, the
22 person must first secure a written permit from the executive
23 director of the department of homeland security to use the light.
24 The permit must be carried by the person when the light is
25 displayed.

26 SECTION 3. IC 9-30-6-6, AS AMENDED BY P.L.36-2010,
27 SECTION 1, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
28 JULY 1, 2011]: Sec. 6. (a) A physician or a person trained in obtaining
29 bodily substance samples and acting under the direction of or under a
30 protocol prepared by a physician, who:

- 31 (1) obtains a blood, urine, or other bodily substance sample from
32 a person, regardless of whether the sample is taken for diagnostic
33 purposes or at the request of a law enforcement officer under this
34 section; or
 - 35 (2) performs a chemical test on blood, urine, or other bodily
36 substance obtained from a person;
- 37 shall deliver the sample or disclose the results of the test to a law
38 enforcement officer who requests the sample or results as a part of a
39 criminal investigation. Samples and test results shall be provided to a
40 law enforcement officer even if the person has not consented to or
41 otherwise authorized their release.

42 (b) A physician, a hospital, or an agent of a physician or hospital is

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- 1 not civilly or criminally liable for any of the following:
- 2 (1) Disclosing test results in accordance with this section.
- 3 (2) Delivering a blood, urine, or other bodily substance sample in
- 4 accordance with this section.
- 5 (3) Obtaining a blood, urine, or other bodily substance sample in
- 6 accordance with this section.
- 7 (4) Disclosing to the prosecuting attorney or the deputy
- 8 prosecuting attorney for use at or testifying at the criminal trial of
- 9 the person as to facts observed or opinions formed.
- 10 (5) Failing to treat a person from whom a blood, urine, or other
- 11 bodily substance sample is obtained at the request of a law
- 12 enforcement officer if the person declines treatment.
- 13 (6) Injury to a person arising from the performance of duties in
- 14 good faith under this section.
- 15 (c) For the purposes of this chapter, IC 9-30-5, or IC 9-30-9:
- 16 (1) the privileges arising from a patient-physician relationship do
- 17 not apply to the samples, test results, or testimony described in
- 18 this section; and
- 19 (2) samples, test results, and testimony may be admitted in a
- 20 proceeding in accordance with the applicable rules of evidence.
- 21 (d) The exceptions to the patient-physician relationship specified in
- 22 subsection (c) do not affect those relationships in a proceeding not
- 23 covered by this chapter, IC 9-30-5, or IC 9-30-9.
- 24 (e) The test results and samples obtained by a law enforcement
- 25 officer under subsection (a) may be disclosed only to a prosecuting
- 26 attorney or a deputy prosecuting attorney for use as evidence in a
- 27 criminal proceeding under this chapter, IC 9-30-5, or IC 9-30-9.
- 28 (f) This section does not require a physician or a person under the
- 29 direction of a physician to perform a chemical test.
- 30 (g) A physician or a person trained in obtaining bodily substance
- 31 samples and acting under the direction of or under a protocol prepared
- 32 by a physician shall obtain a blood, urine, or other bodily substance
- 33 sample if the following exist:
- 34 (1) A law enforcement officer requests that the sample be
- 35 obtained.
- 36 (2) The law enforcement officer has certified in writing the
- 37 following:
- 38 (A) That the officer has probable cause to believe the person
- 39 from whom the sample is to be obtained has violated
- 40 IC 9-30-5.
- 41 (B) That the person from whom the sample is to be obtained
- 42 has been involved in a motor vehicle accident that resulted in

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1 the serious bodily injury or death of another.
 2 (C) That the accident that caused the serious bodily injury or
 3 death of another occurred not more than three (3) hours before
 4 the time the sample is requested.
 5 (3) Not more than the use of reasonable force is necessary to
 6 obtain the sample.
 7 (h) If the person:
 8 (1) from whom the bodily substance sample is to be obtained
 9 under this section does not consent; and
 10 (2) resists the taking of a sample;
 11 the law enforcement officer may use reasonable force to assist an
 12 individual, who must be authorized under this section to obtain a
 13 sample, in the taking of the sample.
 14 (i) The person authorized under this section to obtain a bodily
 15 substance sample shall take the sample in a medically accepted
 16 manner.
 17 (j) This subsection does not apply to a bodily substance sample
 18 taken at a licensed hospital (as defined in IC 16-18-2-179(a) and
 19 IC 16-18-2-179(b)). A law enforcement officer may transport the
 20 person to a place where the sample may be obtained by any of the
 21 following persons who are trained in obtaining bodily substance
 22 samples and who have been engaged to obtain samples under this
 23 section:
 24 (1) A physician holding an unlimited license to practice medicine
 25 or osteopathy.
 26 (2) A registered nurse.
 27 (3) A licensed practical nurse.
 28 (4) An emergency medical technician-basic advanced (as defined
 29 in IC 16-18-2-112.5).
 30 (5) An emergency medical technician-intermediate (as defined in
 31 IC 16-18-2-112.7).
 32 (6) A **licensed** paramedic ~~(as defined in IC 16-18-2-266).~~
 33 **licensed under IC 16-31-3.2.**
 34 SECTION 4. IC 10-14-2-5, AS AMENDED BY P.L.2-2007,
 35 SECTION 148, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS
 36 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2011]: Sec. 5. (a) For purposes of this section,
 37 "member of the military or public safety officer" means an individual
 38 who is any of the following:
 39 (1) A member of a fire department (as defined in IC 36-8-1-8).
 40 (2) An emergency medical service provider (as defined in
 41 IC 16-41-10-1).
 42 (3) A member of a police department (as defined in IC 36-8-1-9).

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- 1 (4) A correctional officer (as defined in IC 5-10-10-1.5).
 2 (5) A state police officer.
 3 (6) A county police officer.
 4 (7) A police reserve officer.
 5 (8) A county sheriff.
 6 (9) A deputy sheriff.
 7 (10) An excise police officer.
 8 (11) A conservation enforcement officer.
 9 (12) A town marshal.
 10 (13) A deputy town marshal.
 11 (14) A postsecondary educational institution police officer
 12 appointed under IC 21-17-5 or IC 21-39-4.
 13 (15) A probation officer.
 14 (16) A **licensed** paramedic.
 15 (17) A volunteer firefighter (as defined in IC 36-8-12-2).
 16 (18) An emergency medical technician or a **licensed** paramedic
 17 working in a volunteer capacity.
 18 (19) A member of the armed forces of the United States.
 19 (20) A member of the Indiana Air National Guard.
 20 (21) A member of the Indiana Army National Guard.
 21 (22) A member of a state or local emergency management agency.
 22 (23) A member of a consolidated law enforcement department
 23 established under IC 36-3-1-5.1.

24 (b) For purposes of this section, "dies in the line of duty" refers to
 25 a death that occurs as a direct result of personal injury or illness
 26 resulting from any action that a member of the military or public safety
 27 officer, in the member of the military's or public safety officer's official
 28 capacity, is obligated or authorized by rule, regulation, condition of
 29 employment or services, or law to perform in the course of performing
 30 the member of the military's or public safety officer's duty.

31 (c) If a member of the military or public safety officer dies in the
 32 line of duty, a state flag shall be presented to:

- 33 (1) the surviving spouse;
 34 (2) the surviving children if there is no surviving spouse; or
 35 (3) the surviving parent or parents if there is no surviving spouse
 36 and there are no surviving children.

37 (d) The agency shall administer this section.

38 (e) The director may adopt rules under IC 4-22-2 to implement this
 39 section.

40 SECTION 5. IC 16-18-2-7 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
 41 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2011]: Sec. 7. (a) "Advanced life
 42 support", for purposes of IC 16-31, means care that is given:

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- 1 (1) at the scene of:
- 2 (A) an accident;
- 3 (B) an act of terrorism (as defined in IC 35-41-1-26.5), if the
- 4 governor has declared a disaster emergency under
- 5 IC 10-14-3-12 in response to the act of terrorism; or
- 6 (C) an illness;
- 7 (2) during transport; or
- 8 (3) at a hospital;

9 by a **licensed** paramedic or an emergency medical
 10 technician-intermediate and that is more advanced than the care usually
 11 provided by an emergency medical technician or an emergency medical
 12 technician-basic advanced.

13 (b) The term may include any of the following:

- 14 (1) Defibrillation.
- 15 (2) Endotracheal intubation.
- 16 (3) Parenteral injections of appropriate medications.
- 17 (4) Electrocardiogram interpretation.
- 18 (5) Emergency management of trauma and illness.

19 SECTION 6. IC 16-18-2-112.7 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
 20 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2011]: Sec. 112.7. "Emergency
 21 medical technician-intermediate", for purposes of IC 16-31, means an
 22 individual who can perform at least one (1) of but not all the
 23 procedures of a **licensed** paramedic and who:

- 24 (1) has completed a prescribed course in advanced life support;
- 25 (2) has been certified by the Indiana emergency medical services
 26 commission;
- 27 (3) is associated with a single supervising hospital; and
- 28 (4) is affiliated with a provider organization.

29 SECTION 7. IC 16-18-2-163, AS AMENDED BY P.L.108-2007,
 30 SECTION 2, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 31 JULY 1, 2011]: Sec. 163. (a) "Health care provider", for purposes of
 32 IC 16-21 and IC 16-41, means any of the following:

- 33 (1) An individual, a partnership, a corporation, a professional
 34 corporation, a facility, or an institution licensed or legally
 35 authorized by this state to provide health care or professional
 36 services as a licensed physician, a psychiatric hospital, a hospital,
 37 a health facility, an emergency ambulance service (IC 16-31-3),
 38 a dentist, a registered or licensed practical nurse, a midwife, an
 39 optometrist, a pharmacist, a podiatrist, a chiropractor, a physical
 40 therapist, a respiratory care practitioner, an occupational therapist,
 41 a psychologist, a **licensed** paramedic, an emergency medical
 42 technician, an emergency medical technician-basic advanced, an

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1 emergency medical technician-intermediate, or a person who is an
 2 officer, employee, or agent of the individual, partnership,
 3 corporation, professional corporation, facility, or institution acting
 4 in the course and scope of the person's employment.

5 (2) A college, university, or junior college that provides health
 6 care to a student, a faculty member, or an employee, and the
 7 governing board or a person who is an officer, employee, or agent
 8 of the college, university, or junior college acting in the course
 9 and scope of the person's employment.

10 (3) A blood bank, community mental health center, community
 11 mental retardation center, community health center, or migrant
 12 health center.

13 (4) A home health agency (as defined in IC 16-27-1-2).

14 (5) A health maintenance organization (as defined in
 15 IC 27-13-1-19).

16 (6) A health care organization whose members, shareholders, or
 17 partners are health care providers under subdivision (1).

18 (7) A corporation, partnership, or professional corporation not
 19 otherwise qualified under this subsection that:

20 (A) provides health care as one (1) of the corporation's,
 21 partnership's, or professional corporation's functions;

22 (B) is organized or registered under state law; and

23 (C) is determined to be eligible for coverage as a health care
 24 provider under IC 34-18 for the corporation's, partnership's, or
 25 professional corporation's health care function.

26 Coverage for a health care provider qualified under this subdivision is
 27 limited to the health care provider's health care functions and does not
 28 extend to other causes of action.

29 (b) "Health care provider", for purposes of IC 16-35, has the
 30 meaning set forth in subsection (a). However, for purposes of IC 16-35,
 31 the term also includes a health facility (as defined in section 167 of this
 32 chapter).

33 (c) "Health care provider", for purposes of IC 16-36-5, means an
 34 individual licensed or authorized by this state to provide health care or
 35 professional services as:

36 (1) a licensed physician;

37 (2) a registered nurse;

38 (3) a licensed practical nurse;

39 (4) an advanced practice nurse;

40 (5) a licensed nurse midwife;

41 (6) a **licensed** paramedic;

42 (7) an emergency medical technician;

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- 1 (8) an emergency medical technician-basic advanced;
- 2 (9) an emergency medical technician-intermediate; or
- 3 (10) a first responder, as defined under IC 16-18-2-131.

4 The term includes an individual who is an employee or agent of a
 5 health care provider acting in the course and scope of the individual's
 6 employment.

7 (d) "Health care provider", for purposes of IC 16-40-4, means any
 8 of the following:

- 9 (1) An individual, a partnership, a corporation, a professional
 10 corporation, a facility, or an institution licensed or authorized by
 11 the state to provide health care or professional services as a
 12 licensed physician, a psychiatric hospital, a hospital, a health
 13 facility, an emergency ambulance service (IC 16-31-3), an
 14 ambulatory outpatient surgical center, a dentist, an optometrist, a
 15 pharmacist, a podiatrist, a chiropractor, a psychologist, or a
 16 person who is an officer, employee, or agent of the individual,
 17 partnership, corporation, professional corporation, facility, or
 18 institution acting in the course and scope of the person's
 19 employment.
- 20 (2) A blood bank, laboratory, community mental health center,
 21 community mental retardation center, community health center,
 22 or migrant health center.
- 23 (3) A home health agency (as defined in IC 16-27-1-2).
- 24 (4) A health maintenance organization (as defined in
 25 IC 27-13-1-19).
- 26 (5) A health care organization whose members, shareholders, or
 27 partners are health care providers under subdivision (1).
- 28 (6) A corporation, partnership, or professional corporation not
 29 otherwise specified in this subsection that:
 - 30 (A) provides health care as one (1) of the corporation's,
 31 partnership's, or professional corporation's functions;
 - 32 (B) is organized or registered under state law; and
 - 33 (C) is determined to be eligible for coverage as a health care
 34 provider under IC 34-18 for the corporation's, partnership's, or
 35 professional corporation's health care function.
- 36 (7) A person that is designated to maintain the records of a person
 37 described in subdivisions (1) through (6).

38 (e) "Health care provider", for purposes of IC 16-45-4, has the
 39 meaning set forth in 47 CFR 54.601(a).

40 SECTION 8. IC 16-18-2-201.8 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA
 41 CODE AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS
 42 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2011]: **Sec. 201.8. "Licensed paramedic", for**

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1 **the purposes of this chapter, IC 16-31, and IC 16-41-10-1, has the**
2 **meaning set forth in IC 16-31-3.2-2.**

3 SECTION 9. IC 16-18-2-295, AS AMENDED BY P.L.41-2007,
4 SECTION 4, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
5 JULY 1, 2011]: Sec. 295. (a) "Provider", for purposes of IC 16-21-8,
6 has the meaning set forth in IC 16-21-8-0.5.

7 (b) "Provider", for purposes of IC 16-38-5, IC 16-39 (except for
8 IC 16-39-7), ~~and~~ IC 16-41-1 through IC 16-41-9, and IC 16-41-37,
9 means any of the following:

10 (1) An individual (other than an individual who is an employee or
11 a contractor of a hospital, a facility, or an agency described in
12 subdivision (2) or (3)) who is licensed, registered, or certified as
13 a health care professional, including the following:

- 14 (A) A physician.
- 15 (B) A psychotherapist.
- 16 (C) A dentist.
- 17 (D) A registered nurse.
- 18 (E) A licensed practical nurse.
- 19 (F) An optometrist.
- 20 (G) A podiatrist.
- 21 (H) A chiropractor.
- 22 (I) A physical therapist.
- 23 (J) A psychologist.
- 24 (K) An audiologist.
- 25 (L) A speech-language pathologist.
- 26 (M) A dietitian.
- 27 (N) An occupational therapist.
- 28 (O) A respiratory therapist.
- 29 (P) A pharmacist.
- 30 (Q) A sexual assault nurse examiner.

31 (2) A hospital or facility licensed under IC 16-21-2 or IC 12-25 or
32 described in IC 12-24-1 or IC 12-29.

33 (3) A health facility licensed under IC 16-28-2.

34 (4) A home health agency licensed under IC 16-27-1.

35 (5) An employer of a certified emergency medical technician, a
36 certified emergency medical technician-basic advanced, a
37 certified emergency medical technician-intermediate, or a
38 **certified licensed** paramedic.

39 (6) The state department or a local health department or an
40 employee, agent, designee, or contractor of the state department
41 or local health department.

42 (c) "Provider", for purposes of IC 16-39-7-1, has the meaning set

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forth in IC 16-39-7-1(a).

SECTION 10. IC 16-31-2-2, AS AMENDED BY P.L.68-2009, SECTION 1, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2011]: Sec. 2. (a) The commission is composed of thirteen (13) members. The governor shall appoint the members for four (4) year terms as follows:

- (1) One (1) must be appointed from a volunteer fire department that provides emergency medical service.
 - (2) One (1) must be appointed from a full-time municipal fire or police department that provides emergency medical service.
 - (3) One (1) must be a nonprofit provider of emergency ambulance services organized on a volunteer basis other than a volunteer fire department.
 - (4) One (1) must be a provider of private ambulance services.
 - (5) One (1) must be a state ~~certified~~ **licensed** paramedic.
 - (6) One (1) must be a licensed physician who:
 - (A) has a primary interest, training, and experience in emergency medical services; and
 - (B) is currently practicing in an emergency medical services facility.
 - (7) One (1) must be a chief executive officer of a hospital that provides emergency ambulance services.
 - (8) One (1) must be a registered nurse who has supervisory or administrative responsibility in a hospital emergency department.
 - (9) One (1) must be a licensed physician who:
 - (A) has a primary interest, training, and experience in trauma care; and
 - (B) is practicing in a trauma facility.
 - (10) One (1) must be a state certified emergency medical service technician.
 - (11) One (1) must be an individual who:
 - (A) represents the public at large; and
 - (B) is not in any way related to providing emergency medical services.
 - (12) One (1) must be a program director (as defined in 836 IAC 4-2-2(12)(B)(iii)) for a commission certified advanced life support training institution.
 - (13) One (1) must be the deputy executive director appointed under IC 10-19-5-3 to manage the division of preparedness and training of the department of homeland security or the designee of the deputy executive director.
- (b) The chief executive officer of a hospital appointed under

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1 subsection (a)(7) may designate another administrator of the hospital
2 to serve for the chief executive officer on the commission.

3 (c) Not more than seven (7) members may be from the same
4 political party.

5 SECTION 11. IC 16-31-3-3, AS AMENDED BY P.L.22-2005,
6 SECTION 20, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
7 JULY 1, 2011]: Sec. 3. (a) A certificate **or license** is not required for
8 a person who provides emergency ambulance service, an emergency
9 medical technician, an emergency medical technician-basic advanced,
10 an ambulance, a nontransporting emergency medical services vehicle,
11 or advanced life support when doing any of the following:

- 12 (1) Providing assistance to persons certified to provide emergency
13 ambulance service or to emergency medical technicians.
- 14 (2) Operating from a location or headquarters outside Indiana to
15 provide emergency ambulance services to patients who are picked
16 up outside Indiana for transportation to locations within Indiana.
- 17 (3) Providing emergency medical services during a major
18 catastrophe or disaster with which persons or ambulances
19 certified to provide emergency ambulance services are
20 insufficient or unable to cope.

21 (b) An agency or instrumentality of the United States and any
22 paramedic, emergency medical technician-intermediate, emergency
23 medical technician-basic advanced, emergency medical technician, or
24 first responder of the agency or instrumentality is not required to:

- 25 (1) be certified **or licensed**; or
- 26 (2) conform to the standards prescribed under this chapter.

27 SECTION 12. IC 16-31-3-10 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
28 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2011]: Sec. 10. (a) Except as
29 provided in subsection (b), to renew a certificate issued under this
30 chapter upon expiration of the certificate for any reason, a person must
31 comply with any continuing education requirements that have been
32 established by the commission. To renew a certificate issued under this
33 chapter after a revocation of the certificate, a person must comply with
34 all the requirements of this chapter that apply to the original
35 certification.

36 (b) A renewal of an emergency medical technician, an emergency
37 medical technician-basic advanced, **or** an emergency medical
38 technician-intermediate **or a paramedic** certificate shall be issued to an
39 individual who meets the following conditions:

- 40 (1) While holding a valid certificate, enters the armed forces of
41 the United States, including:
42 (A) the Army;

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- 1 (B) the Navy;
- 2 (C) the Air Force;
- 3 (D) the Marines; or
- 4 (E) the Coast Guard;
- 5 but excluding the guard and reserve components of those forces.
- 6 (2) Is discharged from the armed forces of the United States
- 7 within forty-eight (48) months after the individual entered the
- 8 armed forces.
- 9 (3) Successfully completes, not more than nine (9) months after
- 10 the individual's discharge from the armed forces of the United
- 11 States, a refresher course approved by the commission.
- 12 (4) Applies for the certificate renewal not more than one (1) year
- 13 after the individual's discharge from the armed forces of the
- 14 United States.

15 (5) Passes the written and practical skills examinations.

16 (c) A renewal of an emergency medical technician, an emergency

17 medical technician-basic advanced, **or** an emergency medical

18 technician-intermediate ~~or a paramedic~~ certificate must be issued to an

19 individual who meets the following conditions:

- 20 (1) While holding a valid certificate, the individual is called to
- 21 active military duty as a member of the Indiana National Guard or
- 22 a reserve component of the armed forces of the United States,
- 23 including:
- 24 (A) the Army;
- 25 (B) the Navy;
- 26 (C) the Air Force;
- 27 (D) the Marines; or
- 28 (E) the Coast Guard.
- 29 (2) The individual provides the emergency medical services
- 30 commission with a copy of the document from the armed forces
- 31 that called the individual to active duty.
- 32 (3) The individual applies for the certificate renewal not more
- 33 than one hundred twenty (120) days after the individual leaves
- 34 active duty.

35 SECTION 13. IC 16-31-3-20 IS AMENDED TO READ AS

36 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2011]: Sec. 20. The commission

37 shall adopt rules under IC 4-22-2 that promote the orderly development

38 of advanced life support services in Indiana. The rules must include the

39 following:

- 40 (1) Requirements and procedures for the certification of provider
- 41 organizations, ~~paramedics,~~ emergency medical
- 42 technicians-intermediate, and supervising hospitals.

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1 (2) Rules governing the operation of advanced life support
2 services, including the medications and procedures that may be
3 administered and performed by **licensed** paramedics and
4 emergency medical technicians-intermediate.

5 SECTION 14. IC 16-31-3-21 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
6 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2011]: Sec. 21. (a) Notwithstanding
7 any other law, a ~~certified~~ **licensed** paramedic or a certified emergency
8 medical technician-intermediate may perform advanced life support in
9 an emergency according to the rules of the commission.

10 (b) Notwithstanding any other law, a person may, during a course
11 of instruction in advanced life support, perform advanced life support
12 according to the rules of the commission.

13 SECTION 15. IC 16-31-3.2 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE
14 AS A NEW CHAPTER TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
15 JULY 1, 2011]:

16 **Chapter 3.2. Licensure of Paramedics**

17 **Sec. 1. As used in this chapter, "commission" refers to the**
18 **Indiana emergency medical services commission created by**
19 **IC 16-31-2-1.**

20 **Sec. 2. As used in this chapter, "licensed paramedic" means an**
21 **individual who holds a license issued by the commission under this**
22 **chapter.**

23 **Sec. 3. The commission shall do the following:**

- 24 (1) Establish requirements for licensure as a licensed
- 25 paramedic.
- 26 (2) Establish fees for the licensure of paramedics.
- 27 (3) Establish annual continuing education requirements for
- 28 license renewal.
- 29 (4) Develop a peer review procedure.
- 30 (5) Prescribe informed consent forms and other relevant
- 31 forms.
- 32 (6) Adopt rules under IC 4-22-2 that define the scope of
- 33 practice for paramedics.

34 **Sec. 4. The commission shall adopt rules under IC 4-22-2 to**
35 **administer this chapter.**

36 **Sec. 5. (a) An individual may not practice as a paramedic unless**
37 **the individual has a paramedic license issued under this chapter.**

38 **(b) To be issued a license under this chapter, an applicant must**
39 **satisfy the following requirements:**

- 40 (1) Be at least twenty-one (21) years of age.
- 41 (2) Satisfactorily complete:
 - 42 (A) a course in advanced life support prescribed by the

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- 1 **commission; and**
- 2 **(B) any other educational and practical requirements**
- 3 **adopted by the commission.**
- 4 **(3) Be:**
- 5 **(A) affiliated with a certified paramedic organization;**
- 6 **(B) employed by a sponsoring hospital approved by the**
- 7 **commission; or**
- 8 **(C) employed by a supervising hospital with a contract for**
- 9 **inservice education with a sponsoring hospital approved by**
- 10 **the commission.**
- 11 **(4) Acquire and document practical experience as outlined by**
- 12 **the commission.**
- 13 **(5) Pay the fee established by the commission.**
- 14 **Sec. 6. The commission may require an oral interview with an**
- 15 **applicant to assess the applicant's fitness to be a licensed**
- 16 **paramedic.**
- 17 **Sec. 7. The commission shall grant a license to practice as a**
- 18 **paramedic to an applicant who satisfies the requirements of section**
- 19 **5 of this chapter.**
- 20 **Sec. 8. (a) A license issued under this chapter expires three (3)**
- 21 **years after the date of issuance. Failure to renew a license on or**
- 22 **before the expiration date invalidates the license without any**
- 23 **action by the commission.**
- 24 **(b) The commission shall set the procedure for renewal of a**
- 25 **license.**
- 26 **Sec. 9. The commission:**
- 27 **(1) shall adopt rules under IC 4-22-2 to set the fees for**
- 28 **issuance or renewal of a license under this chapter; and**
- 29 **(2) may adopt rules under IC 4-22-2 to set other fees the**
- 30 **commission considers necessary to administer this chapter.**
- 31 **Sec. 10. Only an individual who is a licensed paramedic under**
- 32 **this chapter may use the title "licensed paramedic".**
- 33 **Sec. 11. The commission may deny the license application of an**
- 34 **individual or suspend or revoke the paramedic license of an**
- 35 **individual if the individual does any of the following:**
- 36 **(1) Uses alcohol or drugs to a degree that impairs the**
- 37 **individual's practice as a paramedic.**
- 38 **(2) Engages in unprofessional conduct as defined by the**
- 39 **board's rules.**
- 40 **(3) Commits an act or makes an omission constituting gross**
- 41 **negligence arising from practice as a paramedic.**
- 42 **(4) Obtains a paramedic license through fraud.**

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(5) Violates this article or a rule adopted under this chapter by the commission.

Sec. 12. The commission shall provide notice and a hearing under IC 4-21.5 to an individual licensed under this chapter before the commission may deny the renewal of or suspend or revoke the individual's license under section 11 of this chapter.

Sec. 13. The commission may impose a civil penalty of not more than five hundred dollars (\$500) upon an individual licensed under this chapter who commits an act or makes an omission described in section 11 of this chapter.

Sec. 14. The commission may issue a license to an individual who is licensed as a paramedic in another state having requirements that the commission determines are at least equal to the licensing requirements of this chapter.

Sec. 15. An individual who knowingly or intentionally:
(1) practices as a paramedic; or
(2) uses the title "licensed paramedic";
without holding a license required under this chapter commits a Class B misdemeanor.

SECTION 16. IC 16-31-6-3 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2011]: Sec. 3. An act or omission of a **licensed** paramedic or an emergency medical technician-intermediate done or omitted in good faith while providing advanced life support to a patient or trauma victim does not impose liability upon the **licensed** paramedic or emergency medical technician-intermediate, the authorizing physician, the hospital, or the officers, members of the staff, nurses, or other employees of the hospital or the local governmental unit if the advanced life support is provided:

- (1) in connection with an emergency;
 - (2) in good faith; and
 - (3) under the written or oral direction of a licensed physician;
- unless the act or omission was a result of negligence or willful misconduct.

SECTION 17. IC 16-31-6-4 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2011]: Sec. 4. (a) This section does not apply to an act or omission that was a result of gross negligence or willful or intentional misconduct.

(b) An act or omission of a **licensed** paramedic, an emergency medical technician-intermediate, an emergency medical technician-basic advanced, an emergency medical technician, or a person with equivalent **licensure or** certification from another state

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1 that is performed or made while providing advanced life support or
2 basic life support to a patient or trauma victim does not impose liability
3 upon the **licensed** paramedic, the emergency medical
4 technician-intermediate, the emergency medical technician-basic
5 advanced, an emergency medical technician, the person with
6 equivalent **licensure or** certification from another state, a hospital, a
7 provider organization, a governmental entity, or an employee or other
8 staff of a hospital, provider organization, or governmental entity if the
9 advanced life support or basic life support is provided in good faith:

- 10 (1) in connection with a disaster emergency declared by the
- 11 governor under IC 10-14-3-12 in response to an act that the
- 12 governor in good faith believes to be an act of terrorism (as
- 13 defined in IC 35-41-1-26.5); and
- 14 (2) in accordance with the rules adopted by the Indiana
- 15 emergency medical services commission or the disaster
- 16 emergency declaration of the governor.

17 SECTION 18. IC 16-41-10-1 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
18 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2011]: Sec. 1. As used in this
19 chapter, "emergency medical services provider" means a firefighter, a
20 law enforcement officer, a **licensed** paramedic, an emergency medical
21 technician, a physician licensed under IC 25-22.5, a nurse licensed
22 under IC 25-23, or other person who provides emergency medical
23 services in the course of the person's employment.

24 SECTION 19. IC 21-14-1-6, AS ADDED BY P.L.2-2007,
25 SECTION 255, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS
26 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2011]: Sec. 6. "Public safety officer" means any
27 of the following:

- 28 (1) A regular, paid law enforcement officer.
- 29 (2) A regular, paid firefighter.
- 30 (3) A volunteer firefighter (as defined in IC 36-8-12-2).
- 31 (4) A county police reserve officer.
- 32 (5) A city police reserve officer.
- 33 (6) A **licensed** paramedic (as defined in ~~IC 16-18-2-266~~;
34 **IC 16-18-2-201.8**).
- 35 (7) An emergency medical technician (as defined in
36 IC 16-18-2-112).
- 37 (8) An advanced emergency medical technician (as defined in
38 IC 16-18-2-6) (repealed). ~~or~~
- 39 (9) A hazardous duty employee of the department of correction
40 who:
41 (A) works within a prison or juvenile facility; or
42 (B) performs parole or emergency response operations and

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SECTION 20. IC 25-22.5-1-2, AS AMENDED BY P.L.177-2009, SECTION 40, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2011]: Sec. 2. (a) This article, as it relates to the unlawful or unauthorized practice of medicine or osteopathic medicine, does not apply to any of the following:

(1) A student in training in a medical school approved by the board, or while performing duties as an intern or a resident in a hospital under the supervision of the hospital's staff or in a program approved by the medical school.

(2) A person who renders service in case of emergency where no fee or other consideration is contemplated, charged, or received.

(3) A **licensed** paramedic (as defined in ~~IC 16-18-2-266~~) **licensed under IC 16-31-3.2**, an emergency medical technician-basic advanced (as defined in IC 16-18-2-112.5), an emergency medical technician-intermediate (as defined in IC 16-18-2-112.7), an emergency medical technician (as defined in IC 16-18-2-112), or a person with equivalent certification from another state who renders advanced life support (as defined in IC 16-18-2-7), or basic life support (as defined in IC 16-18-2-33.5):

(A) during a disaster emergency declared by the governor under IC 10-14-3-12 in response to an act that the governor in good faith believes to be an act of terrorism (as defined in IC 35-41-1-26.5); and

(B) in accordance with the rules adopted by the Indiana emergency medical services commission or the disaster emergency declaration of the governor.

(4) Commissioned medical officers or medical service officers of the armed forces of the United States, the United States Public Health Service, and medical officers of the United States Department of Veterans Affairs in the discharge of their official duties in Indiana.

(5) An individual who is not a licensee who resides in another state or country and is authorized to practice medicine or osteopathic medicine there, who is called in for consultation by an individual licensed to practice medicine or osteopathic medicine in Indiana.

(6) A person administering a domestic or family remedy to a member of the person's family.

(7) A member of a church practicing the religious tenets of the church if the member does not make a medical diagnosis, prescribe or administer drugs or medicines, perform surgical or

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- 1 physical operations, or assume the title of or profess to be a
- 2 physician.
- 3 (8) A school corporation and a school employee who acts under
- 4 IC 34-30-14 (or IC 34-4-16.5-3.5 before its repeal).
- 5 (9) A chiropractor practicing the chiropractor's profession under
- 6 IC 25-10 or to an employee of a chiropractor acting under the
- 7 direction and supervision of the chiropractor under IC 25-10-1-13.
- 8 (10) A dental hygienist practicing the dental hygienist's profession
- 9 under IC 25-13.
- 10 (11) A dentist practicing the dentist's profession under IC 25-14.
- 11 (12) A hearing aid dealer practicing the hearing aid dealer's
- 12 profession under IC 25-20.
- 13 (13) A nurse practicing the nurse's profession under IC 25-23.
- 14 However, a certified registered nurse anesthetist (as defined in
- 15 IC 25-23-1-1.4) may administer anesthesia if the certified
- 16 registered nurse anesthetist acts under the direction of and in the
- 17 immediate presence of a physician.
- 18 (14) An optometrist practicing the optometrist's profession under
- 19 IC 25-24.
- 20 (15) A pharmacist practicing the pharmacist's profession under
- 21 IC 25-26.
- 22 (16) A physical therapist practicing the physical therapist's
- 23 profession under IC 25-27.
- 24 (17) A podiatrist practicing the podiatrist's profession under
- 25 IC 25-29.
- 26 (18) A psychologist practicing the psychologist's profession under
- 27 IC 25-33.
- 28 (19) A speech-language pathologist or audiologist practicing the
- 29 pathologist's or audiologist's profession under IC 25-35.6.
- 30 (20) An employee of a physician or group of physicians who
- 31 performs an act, a duty, or a function that is customarily within
- 32 the specific area of practice of the employing physician or group
- 33 of physicians, if the act, duty, or function is performed under the
- 34 direction and supervision of the employing physician or a
- 35 physician of the employing group within whose area of practice
- 36 the act, duty, or function falls. An employee may not make a
- 37 diagnosis or prescribe a treatment and must report the results of
- 38 an examination of a patient conducted by the employee to the
- 39 employing physician or the physician of the employing group
- 40 under whose supervision the employee is working. An employee
- 41 may not administer medication without the specific order of the
- 42 employing physician or a physician of the employing group.

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1 Unless an employee is licensed or registered to independently
 2 practice in a profession described in subdivisions (9) through
 3 (18), nothing in this subsection grants the employee independent
 4 practitioner status or the authority to perform patient services in
 5 an independent practice in a profession.
 6 (21) A hospital licensed under IC 16-21 or IC 12-25.
 7 (22) A health care organization whose members, shareholders, or
 8 partners are individuals, partnerships, corporations, facilities, or
 9 institutions licensed or legally authorized by this state to provide
 10 health care or professional services as:
 11 (A) a physician;
 12 (B) a psychiatric hospital;
 13 (C) a hospital;
 14 (D) a health maintenance organization or limited service
 15 health maintenance organization;
 16 (E) a health facility;
 17 (F) a dentist;
 18 (G) a registered or licensed practical nurse;
 19 (H) a midwife;
 20 (I) an optometrist;
 21 (J) a podiatrist;
 22 (K) a chiropractor;
 23 (L) a physical therapist; or
 24 (M) a psychologist.
 25 (23) A physician assistant practicing the physician assistant
 26 profession under IC 25-27.5.
 27 (24) A physician providing medical treatment under
 28 IC 25-22.5-1-2.1.
 29 (25) An attendant who provides attendant care services (as
 30 defined in IC 16-18-2-28.5).
 31 (26) A personal services attendant providing authorized attendant
 32 care services under IC 12-10-17.1.
 33 (b) A person described in subsection (a)(9) through (a)(18) is not
 34 excluded from the application of this article if:
 35 (1) the person performs an act that an Indiana statute does not
 36 authorize the person to perform; and
 37 (2) the act qualifies in whole or in part as the practice of medicine
 38 or osteopathic medicine.
 39 (c) An employment or other contractual relationship between an
 40 entity described in subsection (a)(21) through (a)(22) and a licensed
 41 physician does not constitute the unlawful practice of medicine under
 42 this article if the entity does not direct or control independent medical

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1 acts, decisions, or judgment of the licensed physician. However, if the
 2 direction or control is done by the entity under IC 34-30-15 (or
 3 IC 34-4-12.6 before its repeal), the entity is excluded from the
 4 application of this article as it relates to the unlawful practice of
 5 medicine or osteopathic medicine.

6 (d) This subsection does not apply to a prescription or drug order for
 7 a legend drug that is filled or refilled in a pharmacy owned or operated
 8 by a hospital licensed under IC 16-21. A physician licensed in Indiana
 9 who permits or authorizes a person to fill or refill a prescription or drug
 10 order for a legend drug except as authorized in IC 16-42-19-11 through
 11 IC 16-42-19-19 is subject to disciplinary action under IC 25-1-9. A
 12 person who violates this subsection commits the unlawful practice of
 13 medicine under this chapter.

14 (e) A person described in subsection (a)(8) shall not be authorized
 15 to dispense contraceptives or birth control devices.

16 SECTION 21. IC 31-9-2-52, AS AMENDED BY P.L.1-2010,
 17 SECTION 116, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS
 18 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2011]: Sec. 52. "Health care provider", for
 19 purposes of IC 31-32-6-4, IC 31-32-11-1, and IC 31-33, means any of
 20 the following:

- 21 (1) A licensed physician, intern, or resident.
- 22 (2) An osteopath.
- 23 (3) A chiropractor.
- 24 (4) A dentist.
- 25 (5) A podiatrist.
- 26 (6) A registered nurse or other licensed nurse.
- 27 (7) A mental health professional.
- 28 (8) A **licensed** paramedic or an emergency medical technician.
- 29 (9) A social worker, an x-ray technician, or a laboratory
 30 technician employed by a hospital.
- 31 (10) A pharmacist.
- 32 (11) A person working under the direction of any of the
 33 practitioners listed in subdivisions (1) through (10).

34 SECTION 22. IC 34-6-2-73.6 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA
 35 CODE AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS
 36 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2011]: **Sec. 73.6. "Licensed paramedic", for**
 37 **purposes of IC 34-18, has the meaning set forth in IC 34-18-2-17.5.**

38 SECTION 23. IC 34-18-2-14 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
 39 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2011]: Sec. 14. "Health care
 40 provider" means any of the following:

- 41 (1) An individual, a partnership, a limited liability company, a
 42 corporation, a professional corporation, a facility, or an institution

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1 licensed or legally authorized by this state to provide health care
 2 or professional services as a physician, a psychiatric hospital, a
 3 hospital, a health facility, an emergency ambulance service
 4 (IC 16-18-2-107), a dentist, a registered or a licensed practical
 5 nurse, a physician assistant, a midwife, an optometrist, a
 6 podiatrist, a chiropractor, a physical therapist, a respiratory care
 7 practitioner, an occupational therapist, a psychologist, a licensed
 8 paramedic, an emergency medical technician-intermediate, an
 9 emergency medical technician-basic advanced, or an emergency
 10 medical technician, or a person who is an officer, an employee,
 11 or an agent of the individual, partnership, corporation,
 12 professional corporation, facility, or institution acting in the
 13 course and scope of the person's employment.

14 (2) A college, university, or junior college that provides health
 15 care to a student, faculty member, or employee, and the governing
 16 board or a person who is an officer, employee, or agent of the
 17 college, university, or junior college acting in the course and
 18 scope of the person's employment.

19 (3) A blood bank, community mental health center, community
 20 mental retardation center, community health center, or migrant
 21 health center.

22 (4) A home health agency (as defined in IC 16-27-1-2).

23 (5) A health maintenance organization (as defined in
 24 IC 27-13-1-19).

25 (6) A health care organization whose members, shareholders, or
 26 partners are health care providers under subdivision (1).

27 (7) A corporation, limited liability company, partnership, or
 28 professional corporation not otherwise qualified under this section
 29 that:

30 (A) as one (1) of its functions, provides health care;

31 (B) is organized or registered under state law; and

32 (C) is determined to be eligible for coverage as a health care
 33 provider under this article for its health care function.

34 Coverage for a health care provider qualified under this
 35 subdivision is limited to its health care functions and does not
 36 extend to other causes of action.

37 SECTION 24. IC 34-18-2-17.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA
 38 CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS
 39 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2011]: **Sec. 17.5. (a) "Licensed paramedic",**
 40 **except as provided in subsection (b), has the meaning set forth in**
 41 **IC 16-31-3.2-2.**

42 **(b) For the purposes of this article, "licensed paramedic" does**

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1 **not include a person licensed under IC 16-31-3.2 while that person**
2 **is operating an emergency vehicle.**

3 SECTION 25. IC 34-30-12.5-2 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
4 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2011]: Sec. 2. As used in this
5 chapter, "health care provider" means the following:

6 (1) An individual, a partnership, a professional corporation, a
7 facility, or an institution licensed or legally authorized by the state
8 to provide health care or professional services as any of the
9 following:

- 10 (A) A licensed physician.
- 11 (B) A psychiatric hospital.
- 12 (C) A hospital.
- 13 (D) A health facility.
- 14 (E) A nurse licensed under IC 25-23.
- 15 (F) A **licensed** paramedic.
- 16 (G) An emergency technician.
- 17 (H) An advanced emergency technician.

18 (2) An employee of an individual or entity described in
19 subdivision (1).

20 (3) A member of the medical staff of an individual or entity
21 described in subdivision (1).

22 (4) An individual who has been authorized by the governing
23 board of an individual or entity described in subdivision (1) to
24 provide health care services on the individual's or entity's
25 premises or on the individual's or entity's behalf.

26 (5) An individual who, under contract with an individual or entity
27 described in subdivision (1), administers an inoculation or
28 another medical countermeasure against an actual or a potential
29 bioterrorist incident or another actual or potential public health
30 emergency under the circumstances described in section 1 of this
31 chapter.

32 SECTION 26. IC 35-45-19-2, AS ADDED BY P.L.68-2008,
33 SECTION 1, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
34 JULY 1, 2011]: Sec. 2. As used in this chapter, "public safety officer"
35 means:

- 36 (1) a law enforcement officer;
- 37 (2) a correctional officer;
- 38 (3) a state university police officer;
- 39 (4) a firefighter;
- 40 (5) an emergency medical technician; or
- 41 (6) a **licensed** paramedic.

42 SECTION 27. IC 35-47-4.5-3, AS AMENDED BY P.L.3-2008,

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1 SECTION 255, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS
 2 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2011]: Sec. 3. As used in this chapter, "public
 3 safety officer" means:
 4 (1) a state police officer;
 5 (2) a county sheriff;
 6 (3) a county police officer;
 7 (4) a correctional officer;
 8 (5) an excise police officer;
 9 (6) a county police reserve officer;
 10 (7) a city police officer;
 11 (8) a city police reserve officer;
 12 (9) a conservation enforcement officer;
 13 (10) a gaming agent;
 14 (11) a town marshal;
 15 (12) a deputy town marshal;
 16 (13) a state educational institution police officer appointed under
 17 IC 21-39-4;
 18 (14) a probation officer;
 19 (15) a firefighter (as defined in IC 9-18-34-1);
 20 (16) an emergency medical technician;
 21 (17) a **licensed** paramedic;
 22 (18) a member of a consolidated law enforcement department
 23 established under IC 36-3-1-5.1; or
 24 (19) a gaming control officer.

25 SECTION 28. THE FOLLOWING ARE REPEALED [EFFECTIVE
 26 JULY 1, 2011]: IC 16-18-2-266; IC 34-6-2-92; IC 34-18-2-21.

27 SECTION 29. [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2011] **(a) The definitions in**
 28 **IC 16-31-3.2, as added by this act, apply throughout this**
 29 **SECTION.**

30 **(b) Notwithstanding IC 16-31-3.2, as added by this act, an**
 31 **individual who:**
 32 **(1) was certified by the Indiana emergency medical services**
 33 **commission as a certified paramedic under IC 16-31 before**
 34 **July 1, 2011; and**
 35 **(2) practices as a paramedic after June 30, 2011, and before**
 36 **July 1, 2013;**
 37 **does not violate IC 16-31-3.2-5, as added by this act, or commit an**
 38 **offense under IC 16-31-3.2-15, as added by this act, and may not be**
 39 **disciplined or sanctioned for failure to be licensed. However, an**
 40 **individual described in this subsection shall not practice as a**
 41 **paramedic after June 30, 2013, unless the individual obtains a**
 42 **license under IC 16-31-3.2, as added by this act.**

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1 (c) This SECTION expires July 1, 2013.

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