

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING  
OHIO DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY  
Emergency Medical Services**

**Date:** June 18, 2014  
**Time:** 10:00 a.m.  
**Location:** Ohio Department of Public Safety  
1970 West Broad Street, Room 134  
Columbus, Ohio 43223

The Ohio Department of Public Safety, State Board of Medical, Fire, and Transportation Services, will conduct a public hearing for the purpose of soliciting comments on the following proposed changes to Chapter 4765-19 of the Ohio Administrative Code (OAC), entitled "Emergency Medical Services Continuing Education." Chapter 4765-19 is being filed in response to a completed R.C. 119.032 five-year rule review.

OAC Chapter 4765-19 sets forth the criteria by which the Board will accept continuing education training as meeting the requirements to renew an EMS provider certificate, the criteria to obtain an extension or exemption for meeting continuing education requirements, and the criteria by which an examination may be completed in lieu of completing continuing education requirements.

Pursuant to its completed Revised Code (R.C.) section 119.032 five-year rule review, EMS proposes to amend:

Rule 4765-19-01 (Continuing education for EMS providers) to clarify the conditions under which the Board will accept continuing education training as meeting requirements, to update the titles of certificates to teach, and to address the acceptance of relevant education, training, and service completed while on active military service; and

Rule 4765-19-02 (Examination alternative to continuing education) to expand the time frame in which examinations in lieu of continuing education may be completed and to provide that EMS providers, with approved extensions in accordance O.A.C. 4765-19-03, may complete the examination in lieu of continuing education.

The following rules are proposed as rescinded/new rules due to LSC formatting guidelines as it is estimated that changes to the new rule strike approximately fifty percent of the text in the existing rule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. Changes to the new rules are as follows:

Rule 4765-19-03 (Extension of continuing education requirement) require applicants seeking continuing education extensions of not more than ninety days to submit a "Request for Extension of EMS Certificates," to clarify that applicants requesting extensions of greater than ninety days to submit justification, to advise military certificate holders to their rights under section 5903.12 of the Revised Code, and to address materials incorporated by reference in compliance with sections 121.71 to 121.74 of the Revised Code; and

Rule 4765-19-04 (Exemptions from continuing education) requires applicants seeking continuing education exemptions due to military service, medical hardship, or unusual hardship to submit an "Exemption Request for Continuing Education for EMS Certificates," with evidence of military service and/or justification of hardship; provides that military service exemption requests must be submitted within six months of discharge; and provides that exemption requests submitted prior to the expiration of the certificate may be granted a ninety-day function extension. Language requiring exemption requests to be submitted within one hundred eighty days of certificate expiration, as well as requiring the Board to provide written notification to a requestor within sixty days of receipt of request, has been deleted.

All interested parties are invited to attend the hearing. Any persons affected by the proposed rules may appear at the hearing and be heard in person, by an attorney, or both, or may present their position, argument, or contention in writing. Persons may offer and examine witnesses and present evidence to show that the proposed rules will be unreasonable or unlawful if enacted.

The proposed rules may be accessed electronically via the Division of EMS website at [http://www.publicsafety.ohio.gov/ems\\_rules\\_notices.stm](http://www.publicsafety.ohio.gov/ems_rules_notices.stm). Questions and/or public comments regarding the proposed rules may be addressed to Ellen Owens at (614) 644-5708.