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To: Public Health and  
Welfare

SENATE BILL NO. 2091

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 41-59-35, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,  
2 TO AUTHORIZE AN EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIAN OR OTHER EMERGENCY  
3 PERSONNEL TO TRANSPORT A POLICE DOG INJURED IN THE LINE OF DUTY TO  
4 A VETERINARY CLINIC OR HOSPITAL EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT; AND FOR  
5 RELATED PURPOSES.

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

7 **SECTION 1.** Section 41-59-35, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
8 amended as follows:

9 41-59-35. (1) An emergency medical technician certificate  
10 so issued shall be valid for a period not exceeding two (2) years  
11 from the date of issuance and may be renewed upon payment of a  
12 renewal fee to be fixed by the board, which shall be paid to the  
13 board, provided that the holder meets the qualifications set forth  
14 in this Chapter 59 and Chapter 60 and rules and regulations  
15 promulgated by the board. Any increase in the fee charged by the  
16 board under this subsection shall be in accordance with the  
17 provisions of Section 41-3-65.



18           (2) The board is authorized to suspend or revoke a  
19 certificate so issued at any time it is determined that the holder  
20 no longer meets the prescribed qualifications.

21           (3) It shall be unlawful for any person, corporation or  
22 association to, in any manner, represent himself or itself as an  
23 Emergency Medical Technician-Basic, Emergency Medical  
24 Technician-Intermediate, Emergency Medical Technician-Paramedic,  
25 Emergency Medical Technician-Paramedic Critical Care, or Emergency  
26 Medical Services Driver, or use in connection with his or its name  
27 the words or letters of EMT, emt, paramedic, critical care  
28 paramedic, or any other letters, words, abbreviations or insignia  
29 which would indicate or imply that he or it is an Emergency  
30 Medical Technician-Basic, Emergency Medical  
31 Technician-Intermediate, Emergency Medical Technician-Paramedic,  
32 Emergency Medical Technician-Paramedic Critical Care, or Emergency  
33 Medical Services Driver, unless certified in accordance with  
34 Chapters 59 and 60 of this title and in accordance with the rules  
35 and regulations promulgated by the board; or a person who has a  
36 privilege to practice under the Emergency Medical Services  
37 Personnel Licensure Interstate Compact. It shall be unlawful to  
38 employ an uncertified Emergency Medical Technician-Basic,  
39 Emergency Medical Technician-Intermediate, Emergency Medical  
40 Technician-Paramedic, or Emergency Medical Technician-Paramedic  
41 Critical Care to provide basic or advanced life-support services.



42           (4) An EMT, EMT-A, EMR, or Paramedic may transport a police  
43 dog injured in the line of duty to a veterinary clinic, hospital  
44 emergency department or similar facility if there are no persons  
45 requiring medical attention or transport at that time. For the  
46 purposes of this subsection, "police dog" means a dog owned or  
47 used by a law enforcement department or agency in the course of  
48 the department or agency's work, including a search and rescue  
49 dog, service dog, accelerant detection canine, or other dog that  
50 is in use by a county, municipal, or state law enforcement agency.

51           ( \* \* \*5) Any Emergency Medical Technician-Basic, Emergency  
52 Medical Technician-Intermediate, Emergency Medical  
53 Technician-Paramedic, Emergency Medical Technician-Paramedic  
54 Critical Care, or Emergency Medical Services Driver who violates  
55 or fails to comply with these statutes or the rules and  
56 regulations promulgated by the board hereunder shall be subject,  
57 after due notice and hearing, to an administrative fine not to  
58 exceed One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00).

59           **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from  
60 and after July 1, 2018.

