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Dear Stakeholder,

You are receiving this message pursuant to the requirements of Executive Order 2011-011K and Senate Bill 2 of the 129th General Assembly, which direct 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 the rules' adverse impact on the business community (as defined by Senate Bill 2), and provide opportunity for interested parties to submit feedback regarding proposed rules.

Chapters 4765-15, 4765-16 and 4765-17 of the Administrative Code (OAC) set forth the curriculum standards established by the EMS board for the emergency medical technician (EMT), advanced emergency medical technician (AEMT) and paramedic certificates to practice. The OAC chapters also set forth the conditions under which the EMS board will renew an EMT, AEMT and paramedic certificate to practice, the emergency medical services that may be performed by an EMT, AEMT and paramedic and the conditions under which they may be performed.

Pursuant to a completed Revised Code (RC) 119.032 five-year rule review, EMS proposes to file OAC chapters 4765-15, 4765-16 and 4765-17 as "no change" with the exceptions of OAC 4765-15-04, 4765-16-04, 4765-17-03 and 4765-17-04.

OAC 4765-15-04, 4765-16-04 and 4765-17-03 must be amended to implement statutory changes to sections 4765.37, 4765.38 and 4765.39 of the Revised Code as set forth by Am. Sub. H.B. 284, 129th General Assembly. The regulation adds a physician assistant, designated by a physician, to the list of health care professionals from which EMS personnel may obtain authorization through a direct communication device to perform certain emergency medical services.

OAC 4765-15-04 is also being amended to add the utilization of EMS-provided adult epinephrine auto-injectors and pediatric epinephrine auto-injectors with written protocol to the EMT scope of practice. OAC 4765-17-04 must be amended to reference OAC 4765-17-03 and remove the reference to OAC 4765-16-04.

All interested parties are invited to offer public comment at EMS.rules@dps.state.oh.us regarding the proposed filing. The proposed rules and link to submit comments may be accessed via EMS' small business regulatory website at http://www.publicsafety.ohio.gov/ems_rules.stm. Public comments may be submitted through 11:59 p.m. on March 18, 2013.

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.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Melvin R. House".

Melvin R. House, Executive Director
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Ohio Department of Public Safety

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"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."