

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The State Board of Emergency Medical Services will conduct a public hearing pursuant to R.C. 119.03 on Wednesday, June 16, 2010, at 10:00 a.m. at the Ohio Department of Public Safety, Room 134, 1970 West Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio 43223.

The purpose of the hearing is to solicit public comment on the proposal to amend, adopt, and rescind the following rules. These rules are being filed in response to legislative changes provided in House Bill 1 of the 128th General Assembly.

Amendment of 4765-1-01 (Definitions), 4765-7-07 (Renewal of a certificate of accreditation), 4765-7-09 (Approval of Ohio EMS continuing education programs), 4765-7-10 (Reinstatement of a revoked certificate of accreditation or approval or provisional certificate of accreditation or approval), 4765-8-15 (Certification by reciprocity), 4765-18-02 (General provisions), 4765-18-06 (Renewal of a certificate to teach as an EMS instructor), 4765-18-16 (Renewal requirements for a certificate to teach continuing education), and 4765-18-19 (Renewal of a certificate to teach as an assistant EMS instructor).

Adoption of 4765-7-01 (Merging of certificates of accreditation and general provision), 4765-7-03 (Provisional certificates), 4765-7-08 (Reinstatement of a certificate of accreditation, or approval or provisional certificate of accreditation or approval), 4765-8-06 (Issuance of EMS certificate to practice and EMS certificate to teach), and 4765-8-07 (Merging of EMS certificates to practice and EMS certificates to teach with fire service certificates).

Rescission of 4765-7-08 (Reinstatement of a certificate of accreditation or certificate of approval).

Rule 4765-1-01 is being amended to clarify the definitions for the establishment of a mutual expiration date for all fire and EMS certificates and certificates of approval and accreditation. Additionally the new definitions are being adopted to allow for a provisional certificate of accreditation or approval.

Rule 4765-7-01 is being adopted as a new rule to reflect the merging of all EMS programs into one certificate of accreditation, which will have a mutual expiration date. Additionally this rule sets forth the parameters allowing for the board to issue a five year accreditation cycle, when an institution meets all requirements for such.

Rule 4765-7-03 is being adopted to establish the parameters for the board to issue provisional certificates of accreditation or approval to institutions that are in substantial compliance with the applicable laws and rules.

Rule 4765-7-07 is being amended for clarification purposes in regard to the mutual expiration date for an accredited program.

Rule 4765-7-08 is being rescinded and adopted as a new rule to reflect that time parameters for reinstatement of a certificate of accreditation, certificate of approval or provisional certificates of accreditation or approval.

Rule 4765-7-09 is being amended to set forth the parameters allowing for the board to issue a certificate of approval that is valid for five years when an institution meets all requirements for such.

Rule 4765-7-10 is being amended to change the time parameters for which a holder of a certificate of accreditation, approval or provisional certificate of accreditation or approval is eligible to reinstate.

Rule 4765-8-06 is being adopted so the board can issue a common expiration date, the individual's birthday, to all EMS and fire certificate holders.

Rule 4765-8-07 is being adopted to allow the board to merge the expiration dates of all current EMS and fire certificates to a common expiration date, the individual's birthday.

Rule 4765-8-15 is being amended to remove the reference to a three year certification cycle, therefore allowing a common expiration date for all EMS and fire certificate holders.

Rule 4765-18-02 is being amended is being amended to remove the reference to a two year certification cycle, therefore allowing a common expiration date for all EMS and fire certificate holders.

Rule 4765-18-06 is being amended is being amended to remove the reference to a two year certification cycle, therefore allowing a common expiration date for all EMS and fire certificate holders.

Rule 4765-18-16 is being amended to remove the reference to a two year certification cycle, therefore allowing a common expiration date for all EMS and fire certificate holders.

Rule 4765-18-19 is being amended to remove the reference to a two year certification cycle, therefore allowing a common expiration date for all EMS and fire certificate holders.

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.

Requests for copies of the proposed rules and/or to offer public comment may be submitted in person or by mail at the following address: Office of Legal Services, Ohio Department of Public Safety, 1970 West Broad Street, Suite 531C, Columbus, Ohio 43223, Telephone: (614) 466-5605.

The proposed rules may also be accessed electronically via the Division of EMS website (<http://www.ems.ohio.gov/rules.htm>).