

NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
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CHAPTER 612  
HOUSE BILL 957

AN ACT TO AMEND G.S. 130-233 TO PROVIDE CERTIFICATION FOR AMBULANCE  
ATTENDANTS AND EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIANS.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

**Section 1.** G.S. 130-233 as it appears in the 1974 Cumulative Supplement to Volume 3C of the General Statutes is hereby rewritten to read as follows:

"§ 130-233. **Certified personnel required.** — (a) Every ambulance, except those specifically excluded from the operation of this Article, when operated on an emergency mission in this State shall be occupied by at least one certified emergency medical technician who shall be responsible for the medical aspects of the mission prior to arrival at the hospital and assuming no other person of higher certification or license is available, and one certified ambulance attendant who is responsible for the operation of the vehicle and rendering assistance to the emergency medical technician during the duration of the mission. The North Carolina Medical Care Commission shall adopt regulations setting forth exemptions to this requirement applicable to situations where exemptions are considered by the department to be in the public interest.

(b) The North Carolina Medical Care Commission shall adopt regulations setting forth the qualifications required for certification of ambulance attendants and emergency medical technicians. Such regulations shall be effective when approved by the commission.

(c) A person desiring certification as emergency medical technician or as ambulance attendant shall apply to the commission using forms prescribed by that agency. Upon receipt of such application the commission or its representatives shall examine the applicant for emergency medical technician by written examination and the applicant for ambulance attendant by written or oral (if requested) examination and if it determines the applicant meets the examination requirements of its regulations duly adopted pursuant to this Article, it shall issue a certificate to the applicant. Emergency medical technician's and ambulance attendant's certificates so issued shall be valid for a period not to exceed two years and may be renewed after reexamination if the holder meets the requirements set forth in the regulations of the commission. The commission is authorized to cancel a certificate so issued at any time it determines that the holder no longer meets the qualifications prescribed for emergency medical technicians or for ambulance attendants.

(d) Duly authorized representatives of the department may issue temporary certificates with or without examination when it finds that such will be in the public interest. Temporary certificates shall be valid for a period not exceeding 90 days."

**Sec. 2.** This act shall become effective upon ratification.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified, this the 16th day of June, 1975.