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SUMMARY

- Provides flexibility in the administration of certification exams for peace officers, firefighters, emergency medical responders, emergency medical technicians, and advanced emergency medical technicians during the COVID-19 related state of emergency declared by the Governor.
- Declares an emergency.

DETAILED ANALYSIS

Peace officer, firefighter, EMR, EMT, AEMT certification examinations

The bill modifies the law regarding certification/licensing examinations for peace officers, firefighters, emergency medical responders (EMR), emergency medical technicians (EMT), and advanced emergency medical technicians (AEMT) during the COVID-19 related state of emergency declared by Executive Order 2020-01D, issued on March 9, 2020. During the emergency:

- A law enforcement officer who holds the rank of captain or higher may administer any test or examination for a certification required for a peace officer to carry out the officer's duties. Currently, the certification examination is administered by the Ohio Peace Officer Training Commission.¹
- A person who holds the rank of captain or higher in any fire department or volunteer fire department may administer any licensing or certification test or examination that a firefighter or volunteer firefighter requires for the firefighter or volunteer firefighter to

¹ Ohio Administrative Code (O.A.C.) 109:2-1-11.

carry out the person’s duties. Currently, only programs that meet certain requirements and are approved by the State Board of Emergency Medical Services can administer the certification exam and practical skills exam for firefighters.²

- The medical director of the State Board of Emergency Medical, Fire, and Transportation Services may appoint a designee to administer any licensing or certification test or examination for an EMR, EMT, or AEMT. Currently, the EMR, EMT, and AEMT tests are administered by the National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians.³

The bill specifies that any test or examination so administered must comply with every order signed by the Governor and the Director of Health.⁴

HISTORY

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² O.A.C. 4765-24-20 and 4765-24-21.

³ O.A.C. 4765-8-05.

⁴ Section 1.