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NOTICE OF AN EMERGENCY RULE

AGENCY: Miners Health Safety And Training TITLE-SERIES: 56-22

RULE TYPE: Legislative Amendment to Existing Rule: Yes

RULE NAME: Rules Governing the Cetification, Recertification
and Training of EMT-Miners and the Certification
of EMT-M Instructors

CITE STATUTORY AUTHORITY FOR PROMULGATING EMERGENCY RULE:

W. Va. Code §22A-10-3(g)

IF THE EMERGENCY RULE WAS PROMULGATED TO COMPLY WITH A TIME LIMIT ESTABLISHED BY CODE OR FEDERAL STATUTE OR REGULATION, CITE THE CODE PROVISION, FEDERAL STATUTE OR REGULATION AND TIME LIMIT ESTABLISHED THEREIN:

None

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THE ABOVE RULE IS BEING FILED AS AN EMERGENCY RULE TO BECOME EFFECTIVE AFTER APPROVAL BY THE SECRETARY OF STATE OR THE 42ND DAY AFTER FILING, WHICHEVER OCCURS FIRST. THE FACTS AND CIRCUMSTANCES CONSTITUTING THE EMERGENCY ARE AS FOLLOWS:

This rule was initially filed in 2016 to implement the transfer of certification authority of emergency medical technician-miners (EMT-M) from the Department of Health and Human Resources, Office of Emergency Medical Services, to the Office of Miners Health, Safety and Training (OMHST). Since that initial filing, OMHST has found loopholes in the rule that have allowed some EMT-Ms to maintain their certification even though they did not receive each annual training module that the rule intended. Additionally, the rule as initially filed in 2016 allowed EMT-M-Instructors to teach the EMT-M courses even though they themselves did not possess a certification equal to or greater than an EMT-M.

The amendments to this rule close the loopholes that allow EMT-Ms to maintain their certification even though they did not receive each annual training module as was initially intended. Additionally, the amendments to this rule now require any person desiring to become an EMT-M-Instructor to possess a current certification equal to or greater than an EMT-M as a prerequisite to becoming certified as an Instructor.

The rule does grandfather all current EMT-M-Instructors and allows them to continue teaching the EMT-M courses.

EMT-Ms are the first responders to all coal mine accidents. The amendments to this rule increase the level of training those first responders

receive. By increasing the level of training of EMT-Ms, they will be more qualified to attend to the medical needs of any injured miner.

Therefore, this rule should be approved as an emergency because it is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health,

safety or welfare of all West Virginia coal miners and their loved ones.

DOES THIS EMERGENCY RULE REPEAL A CURRENT RULE? No

HAS THE SAME OR SIMILAR EMERGENCY RULE PREVIOUSLY BEEN FILED AND OR EXPIRED? No

SUMMARIZE IN A CLEAR AND CONCISE MANNER THE OVERALL ECONOMIC IMPACT OF THE PROPOSED LEGISLATIVE RULE:

A. ECONOMIC IMPACT ON REVENUES OF STATE GOVERNMENT:

No economic impact on costs and revenues of state government.

B. ECONOMIC IMPACT ON THE STATE OR ITS RESIDENTS:

No economic impact on the state or its residents.

C. FISCAL NOTE DETAIL:

Effect of Proposal	Fiscal Year		
	2019 Increase/Decrease (use "-")	2020 Increase/Decrease (use "-")	Fiscal Year (Upon Full Implementation)
1. Estimated Total Cost	-0-	-0-	-0-
Personal Services	-0-	-0-	-0-
Current Expenses	-0-	-0-	-0-
Repairs and Alterations	-0-	-0-	-0-
Assets	-0-	-0-	-0-
Other	-0-	-0-	-0-
2. Estimated Total Revenues	-0-	-0-	-0-

D. EXPLANATION OF ABOVE ESTIMATES (INCLUDING LONG-RANGE EFFECT):

N/A

BY CHOOSING 'YES', I ATTEST THAT THE PREVIOUS STATEMENT IS TRUE AND CORRECT.

Yes

Wesley H White--By my signature, I certify that I am the person authorized to file legislative rules, in accordance with West Virginia Code §29A-3-11 and §39A-3-2.

TITLE 56
LEGISLATIVE RULE
WEST VIRGINIA OFFICE OF MINERS' HEALTH, SAFETY AND TRAINING

SERIES 22
RULES GOVERNING THE CERTIFICATION,
RE-CERTIFICATION AND TRAINING OF EMT-MINERS
AND THE CERTIFICATION OF EMT-M INSTRUCTORS

§56-22-1. General.

1.1. Scope. -- This rule establishes a program for the certification, recertification and training of EMT-Miners (EMT-M) and the certification of EMT-M Instructors.

1.2. Authority. -- W. Va. Code ~~§§16-4C-6c(g) and 22A-1-6~~ §22A-10-3(g).

1.3. Filing Date. -- ~~May 4, 2017~~ _____.

1.4. Effective Date. -- ~~June 4, 2017~~ _____.

1.5. Sunset Provision. -- This rule shall terminate and have no further force or effect ~~on June 4, 2022~~ upon the expiration of five (5) years from its effective date.

§56-22-2. Purpose.

2.1. This rule establishes a program for the certification, recertification and training of EMT-Miners and the certification of EMT-M Instructors.

§56-22-3. Definitions.

3.1. All definitions found in W. Va. Code §22A-1-2 and W. Va. Code R. §56-3-3 are applicable to this Rule.

3.2. Board. The term "Board" means the Board of ~~Miner Training, Education and Certification~~ Coal Mine Health and Safety.

3.3. CPR. The term "CPR" means cardiopulmonary resuscitation.

3.4. CPR-Instructor. The term "CPR-Instructor" means a person possessing a valid and current CPR-Instructor card issued by a nationally-recognized CPR-Instructor training organization.

~~3.5. 3.4.~~ Director. The term "Director" means the Director of the Office of Miners' Health, Safety and Training.

~~3.6. 3.5.~~ EMT-M. The term "EMT-M" means an individual trained and certified to be an emergency medical technician for the mining industry. The term "EMT-M" means an EMT-Miner as well as EMT-Mining.

~~3.7. 3.6.~~ EMT-M Instructor. The term "EMT-M Instructor" means an individual certified by the Director to teach the certification and recertification courses and administer the examinations based on his or her qualifications, experience and background.

~~3.8.~~ ~~3-7:~~ Form prescribed by the Director. The term “form prescribed by the Director” means a form which at a minimum shall require: The full legal name, the full Social Security number, date of birth, mailing address, telephone number (including cell number), and E-mail address of the applicant.

~~3.9.~~ ~~3-8:~~ National DOT Curriculum for First Responders. The term “National DOT Curriculum for First Responders” means the United States Department of Transportation, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, First Responder National Standard Curriculum.

3.10. Recertified or Recertification. The term “recertified” or “recertification” means either taking the eight (8) hour annual retraining module by December 31 each year or by taking the thirty-two (32) hour retraining course once every three (3) years. Provided, the term “recertified” or “recertification” shall not mean the method by which an individual shall regain an invalid EMT-M certification after the individual misses two (2) modules.

§56-22-4. Certification and Recertification Requirements for EMT-M.

~~4.1. Grandfather Clause:~~

~~4.1.a. An EMT-M certified by the Office of Emergency Medical Services in good standing on December 31, 2015, shall be recognized by the Director as an EMT-M and shall be recertified thereafter as set forth in this Rule.~~

4.1. ~~4-2:~~ Commencing June 9, 2016, an An applicant for certification as an EMT-M shall:

4.1.1. ~~4-2.a:~~ Be at least eighteen (18) years old;

4.1.2. ~~4-2.b:~~ Apply on a form prescribed by the Director;

4.1.3. ~~4-2.c:~~ Possess a valid and current CPR certification;

4.1.4. ~~4-2.d:~~ Successfully complete the EMT-M education program authorized by the Director in consultation with the Board; and

4.1.5. ~~4-2.e:~~ Successfully pass the EMT-M cognitive and skills examinations authorized by the Director in consultation with the Board.

4.2. ~~4-3:~~ The Director may charge a ten dollar (\$10.00) application fee for the issuance of an EMT-M certification.

4.3. ~~4-4:~~ The initial EMT-M certification is valid for a period of three (3) calendar years from the date of issuance; however, the EMT-M must complete an eight (8) hour module during the third year and every year thereafter to remain current or comply with paragraph 4.5.c.1. During the third year to remain current, the EMT-M must comply with Section 4.4. below.

4.4. ~~4-5:~~ To be recertified as an EMT-M, a certificate holder shall:

4.4.1. ~~4-5.a:~~ Apply on a form prescribed by the Director;

4.4.2. ~~4-5.b:~~ Possess a valid and current CPR certification;

4.4.3. ~~4.5.e.~~ Successfully complete one of the following:

4.4.3.a. ~~4.5.e.1.~~ A thirty-two (32) hour EMT-M recertification course authorized by the Director in consultation with the Board prior to the expiration of the three-year anniversary of the certification; or

4.4.3.b. ~~4.5.e.2.~~ Annual eight (8) hour retraining and testing programs authorized by the Director in consultation with the Board; and

4.4.4. ~~4.5.d.~~ Successfully pass the EMT-M mining cognitive and skills recertification examination(s) authorized by the Director in consultation with the Board. The recertification examination(s) shall be part of the Instructor evaluations.

4.5. ~~4.6.~~ At the end of the annual ~~refresher~~ recertification course module or thirty-two (32) hour recertification course, the EMT-M instructor shall submit a roster of the individuals who have successfully completed the annual recertification module or the thirty-two (32) hour recertification course and instructor evaluations. The EMT-M certification of any individual not completing the annual refresher course, absent just cause as determined by the Director, shall become invalid until such time as he or she takes the missed module, ~~as long it is taken by December 31 of the following year.~~ If at any time two (2) ~~consecutive annual~~ modules are missed, then the individual must retake the initial sixty (60) hour course and pass the required examinations. ~~This includes those individuals who failed to take their recertification module in 2015.~~

4.6. ~~4.7.~~ The EMT-M Instructor shall keep copies of the students' examination skill sheets for at least one (1) year when conducting the annual refresher course.

4.7. ~~4.8.~~ An EMT-M may only provide EMT-M services on mining property permitted by the West Virginia Office of Miners' Health, Safety and Training.

4.8. ~~4.9.~~ An EMT or medical professionals in other jurisdictions who possess equivalent training as an EMT-M under this Rule may apply on a form prescribed by the Director to be certified as an EMT-M subject to approval by the Director in consultation with the Board.

4.9. ~~4.10.~~ ~~After December 31, 2016, the~~ The Director or his authorized representative shall conduct the examinations for the initial EMT-M certification unless another entity is authorized by the Director in consultation with the Board to conduct the examinations.

4.10. ~~4.11.~~ The initial applicant must have a minimum score of seventy (70) percent to be certified as an EMT-M.

4.11. ~~4.12.~~ The initial applicant shall have up to one (1) year to retake the parts of the test that he or she failed in order to obtain the EMT-M certification. After one (1) year has passed, if the applicant fails to obtain his/her certification, he/she must repeat the entire EMT-M course.

4.12. ~~4.13.~~ The EMT-M curriculum in conjunction with the National DOT Curriculum for First Responders shall be followed when teaching the sixty (60) hour EMT-M certification course. Updates in the DOT curriculum will also apply to the EMT-M curriculum.

§56-22-5. Certification Application Requirements for an Initial EMT-M Instructor Certification.

~~5.1. Grandfather Clause:~~

~~5.1.a. An EMT-M Instructor in good standing on the effective date of this Rule shall be recognized by the Director as an EMT-M Instructor and shall be certified as set forth in this Rule.~~

~~5.1. 5.2:~~ Commencing June 9, 2016, an applicant for certification as an EMT-M Instructor shall:

~~5.1.1. 5.2.a:~~ Be a certified or qualified first-aid instructor ~~or a medical professional approved by the Director in consultation with the Board;~~

~~5.1.2.~~ Possess a valid and current EMT-M certificate or its equivalent or be a medical professional approved by the Director in consultation with the Board;

~~5.1.3. 5.2.b:~~ Be a CPR instructor;

~~5.1.4. 5.2.c:~~ Be at least eighteen (18) years old; and

~~5.1.5. 5.2.d:~~ Apply on a form prescribed by the Director.

~~5.2. 5.3:~~ An EMT-M Instructor certification shall remain valid so long as the Instructor meets the requirements of ~~subsections Section 5.2.a: 5.1. and 5.2.b. of this section,~~ or the EMT-M Instructor certification is revoked by the Director for good cause. The EMT-M Instructor shall provide documentation to the Director to ensure the requirements of Section 5.1. are valid and current.

~~5.3. 5.4:~~ The Director may charge a ten dollar (\$10.00) application fee ~~for the issuance of an EMT-M Instructor certification.~~

~~5.5:~~ Any person desiring to teach the EMT-M course and annual refresher course shall possess a current EMT-M Instructor certification ~~issued by the Director.~~

~~5.6:~~ An EMT-M Instructor may bring in persons with special expertise to assist in teaching the course so long as they are under the direct supervision of an EMT-M Instructor.

~~5.7:~~ The EMT-M Instructor shall notify the regional office in the region where the certification or recertification course is being given as soon as practical prior to starting the course. The EMT-M Instructor shall provide directions to the training facility, contact information and the number of applicants. The class shall be limited to twenty-five (25) students unless approved by the Director.

§56-22-6. Certification Requirements for Grandfathered EMT-M Instructors.

6.1. Grandfather clause. An EMT-M Instructor in good standing on the effective date of this rule shall be recognized as an EMT-M Instructor so long as he or she possesses a current and valid first aid instructor certificate and a current and valid CPR instructor certificate.

6.2. An EMT-M Instructor certification, grandfathered under Section 6.1., shall remain valid so long as the Instructor meets the requirements of Section 6.1. or the EMT-M Instructor certification is revoked by the Director for good cause. The EMT-M Instructor shall provide documentation to the Director to ensure the requirements of Section 6.1. are valid and current.

§56-22-7. Responsibilities and Duties of an EMT-M Instructor.

7.1. Any person desiring to teach the initial sixty (60) hour EMT-M course, the thirty-two (32) hour

course or the eight (8) hour recertification modules shall possess a valid EMT-M Instructor certification issued by the Director.

7.2. An EMT-M Instructor may bring in persons with special expertise to assist in teaching the course so long as they are under the direct supervision of an EMT-M Instructor.

7.3. The EMT-M Instructor shall notify the regional office in the region where the certification or recertification course is being given as soon as practical prior to starting the course. The EMT-M Instructor shall provide directions to the training facility, contact information, the number of applicants, and verification of a valid EMT-M Instructor certification as required in 5.2. or 6.2. of this Section. The class shall be limited to twenty-five (25) students unless approved by the Director.

7.4. The EMT-M Instructor shall provide a CPR certificate from an nationally-recognized CPR training organization to those students who successfully complete the CPR training.