Purpose and Background:
It is the purpose of this policy statement to outline the procedure for military personnel being released from active duty to have their CFR/EMT/AEMT certification extended under the provisions of Chapter 206 of the Laws of 2008 signed by Governor Paterson on July 7, 2008 and Section 3011 of Article 30 of Public Health Law:

The text of this law as it pertains to this policy statement is as follows:

“The commissioner is hereby authorized and empowered to extend the certification for emergency medical technicians, advanced emergency medical technicians or certified first responders who have been ordered to active military duty, other than for training, on or after the eleventh day of September, two thousand one and whose certification will expire during their military duty or within the six months immediately following separation from military service. The extended certification shall be for the period of military duty and for twelve months after they have been released from active military duty.”

If the CFR/EMT/AEMT’s certification expires more than six (6) months following separation from active military duty, the individual is not eligible for extension of certification under the provisions of this law. In this case, the CFR/EMT/AEMT remains eligible for a refresher course. The maximum certification extension granted will be for the period of military duty and for 12 months effective from the date of release from active military duty as evidenced by official military separation documentation (i.e. DD-214 or DA Form 2-A Statement of Release from Active Duty).

Procedure:
Upon release from active military duty, the applicant for extension of certification must:

1. Complete form DOH-4281 entitled “Certification Extension for Military Personnel.” This form is also available in downloadable PDF format on the NYS EMS website at www.health.state.ny.us/forms/doh-4281.pdf. Additionally, it can be obtained by contacting the Bureau of EMS at 518-402-0996 ext 1 prompt 4.

2. Return the completed form DOH-4281 and a copy of your official military separation documentation (i.e. DD-214 or DA Form 2-A Statement of Release from Active Duty) to:

   NYS DOH Bureau of EMS
   Certification Unit
   Hedley Bldg
   433 River Street Suite 303
   Troy NY 12180

Within two weeks of receipt of the above documentation and after review and approval of same, the Bureau of EMS will issue a new certification card bearing the extended expiration date.

Issued and authorized by Bureau of EMS Office of the Director
INSTRUCTIONS: Complete all sections of this form. Mail completed form along with a photocopy of your military Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty (DD – 214) to: NYS DOH BEMS
433 River Street
Suite 303 – Certification Unit
Troy, New York 12180

First Name

Last Name

Address

City

State

Zip Code

County

Sex

(M or F)

(First Four Letters)

Social Security Number

Date of Birth

(MM) (DD) (YYYY)

Participating Agency

DOH Agency Code

CFR / EMT / AEMT Number

CFR EMT-B AEMT-I AEMT-CC EMT-P

Participating Agency

CFR / EMT / AEMT Expiration Date

(MM) (DD) (YYYY)

Home Phone

(Area Code)

Branch of Military

Check appropriate box below if you are a CIC or CLI and your Instructor certification expired while on active duty.

☐ CIC

☐ CLI