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HUMAN RESOURCES

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act providing for first responder certification to attach neck
2 collars and splints.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Section 1. Section 147A.4, subsection 2, Code 1997, is
2 amended to read as follows:
3 2. The department shall adopt rules required or authorized
4 by this subchapter pertaining to the examination and
5 certification of emergency medical care providers. These
6 rules shall include, but need not be limited to, requirements
7 concerning prerequisites, training, and experience for
8 emergency medical care providers and procedures for
9 determining when individuals have met these requirements. The
10 department shall adopt rules to recognize the previous EMS
11 training and experience of first responders and emergency
12 medical technicians to provide for an equitable transition to
13 the EMT-basic certification. The department shall adopt rules
14 providing that the curriculum and examinations for first
15 responders include training for and certification in the
16 attachment of neck collars and splints. The department may
17 require additional training and examinations as necessary and
18 appropriate to ensure that individuals seeking certification
19 have met the EMT-basic knowledge and skill requirements. The
20 department shall consult with the board concerning these
21 rules.

22 EXPLANATION

23 This bill provides that first responders shall receive
24 training and be eligible for certification in the attachment
25 of a neck collar or splint. The bill directs the Iowa
26 department of public health to adopt rules to facilitate this.

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