

By: Representative Henley

To: Public Health and Human Services

HOUSE BILL NO. 1274

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTIONS 41-59-31 AND 41-59-33, MISSISSIPPI
2 CODE OF 1972, TO PROVIDE THAT MILITARY VETERANS CLASSIFIED AS
3 COMBAT LIFESAVERS AND/OR MEDICS SHALL NOT BE REQUIRED TO COMPLETE
4 THE EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIANS TRAINING PROGRAM IN ORDER TO BE
5 CERTIFIED AS AN EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIAN UPON THE SUCCESSFUL
6 COMPLETION OF ALL OTHER REQUIREMENTS FOR CERTIFICATION; AND FOR
7 RELATED PURPOSES.

8 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI:

9 **SECTION 1.** Section 41-59-31, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
10 amended as follows:

11 41-59-31. (1) The board shall develop an emergency medical
12 technicians training program based upon the nationally approved
13 United States Department of Transportation "Basic Training Program
14 for Emergency Medical Technicians-Ambulance" prepared in
15 compliance with recommendations of the National Academy of
16 Sciences. The program shall be periodically revised by the board
17 to meet new and changing needs.

18 (2) Upon the successful completion of all other requirements
19 for certification, military veterans who are Mississippi residents
20 and were classified as combat lifesavers and/or medics shall not



21 be required to complete the emergency medical technicians training
22 program in order to be certified as an emergency medical
23 technician if he or she can certify the following:

24 (a) He or she has been honorably discharged, separated
25 or retired from active duty in the United States Armed Forces for
26 one (1) year or less; and

27 (b) He or she provides a DD-214, which shall show that
28 he or she was classified as a combat lifesaver and/or medic during
29 service.

30 (3) The board shall adopt rules and regulations to carry out
31 the provisions of subsection (2) as soon as practicable after July
32 1, 2018, but in any case no later than July 1, 2019.

33 **SECTION 2.** Section 41-59-33, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
34 amended as follows:

35 41-59-33. (1) Any person desiring certification as an
36 emergency medical technician shall apply to the board using forms
37 prescribed by the board. Each application for an emergency
38 medical technician certificate shall be accompanied by a
39 certificate fee to be fixed by the board, which shall be paid to
40 the board. Any increase in the fee charged by the board under
41 this section shall be in accordance with the provisions of Section
42 41-3-65. Except as provided in Section 41-59-31, upon the
43 successful completion of the board's approved emergency medical
44 technical training program, the board shall make a determination
45 of the applicant's qualifications as an emergency medical



46 technician as set forth in the regulations promulgated by the
47 board, and shall issue an emergency medical technician certificate
48 to the applicant.

49 (2) Any person who desires to exercise the privilege to
50 practice under the Emergency Medical Services Personnel Licensure
51 Interstate Compact must complete the terms and provisions of the
52 Compact as prescribed in Section 41-59-101.

53 **SECTION 3.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
54 and after July 1, 2018.

