

1 AMENDMENT TO HOUSE BILL 279

2 AMENDMENT NO. \_\_\_\_\_. Amend House Bill 279 by replacing  
3 everything after the enacting clause with the following:

4 "Section 90. The Emergency Medical Services (EMS)  
5 Systems Act is amended by changing Section 3.70 as follows:

6 (210 ILCS 50/3.70)

7 Sec. 3.70. Emergency Medical Dispatcher.

8 (a) "Emergency Medical Dispatcher" means a person who  
9 has successfully completed a training course in emergency  
10 medical dispatching course meeting or exceeding the national  
11 curriculum of the United States Department of Transportation  
12 in accordance with rules adopted by the Department pursuant  
13 to this Act, who accepts calls from the public for emergency  
14 medical services and dispatches designated emergency medical  
15 services personnel and vehicles. The Emergency Medical  
16 Dispatcher must use the Department-approved emergency medical  
17 dispatch priority reference system (EMDPRS) protocol selected  
18 for use by its agency and approved by its EMS medical  
19 director. This protocol must be used by an emergency medical  
20 dispatcher in an emergency medical dispatch agency to  
21 dispatch aid to medical emergencies which includes  
22 systematized caller interrogation questions; systematized

1 prearrival support instructions; and systematized coding  
2 protocols that match the dispatcher's evaluation of the  
3 injury or illness severity with the vehicle response mode and  
4 vehicle response configuration and includes an appropriate  
5 training curriculum and testing process consistent with the  
6 specific EMDPRS protocol used by the emergency medical  
7 dispatch agency. Prearrival support instructions shall be  
8 provided in a non-discretionary manner and shall be provided  
9 in accordance with the EMDPRS established by the EMS medical  
10 director of the EMS system in which the EMD operates. ~~may or~~  
11 ~~may not provide prearrival medical instructions to the~~  
12 ~~caller, at the discretion of the entity or agency that~~  
13 ~~employs him. Such instructions shall be provided in~~  
14 ~~accordance with protocols established by the EMS Medical~~  
15 ~~Director of the EMS System in which the dispatcher operates.~~  
16 If the dispatcher operates under the authority of an  
17 Emergency Telephone System Board established under the  
18 Emergency Telephone System Act, the protocols shall be  
19 established by such Board in consultation with the EMS  
20 Medical Director. Persons who have already completed a  
21 course of instruction in emergency medical dispatch based on,  
22 equivalent to or exceeding the national curriculum of the  
23 United States Department of Transportation, or as otherwise  
24 approved by the Department, shall be considered Emergency  
25 Medical Dispatchers on the effective date of this amendatory  
26 Act.

27 (b) The Department shall have the authority and  
28 responsibility to:

29 (1) Require certification and recertification of a  
30 person who meets the training and other requirements as  
31 an emergency medical dispatcher pursuant to this Act.

32 (2) Require certification and recertification of a  
33 person, organization, or government agency that operates  
34 an emergency medical dispatch agency that meets the

1 minimum standards prescribed by the Department for an  
2 emergency medical dispatch agency pursuant to this Act.

3 (3) (1) Prescribe minimum education and continuing  
4 education requirements for the Emergency Medical  
5 Dispatcher, which meet or exceed the national curriculum  
6 of the United States Department of Transportation,  
7 through rules adopted pursuant to this Act.;

8 (4) Require each EMD and EMD agency to report to  
9 the Department whenever an action has taken place that  
10 may require the revocation or suspension of a certificate  
11 issued by the Department.

12 (5) Require each EMD to provide prearrival  
13 instructions in compliance with protocols selected and  
14 approved by the system's EMS medical director and  
15 approved by the Department.

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

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

28 (6) (4) Require the Emergency Medical Dispatcher to  
29 keep the Department currently informed as to the entity  
30 or agency that employs or supervises his activities as an  
31 Emergency Medical Dispatcher.;

32 (5) (Blank). Establish a mechanism for phasing in  
33 the Emergency Medical Dispatcher requirements over a  
34 five-year period;

1           (7) Establish an annual recertification requirement  
2 that requires at least 12 hours of medical  
3 dispatch-specific continuing education each year.

4           (8) Approve all EMDPRS protocols used by emergency  
5 medical dispatch agencies to assure compliance with  
6 national standards.

7           (9) Require that Department-approved emergency  
8 medical dispatch training programs are conducted in  
9 accordance with national standards.

10          (10) Require that the emergency medical dispatch  
11 agency be operated in accordance with national standards,  
12 including, but not limited to, (i) the use on every  
13 request for medical assistance of an emergency medical  
14 dispatch priority reference system (EMDPRS) in accordance  
15 with Department-approved policies and procedures and (ii)  
16 under the approval and supervision of the EMS medical  
17 director, the establishment of a continuous quality  
18 improvement program.

19          (11) Require that a person may not represent  
20 himself or herself, nor may an agency or business  
21 represent an agent or employee of that agency or  
22 business, as an emergency medical dispatcher unless  
23 certified by the Department as an emergency medical  
24 dispatcher.

25          (12) Require that a person, organization, or  
26 government agency not represent itself as an emergency  
27 medical dispatch agency unless the person, organization,  
28 or government agency is certified by the Department as an  
29 emergency medical dispatch agency.

30          (13) Require that a person, organization, or  
31 government agency may not offer or conduct a training  
32 course that is represented as a course for an emergency  
33 medical dispatcher unless the person, organization, or  
34 agency is approved by the Department to offer or conduct

1 that course.

2 (14) Require that Department-approved emergency  
3 medical dispatcher training programs are conducted by  
4 instructors licensed by the Department who:

5 (i) are, at a minimum, certified as emergency  
6 medical dispatchers;

7 (ii) have completed a Department-approved  
8 course on methods of instruction;

9 (iii) have previous experience in a medical  
10 dispatch agency; and

11 (iv) have demonstrated experience as an EMS  
12 instructor.

13 (15) ~~(6)~~ Establish criteria for modifying or  
14 waiving Emergency Medical Dispatcher requirements based  
15 on (i) the scope and frequency of dispatch activities and  
16 the dispatcher's access to training or (ii) whether the  
17 previously-attended dispatcher training program merits  
18 automatic recertification for the dispatcher.

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

20 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect on  
21 January 1, 2002."