

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The EMS Board will conduct a public hearing pursuant to R.C. 119.02 through 119.04 on Wednesday, December 17, 2008, at 10:00 a.m. at the Ohio Department of Public Safety, Room 134, 1970 W. Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio 43223. The purpose of the hearing will be to solicit public comment on the following proposed rules to the Ohio Administrative Code:

Amendment of 4765-1-01 (Definitions), 4765-2-02 (Organization of the board), 4765-2-05 (Notice of meetings), 4765-2-06 (Personal information systems), 4765-3-02 (Regional physician advisory boards), 4765-7-02 (Accreditation of Ohio EMS training programs), 4765-7-11 (Continuing education course requirements for Ohio EMS accredited and approved institutions), 4765-8-02 (Application for certificate to practice), 4765-8-04 (Renewal of certificate to practice), 4765-8-19 (Reinstatement of revoked or suspended certificate to practice), 4765-9-02 (Professional standards of conduct for holders of certificate to teach), 4765-12-02 (First responder curriculum), and 4765-19-01 (Continuing education for first responder and EMTs);

Adoption of 4765-2-01 (Definitions), 4765-2-03 (Committees, subcommittees, and workgroups), 4765-3-03 (Operations of regional directors and regional physician advisory boards), 4765-3-04 (Responsibilities of regional directors and regional physician advisory boards), 4765-3-05 (Medical director requirements for each emergency medical services organization), 4765-7-07 (Renewal of a certificate of accreditation), 4765-7-09 (Approval of Ohio EMS continuing education programs), 4765-7-12 (Online education and distance learning delivery systems for EMS training programs offered through an accredited institution), 4765-18-02 (General provisions), 4765-18-03 (EMS instructor training program requirements for an accredited institution), 4765-18-04 (EMS instructor training program curriculum), 4765-18-05 (Qualifications for a certificate to teach as an EMS instructor), 4765-18-06 (Renewal of a certificate to teach as an EMS instructor), 4765-18-07 (Extension and exemption from continuing education for an individual holding a certificate to teach), 4765-18-08 (Reinstatement of a certificate to teach as an EMS instructor), 4765-18-09 (Qualifications for a physician to be certified as an EMS instructor), 4765-18-10 (Special topic instructor), 4765-18-11 (Reciprocity qualifications for a certificate to teach as an EMS instructor), 4765-18-12 (EMS instructor trainer qualifications), 4765-18-13 (Fire service instructor seeking certificate to teach as EMS instructor), 4765-18-14 (Applications for certificate to teach), 4765-18-15 (Qualifications for a certificate to teach as a continuing education instructor), 4765-18-16 (Renewal requirements for a certificate to teach continuing education), 4765-18-17 (Reinstatement of a certificate to teach as a continuing education instructor), 4765-

18-18 (Qualifications for a certificate to teach as an assistant EMS instructor), 4765-18-19 (Renewal of a certificate to teach as an assistant EMS instructor), 4765-18-20 (Reinstatement of a certificate to teach as an assistant EMS instructor), 4765-18-21 (Upgrade process for certificate to teach as an assistant EMS instructor to EMS instructor), and 4765-18-22 (Reinstatement of a revoked certificate to teach);

Rescission of 4765-2-01 (Definitions), 4765-2-03 (Subcommittees and special committees), 4765-3-01 (Definitions), 4765-3-03 (Operations of regional physician advisory boards), 4765-3-04 (Responsibilities of regional physician advisory boards), 4765-3-05 (Medical director requirements), 4765-7-07 (Renewal of accreditation), 4765-7-09 (Approval of continuing education programs), 4765-18-01 (Definitions), 4765-18-02 (General provisions), 4765-18-03 (EMS instructor training program entrance requirements), 4765-18-04 (EMS instructor training program curriculum), 4765-18-05 (Criteria for a certificate to teach), 4765-18-06 (Renewal of a certificate to teach), 4765-18-07 (Extension of a certificate to teach), 4765-18-08 (Reinstatement of a certificate to teach), 4765-18-09 (Physician as an EMS instructor), 4765-18-10 (Special topic instructor), 4765-18-11 (Reciprocity criteria for certificate to teach), 4765-18-12 (EMS instructor trainer qualifications), and 4765-18-13 (Fire instructors seeking EMS instructor certification).

Rule 4765-1-01 is being amended to incorporate definitions that are being moved from OAC Chapter 4765-18 (pertaining to certificates to teach) and to delete unnecessary definitions.

Rules in Chapter 4765-2 are being changed in order to update definitions pertaining to the EMS Board's committees, subcommittees, and workgroups; to incorporate gender-neutral language; to change the terms of committee and subcommittee members and clarify issues regarding quorum and voting of such entities; to update the process by which an individual can be notified of meetings of the EMS Board and its various committees, subcommittees, and workgroups; and to clarify that the Division of EMS is the keeper of personal information systems and is responsible for the security of such systems.

Rules in Chapter 4765-3 are being changed in order to delete unnecessary definitions; to add language referencing regional directors and update eligibility requirements for such directors and regional physician advisory board members; to update procedural issues such as appointment of members and meeting times; to update and clarify new responsibilities for regional directors and regional physician advisory boards; and to update requirements individuals must meet in order to become a medical director of an EMS organization.

Rules in Chapter 4765-7 are being changed in order to provide a mechanism for accredited institutions and approved institutions to offer EMS training through online or distance learning delivery systems; to provide security parameters to protect student financial and personal information when using such learning systems; to provide two passing percentage options that accredited institutions must meet in order to renew their certificates of accreditation; to clarify the type of documentation that must be maintained by an approved institution for each continuing education course and provide further requirements that must be met in order to provide online or distance learning delivery systems; to allow the didactic portion of the Ohio first responder and EMT refresher courses to be taught through online or distance learning formats; and to provide the requirements that accredited institutions must meet in order to offer online education and distance learning delivery systems for EMS training programs.

Rules in Chapter 4765-8 are being changed in order to update the means by which an application can be submitted; to delete language stating that the EMS Board will not charge a fee for a renewal application (as the Board is going to start charging a fee for a reinstatement application pursuant to 4765-8-18) and to clarify the difference between timelines for renewal and reinstatement; to delete unnecessary language and clarify the process for applying for reinstatement of a revoked certificate to practice.

Rule 4765-9-02 is being changed in order to incorporate new language being added to Chapter 4765-18.

Rule 4765-12-02 is being changed in order to increase the number of hours in a first responder training program (from 40 hours to 48 hours) and to clarify that students may receive credit for 40 hours of such training by completing a health care provider course or professional rescuer course provided through the American Red Cross, American Heart Association, or the American Safety and Health Institution.

Rules in Chapter 4765-18 are being overhauled pursuant to a 119.032 review. Some of the changes include incorporating the broader term “holder of a certificate to teach”; further defining existing levels of certificates to teach and establishing new levels (e.g., EMS instructors, assistant EMS instructors, continuing education instructors, physicians as EMS instructors, special topic instructors, instructor trainers, fire instructors as EMS instructors); providing for certification, reciprocity, renewal, and reinstatement requirements for various certificates to teach; establishing a timeline and process by which special topic instructors must upgrade to a continuing education instructor, assistant EMS instructor, or EMS instructor; and providing a mechanism for applying for and obtaining reinstatement of a revoked certificate to teach.

Rule 4765-19-01 is being changed in order to incorporate new language being

added to Chapter 4765-18.

All interested parties are invited to attend the hearing and present oral and/or written testimony. Written comments must be submitted to Heather R. Frient, Legal Services, Ohio Department of Public Safety, 1970 West Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio 43223. Comments received at the above address before the hearing will be treated as testimony.

These rules may be accessed electronically via the Division of EMS website (<http://www.ems.ohio.gov/rules.htm>). Questions concerning these proposed rules may be addressed to Ms. Frient at 614-466-7014.