



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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AN ACT REQUIRING NEW PERSONNEL OF THE BUREAU OF FIRE PROTECTION TO BE CERTIFIED EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIANS, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTIONS 3 AND 8 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9263, AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE "BUREAU OF FIRE PROTECTION AND BUREAU OF JAIL MANAGEMENT AND PENOLOGY PROFESSIONALIZATION ACT OF 2004"

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Philippines in Congress assembled:*

1           SECTION 1. Section 3 of Republic Act No. 9263, as amended,  
2 is hereby amended by adding two (2) new paragraphs to read as  
3 follows:

4                   "SEC. 3. *Organization and Key Positions of the BFP*  
5                   *and the BJMP.* – The BFP x x x

6                   "The heads of the BFP x x x

7                   "The BFP and the BJMP x x x

1           "THE REGIONAL DIRECTOR SHALL DESIGNATE IN  
2           EVERY FIRE STATION, AT LEAST ONE (1) UNIFORMED  
3           PERSONNEL PER SHIFT, REGARDLESS OF RANK, TO ACT  
4           AS EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIAN WHO WILL  
5           SUPERVISE FIRE OFFICERS IN RESPONDING TO MEDICAL  
6           EMERGENCIES.

7           "AN EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIAN REFERS  
8           TO A TRAINED AND CERTIFIED PRE-HOSPITAL  
9           EMERGENCY CARE PROVIDER WHO IS CAPABLE  
10          OF PERFORMING EXTENSIVE PRE-HOSPITAL CARE,  
11          ENDOTRACHEAL INTUBATIONS AND CARDIOPULMONARY  
12          RESUSCITATION       ADMINISTERING       MEDICATIONS  
13          ORALLY AND INTRAVENOUSLY, AND USING AUTOVATED  
14          EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATOR AND OTHER COMPLEX  
15          EMERGENCY MEDICAL EQUIPMENT."

16          SEC. 2. Section 8 of the same Act, as amended, is hereby  
17          amended to read as follows:

18               "SEC. 8. *Professionalization and Qualifications*  
19               *Upgrading Program.* – The DILG shall design and  
20               establish a professionalization and qualifications  
21               upgrading program for the uniformed personnel of  
22               the BFP and the BJMP in coordination with the CSC  
23               and the Commission on Higher Education (CHED)  
24               through an off-campus education program or other  
25               similar programs within ninety (90) days from the  
26               effectivity of this Act.

27               "THE BFP AND THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH  
28               (DOH) SHALL DESIGN AND ESTABLISH A TRAINING

1 PROGRAM FOR EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIANS  
2 AND OTHER RELEVANT TRAININGS THAT WILL BE  
3 INTEGRATED INTO THE FIRE BASIC RECRUIT COURSE  
4 (FBRC).

5 "UPON THEIR APPOINTMENT, THE NEWLY  
6 ABSORBED FIRE OFFICER 1 (FO1) OF THE BFP MUST  
7 UNDERGO AND COMPLETE THE FBRC, WHICH SHALL  
8 PROVIDE THE FUNDAMENTAL KNOWLEDGE AND  
9 SKILLS NECESSARY TO MEET THE MINIMUM STANDARDS  
10 OF FIRE PERSONNEL COMPETENCE, INCLUDING  
11 ADVANCED FIRST AID AND EMERGENCY FIRST  
12 RESPONSE AND EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIAN  
13 COURSES. THE COMPONENTS AND COURSE DESCRIPTION  
14 OF THE FBRC SHALL BE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE  
15 INTERNAL RULES AND REGULATIONS ON MANDATORY  
16 TRAINING, LOCAL SCHOOLING, SEMINAR, AND  
17 WORKSHOP WHICH ARE ISSUED BY THE BFP.  
18 GRADUATES OF THE FBRC SHALL BE ISSUED THE  
19 APPROPRIATE CERTIFICATIONS AS MEDICAL FIRST  
20 RESPONDER AND EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIAN  
21 ACCORDINGLY.

22 "UNIFORMED PERSONNEL WHO ARE ALREADY IN  
23 THE SERVICE AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2017 SHALL BE  
24 GIVEN FIVE (5) YEARS TO OBTAIN THE MINIMUM  
25 CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENT AS MEDICAL FIRST  
26 RESPONDER: *PROVIDED*, THAT UNIFORMED BFP  
27 PERSONNEL WHO HAVE RENDERED MORE THAN FIFTEEN  
28 (15) YEARS OF SERVICE AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2017  
29 SHALL NO LONGER BE REQUIRED TO COMPLY WITH

1 THE AFOREMENTIONED CERTIFICATION AS MEDICAL  
2 FIRST RESPONDER AND AS EMERGENCY MEDICAL  
3 TECHNICIAN.

4 "THE BFP PERSONNEL DESIGNATED AS FIRE  
5 STATION EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIAN MUST  
6 POSSESS THE APPROPRIATE CERTIFICATION AS  
7 EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIAN IN ADDITION TO  
8 THEIR TRAINING AND CERTIFICATION AS MEDICAL  
9 FIRST RESPONDER."

10 SEC. 3. Should any part of this Act be declared  
11 unconstitutional or invalid, the other parts or provisions hereof not  
12 affected thereby shall continue to be in full force and effect.

13 SEC. 4. All laws, executive orders, presidential decrees,  
14 implementing rules and regulations or parts thereof inconsistent  
15 with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed or modified  
16 accordingly.

17 SEC. 5. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its  
18 publication in the *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of general  
19 circulation.

Approved,