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Vice-Chair Dean and Ranking Member Brennan, thank you for expediting the testimony on HB 52 to ensure our EMS personnel can receive their training locally.

During lame duck of the 134th General Assembly, the Senate amended HB 509 to consolidate the EMS instructor licenses and to only allow accredited sites to offer training. Unfortunately, an unanticipated consequence was the limited access many rural communities have to accredited sites and credentialed trainers. Another issue is that EMS Assistant Chiefs currently provide most of the local training and the changes made late last year would prohibit them from doing this training. While the intent was to streamline licensure, the effect would be diminished training opportunities, especially among rural EMS providers.

HB52 simply reverses the unfavorable changes from HB 509 in the following ways:

- Allowing assistant EMS chiefs to continue offering the required trainings for local EMT's
- Allowing training to be received at APPROVED and accredited sites, not just accredited sites
- Reinstating the credential

We have also included an emergency clause to preempt the HB509 changes going into effect on April 6th, 2023. This will ensure continuity and minimal disruption to the EMT's and services being provided in our communities.

Thank you for your support, and we are happy to answer any questions you may have.