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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

141st GENERAL ASSEMBLY

HOUSE BILL NO. 383

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 16 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO CERTIFICATION OF
AMBULANCE ATTENDANTS AND EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIANS.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF DELAWARE:

1 Section 1. Amend § 6712, Title 16 of the Delaware Code, by striking subsection (e) thereof in its entirety and by
2 substituting in lieu thereof the following:

3 "(e) Costs associated with obtaining criminal history information pursuant to this section from the State
4 Bureau of Identification and the Federal Bureau of Investigation shall be borne by the Commission.
5 The applicant shall reimburse the Commission for the costs of obtaining such information if the
6 applicant:

7 (1) is denied certification pursuant to subsection (b) of this section; or

8 (2) is not denied certification pursuant to subsection (b) of this section, but is not a volunteer with a
9 volunteer fire, rescue, or ambulance association."

SYNOPSIS

House Bill No. 241, requiring criminal background checks for all new EMT-B's, was signed by the Governor on July 12, 2001. That Bill stated that each individual applicant for an EMT-B certificate would pay the State Bureau of Identification for their background check and, in the case of volunteers, would be reimbursed by the State Fire Prevention Commission once they were cleared. According to the State Fire Prevention Commission and the State Bureau of Identification, this system has become unduly cumbersome.

Therefore, this Act changes the above mentioned system. Pursuant to this Act, the State Fire Prevention Commission shall pay the SBI for all criminal background checks for EMT-B applicants and applicants who are denied certification shall reimburse the Commission for those expenses. Likewise, any applicant who is not denied certification, but who is also not a volunteer with a volunteer fire, rescue, or ambulance association shall reimburse the Commission for those expenses.