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5
6 By: Representative L. Johnson

7 Filed with: House Committee on Public Health, Welfare, and Labor

8 pursuant to A.C.A. §10-3-217.

9 For An Act To Be Entitled

10 AN ACT TO ALLOW EMERGENCY MEDICAL RESPONDERS TO BE
11 CERTIFIED; TO AUTHORIZE EMERGENCY MEDICAL RESPONDERS
12 TO BE REIMBURSED BY INSURANCE COMPANIES AND THE
13 ARKANSAS MEDICAID PROGRAM; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

16 Subtitle

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18 BE CERTIFIED; AND TO AUTHORIZE EMERGENCY
19 MEDICAL RESPONDERS TO BE REIMBURSED BY
20 INSURANCE COMPANIES AND THE ARKANSAS
21 MEDICAID PROGRAM.

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24 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

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26 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 20-13-202(7), concerning the definition of
27 "emergency medical services personnel" within the Emergency Medical Services
28 Act, is amended to read as follows:

29 (7)(A) "Emergency medical services personnel" means an
30 individual licensed by the department at any level established by the rules
31 adopted by the State Board of Health under this subchapter and authorized to
32 perform those services set forth in the rules.

33 (B) These shall include without limitation emergency
34 medical responder, emergency medical technician, advanced emergency medical
35 technician, paramedic, emergency medical services instructor, or emergency
36 medical services instructor trainer;

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SECTION 2. Arkansas Code Title 20, Chapter 13, Subchapter 2, is amended to add an additional section to read as follows:

20-13-219. Emergency medical responders.

(a) The Department of Health shall establish a voluntary certification program for emergency medical responders.

(b) An emergency medical responder may be reimbursed by the Arkansas Medicaid Program and an insurance company for providing emergency medical services in the scope of his or her employment as an emergency medical responder.

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