AN ACT relating to emergency medical personnel.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky:

Section 1. KRS 311A.090 is amended to read as follows:

(1) Any person licensed or certified by the board shall:

(a) Within thirty (30) days of entry of the final judgment, notify the office of the board in writing of any misdemeanor or felony criminal conviction in this Commonwealth or any other jurisdiction; or

(b) Within thirty (30) days of release from serving a sentence as a convicted felon, notify the office of the charges of which he or she was convicted and the terms of his or her release.

(2) Upon learning of any failure to notify the office of the board under this section, the office of the board may initiate an action for immediate temporary suspension under this chapter until the person submits the required notification.

Section 2. KRS 311A.200 is amended to read as follows:

(1) The provisions of KRS 311A.050 and 311A.060 relating to the certification and licensure of a felon as a first responder, emergency medical technician, or paramedic to the contrary notwithstanding, the board may issue a limited certification as a first responder or emergency medical technician or a limited license as a paramedic to a convicted felon who is currently serving a sentence for a felony and is in a facility operated by or under contract to the Department of Corrections.

(2) While incarcerated, a felon with a limited certification or license shall be limited to performing his or her services only upon other inmates, visitors, or staff of an institution operated by or under contract to the Department of Corrections.

(3) Upon release by expiration of sentence, probation, shock probation, parole, or other form of early release or upon the escape of the inmate from confinement, the released inmate who wishes to continue to be licensed as a first responder or
emergency medical technician shall:

(a) Inform the office of the board of the charges of which he or she was convicted and the conditions of his or her release as required by Section 1 of this Act; and

(b) Apply for license renewal under KRS 311A.095 [license or certification shall automatically terminate].

If the inmate has escaped from confinement, he or she shall never be issued a future limited certification or license.

(4) All other provisions of this chapter relating to first responders, emergency medical technicians, paramedics, and their employment and supervision shall apply to convicted felons with a limited license or certification.

(5) An inmate who violates the provisions of this section shall be guilty of a Class D felony.