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You are invited to offer public comment as outlined in this notice regarding proposed changes to Chapter 4765-7 of the Ohio Administrative Code (OAC) entitled "Accreditation of EMS Training Programs." OAC Chapter 4765-7 sets forth the conditions under which the Emergency Medical, Fire, and Transportation Services Board (Board) may approve, renew, reinstate or deny an application for a certificate of accreditation or a certificate of approval to operate EMS training programs. This chapter also sets forth the levels of EMS training which may be operated and the conditions under which accredited institutions and approved continuing education (CE) programs may offer emergency medical services (EMS) training utilizing online education and/or distance learning systems.

You are receiving this message pursuant to the requirements of Executive Order 2011-011K and Senate Bill 2 of the 129th General Assembly, which require state agencies, including the Ohio Department of Public Safety, Division of Emergency Medical Services (EMS), to draft rules in collaboration with stakeholders, assess and justify any adverse impact on the business community (as defined by Senate Bill 2), and provide opportunity for interested parties to submit feedback regarding proposed rules.

Pursuant to its completed Revised Code (R.C.) section 119.032 five-year rule review, EMS proposes to file rules 4765-7-03, 4765-7-05, and 4765-7-06 without change and to amend rules 4765-7-01, 4765-7-02, 4765-7-04, 4765-7-07, 4765-7-08, and 4765-7-09 to address materials incorporated by reference in compliance with R.C. sections 121.71 to 121.74. EMS proposes to amend rules 4765-7-11 and 4765-7-13 by removing language which is no longer valid.

Additionally, rule 4765-7-01 is being amended to provide that the Board may issue a certificate of accreditation that is valid for up to five years in accordance with Am. Sub. H.B. 1, 128th General Assembly and rule 4765-7-02 is being amended to reflect statutory changes to the EMS provider titles set forth by Sub. H.B. 128, 129th General Assembly.

Finally, rule 4765-7-12 is being proposed as a rescinded/new rule due to LSC formatting guidelines as it is estimated that changes to the new rule strike approximately fifty percent of the text in the existing rule while adding a comparable amount of new text. This rule sets forth the conditions under which an accredited institution may be offer EMS training program through formats alternative to the traditional classroom setting using online and/or distance learning systems Changes to this rule update the terminology to reflect changes in technology and reorganize the paragraphs for clarity and consistency.

The proposed rules and link to submit comments may be accessed electronically via EMS' small business regulatory website at http://www.publicsafety.ohio.gov/ems_rules.stm.

All interested parties are invited to offer public comment at EMS.rules@dps.state.oh.us regarding the proposed changes. **Public comments may be submitted through 11:59 p.m. on March 12, 2014.**

Mission Statement

"to save lives, reduce injuries and economic loss, to administer Ohio's motor vehicle laws and to preserve the safety and well being of all citizens with the most cost-effective and service-oriented methods available."

Please copy the Common Sense Initiative Office, which governs the state's regulatory process, at CSIPublicComments@governor.ohio.gov on all public comments that you submit.

Regards,



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