



General Assembly

**Substitute Bill No. 1010**

January Session, 2015



**AN ACT CONCERNING SUPPLEMENTAL FIRST RESPONDERS.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 19a-175 of the general statutes is amended by  
2 adding subdivision (31) as follows (*Effective October 1, 2015*):

3 (NEW) (31) "Supplemental first responder" means an emergency  
4 medical services provider who holds a certificate of authorization by  
5 the commissioner and responds to a victim of sudden illness or injury  
6 when available and when called upon.

7 Sec. 2. Section 19a-180 of the general statutes is amended by adding  
8 subsection (k) as follows (*Effective October 1, 2015*):

9 (NEW) (k) (1) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (a) of  
10 this section, any emergency medical services provider may apply to  
11 the Commissioner of Public Health for a certificate of authorization as  
12 a supplemental first responder. A certificate of authorization shall be  
13 issued to an emergency medical services provider that shows proof  
14 satisfactory to the commissioner that such emergency medical services  
15 provider meets the minimum standards of the commissioner in the  
16 areas of training, equipment and personnel. Applicants for a certificate  
17 of authorization shall use the forms prescribed by the commissioner  
18 and shall submit such application to the commissioner accompanied

19 by an annual fee of two hundred dollars. Such application shall require  
20 letters of support from a primary service area responder that operates  
21 in the service areas identified in the application and the chief elected  
22 official or chief executive officer of the municipality in such service  
23 area.

24 (2) If the primary service area responder, chief elected official or  
25 chief executive officer refuse to submit letters of support for the  
26 applicant's application, the primary service area responder, chief  
27 elected official or chief executive officer shall notify such applicant  
28 with a statement of the reasons for such refusal. Such applicant may  
29 request a hearing in writing to the commissioner not later than thirty  
30 days after the date of receipt of the statement from the primary service  
31 area responder, chief elected official or chief executive officer. In  
32 considering a request for a certificate of authorization as a  
33 supplemental first responder, the commissioner shall consult with the  
34 Office of Emergency Medical Services and shall hold a public hearing,  
35 in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54, to determine the  
36 necessity for the emergency medical services offered by the applicant.  
37 Written notice of such hearing shall be given to the primary service  
38 area responder and the chief elected official or the chief executive  
39 officer.

40 (3) Upon determination by the commissioner that an applicant is  
41 financially responsible, properly certified and otherwise qualified to be  
42 a supplemental first responder, the commissioner shall issue a  
43 certificate of authorization effective for one year to such applicant. If  
44 the commissioner determines that an applicant for a certificate of  
45 authorization is not qualified, the commissioner shall notify such  
46 applicant of the denial of the application with a statement of the  
47 reasons for such denial. Such applicant shall have thirty days to  
48 request a hearing on the denial of the application. Any hearing  
49 conducted pursuant to this subdivision shall be conducted in  
50 accordance with the provisions of chapter 54. If the commissioner's  
51 denial of a certificate of authorization is sustained after such hearing,

52 an applicant may make new application not less than one year after the  
53 date on which such denial was sustained.

54 Sec. 3. Subsection (a) of section 19a-181b of the general statutes is  
55 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*  
56 *October 1, 2015*):

57 (a) Not later than July 1, 2002, each municipality shall establish a  
58 local emergency medical services plan. Such plan shall include the  
59 written agreements or contracts developed between the municipality,  
60 its emergency medical services providers and the public safety  
61 answering point, as defined in section 28-25, that covers the  
62 municipality. The plan shall also include, but not be limited to, the  
63 following:

64 (1) The identification of levels of emergency medical services,  
65 including, but not limited to: (A) The public safety answering point  
66 responsible for receiving emergency calls and notifying and assigning  
67 the appropriate provider to a call for emergency medical services; (B)  
68 the emergency medical services provider that is notified for initial  
69 response; (C) basic ambulance service; (D) advanced life support level;  
70 and (E) mutual aid call arrangements;

71 (2) The name of the person or entity responsible for carrying out  
72 each level of emergency medical services that the plan identifies;

73 (3) The establishment of performance standards for each segment of  
74 the municipality's emergency medical services system; [and]

75 (4) Any subcontracts, written agreements or mutual aid call  
76 agreements that emergency medical services providers may have with  
77 other entities to provide services identified in the plan; and

78 (5) A description of the coordination and cooperation between the  
79 primary service area responder and any emergency medical services  
80 provider with a certificate of authorization as a supplemental first  
81 responder.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	<i>October 1, 2015</i>	19a-175
Sec. 2	<i>October 1, 2015</i>	19a-180
Sec. 3	<i>October 1, 2015</i>	19a-181b(a)

**PS**      *Joint Favorable Subst.*