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HOUSE BILL 48
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Short Title: Concealed Carry/Emergency Medical Personnel.

(Public)

Sponsors:

Referred to:

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1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO EXEMPT FROM THE CONCEALED CARRY PROHIBITION CERTAIN
3 EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES PERSONNEL WHILE ON DUTY PROVIDING
4 TACTICAL MEDICAL ASSISTANCE TO LAW ENFORCEMENT IN AN EMERGENCY
5 SITUATION.

6 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

7 **SECTION 1.** G.S. 14-269 reads as rewritten:

8 **"§ 14-269. Carrying concealed weapons.**

9 (a) It shall be unlawful for any person willfully and intentionally to carry concealed about
10 his or her person any bowie knife, dirk, dagger, slung shot, loaded cane, metallic knuckles, razor,
11 shuriken, stun gun, or other deadly weapon of like kind, except when the person is on the person's
12 own premises.

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14 (b) This prohibition shall not apply to the following persons:

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16 (10) Emergency medical services personnel, as defined in G.S. 131E-155, while
17 on duty, who are deployed as part of their official duties providing tactical
18 medical assistance to law enforcement in an emergency situation, including a
19 Special Weapons and Tactics (SWAT) operation. In order to qualify under
20 this subdivision, emergency medical services personnel shall have completed
21 an approved tactical medical assistance course for supporting tactical law
22 enforcement operations. An approved course shall (i) include an element on
23 firearms safety and training, (ii) include instruction in the laws of this State
24 governing the use of deadly force, and (iii) require training and qualification
25 on all weapons systems, both lethal and less than lethal, deemed necessary by
26 any law enforcement agency the emergency medical services personnel
27 supports. For purposes of this subdivision, an approved course shall be any
28 course which satisfies the requirements of this subdivision and is certified or
29 sponsored by one or more of the following organizations:

30 a. The North Carolina Criminal Justice Education and Training
31 Standards Commission.

32 b. The National Rifle Association.

33 c. A law enforcement agency, college, private or public institution or
34 organization, or firearms training school, taught by instructors
35 certified by the North Carolina Criminal Justice Education and
36 Training Standards Commission or the National Rifle Association.



1 Every instructor of an approved course shall file a copy of the course
2 description, outline, and proof of certification annually, or upon modification
3 of the course if more frequently, with the North Carolina Criminal Justice
4 Education and Training Standards Commission.

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6 **SECTION 2.** State and local law enforcement agencies shall provide paramedics
7 rendering tactical medical assistance during a Special Weapons and Tactics operation with the
8 same protective equipment provided to other members of a Special Weapons and Tactics
9 operation.

10 **SECTION 3.** This act becomes effective July 1, 2021, and applies to offenses
11 committed on or after that date.