

1 established under the Emergency Telephone System Act, the
 2 protocols shall be established by such Board in consultation
 3 with the EMS Medical Director. Persons who have already
 4 completed a course of instruction in emergency medical
 5 dispatch based on, equivalent to or exceeding the national
 6 curriculum of the United States Department of Transportation,
 7 or as otherwise approved by the Department, shall be
 8 considered Emergency Medical Dispatchers on the effective
 9 date of this amendatory Act.

10 (b) The Department shall have the authority and
 11 responsibility to:

12 (1) Prescribe education and continuing education
 13 requirements for the Emergency Medical Dispatcher, which
 14 meet or exceed the national curriculum of the United
 15 States Department of Transportation, through rules
 16 adopted pursuant to this Act;

17 (2) Require the Emergency Medical Dispatcher to
 18 notify the Department of the EMS System(s) in which he
 19 operates;

20 (3) Require the Emergency Medical Dispatcher who
 21 provides prearrival instructions to callers to comply
 22 with the protocols for such instructions established by
 23 the EMS Medical Director(s) and Emergency Telephone
 24 System Board or Boards, or in the absence of an Emergency
 25 Telephone System Board or Boards the governmental agency
 26 performing the duties of an Emergency Telephone System
 27 Board or Boards, of the EMS System or Systems in which he
 28 operates;

29 (4) Require the Emergency Medical Dispatcher to
 30 keep the Department currently informed as to the entity
 31 or agency that employs or supervises his activities as an
 32 Emergency Medical Dispatcher;

33 (5) (Blank) Establish--a--mechanism--for--phasing--in
 34 the--Emergency--Medical--Dispatcher--requirements--over--a

1 five-year-period;

2 (5.5) Establish an annual recertification
3 requirement for Emergency Medical Dispatchers that
4 requires at least 12 hours of continuing education each
5 year; and

6 (6) Establish criteria for modifying or waiving
7 Emergency Medical Dispatcher requirements based on (i)
8 the scope and frequency of dispatch activities and the
9 dispatcher's access to training or (ii) whether the
10 previously-attended dispatcher training program merits
11 automatic recertification for the dispatcher.

12 (Source: P.A. 89-177, eff. 7-19-95.)".