

# Response to ACT 486 of the 2022 Regular Legislative Session

*2022 EMS Occupational License: Workers with Criminal Histories*

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## Emergency Medical Services Occupational License

The Louisiana Department of Health, Office of Public Health, Bureau of Emergency Medical Services (BEMS) coordinates, develops, improves, and maintains a comprehensive and dynamic emergency medical services system. This system ensures prompt, effective, and unimpeded service by appropriately educated and licensed Emergency Medical Services (EMS) practitioners and appropriately licensed EMS providers to all residents and visitors of the state.

As a vital component of healthcare, public health, and public safety, EMS responds to calls for help 24 hours a day, seven days a week. EMS saves lives from life-threatening emergencies such as heart attacks and strokes; treats injuries due to motor vehicle crashes, shootings, stabbings, and other violence; and provides care for the many other illnesses and injuries that occur daily. In addition, EMS provides care for chronic illnesses and preventive care through community paramedicine and mobile integrated healthcare programs.

Pursuant to Act 486 of the 2022 Regular Legislative Session, the following page contains a report regarding the number of licenses denied by BEMS, at the direction of the EMS Certification Commission. This report includes the reasons for denial and a list of the statutes that were violated to cause the denial.

## License Denial Report

The EMS Certification Commission denied one application in the calendar year 2022. The application was a student (non-licensed) application. The applicant was a resident of Vermilion Parish at the time of application.

On October 21, 2022, the applicant failed to appear for a formal hearing as requested by the EMS Certification Commission. The applicant also failed to respond/comply to multiple requests from the Commission. Furthermore, the Commission determined that the applicant intentionally falsified his license application. The following violations were founded:

- R.S. 40:1133.7 (2) Conviction of a crime or offense which reflects the inability of an emergency medical services practitioner to provide emergency medical services with due regard for the health and safety of clients or patients or enters a plea of guilty or nolo contendere to a criminal charge regardless of final disposition of the criminal proceeding, including but not limited to expungement of nonadjudication.
- R.S. 40: 1133.7. (3) and LAC Title 46 Part XXXVIII §503 (D)(3) Unfit or incompetent by reason of negligence, habit, or other cause.
- R.S. 40: 1133.7 (15) Intentional falsification of any document related to license, emergency medical services education, or related to the care of the patient.
- R.S. 40: 1133.7 (14) Has violated any rules and regulations of the commission or the bureau or any provision of this Part.
- LAC Title 46 Part XXXVIII §503 (D)(9) Has violated any provision of Subpart 1.

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