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**A BILL**

To make changes to the law regarding peace officer 1  
and firefighter certifications during the 2  
declaration of an emergency regarding COVID-19 3  
and to declare an emergency. 4

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF OHIO:**

**Section 1.** (A) Subject to division (B) of this section, 5  
during the period of the emergency declared by Executive Order 6  
2020-01D, issued on March 9, 2020, all of the following shall 7  
apply: 8

(1) Any person in a law enforcement agency in this state 9  
who holds the rank of captain or higher may administer any test 10  
or examination for a certification required for a peace officer 11  
to carry out the officer's duties, including any certification 12  
that the peace officer training commission issues under Chapter 13  
109. of the Revised Code. 14

(2) Any person holding the rank of captain or higher in 15  
any fire department or volunteer fire department in this state 16  
may administer any licensing or certification test or 17

examination that a firefighter or volunteer firefighter requires 18  
for the firefighter or volunteer firefighter to carry out the 19  
person's duties, including any licensing or certification 20  
examination the state fire marshal may administer under section 21  
3737.22 of the Revised Code. 22

(3) The medical director of the state board of emergency 23  
medical, fire, and transportation services may appoint a 24  
designee to administer any licensing or certification test or 25  
examination that an EMR, EMT, or AEMT, as described in section 26  
4765.011 of the Revised Code, requires in order for an EMR, EMT, 27  
or AEMT to carry out the person's duties, including any 28  
certification that the board issues under Chapter 4765. of the 29  
Revised Code. 30

(B) Any test or examination administered under division 31  
(A) (1), (2), or (3) of this section shall comply with every 32  
order signed by the Governor and the Director of Health. 33

**Section 2.** This act is hereby declared to be an emergency 34  
measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public 35  
peace, health, and safety. The reason for the necessity is to 36  
have sufficient peace officer and firefighter personnel to 37  
protect the people of this state. Therefore, this act shall go 38  
into immediate effect. 39