Fulfilling the legal mandate of HB285 – at the time of recertification, beginning this year (2015), all EMS personnel must have proof of completing the required training that is less than 5 years old.

Example 1 – John takes the PAHT class in May of 2015 and his EMT expires in December of 2015. He is covered for recertification in 2015, 2017, and 2019, but will need to take the class again before he recertifies in 2021.

Example 2 – Emily takes the same PAHT class in May of 2015 but her EMT expires in December of 2016. She is covered for recertification in 2016 and 2018, but will need to take it again before recertifying in 2020.

Continuing education hours – The PAHT course may be counted as continuing education hours in either the Pediatric category or the Trauma category. The hours may only be counted for the recertification period in which the course was actually completed.

Example 1 from above – John may use the hours toward his con-ed requirement when he recertifies in December of 2015 but may not use it toward recertification HOURS in 2017 or 2019.

Example 2 from above – Emily may use the hours toward her con-ed requirement when she recertifies in December of 2016 but may not use it toward recertification HOURS in 2018.

Example 3 – Billy takes the PAHT class in January of 2015 and will use the hours to recertify his National Registry in March of 2015. He will then use proof of NR certification to renew his KY certification. Billy will be covered for his HB285 requirement just like John or Emily, depending on his KY recertification date.
EMT Students

Below is something I put together to help with this issue, but it was intended for people who are already certified at the time they take the PAHT course.

If the PAHT course participant is an initial EMT student then they do not have a certification yet to apply continuing education hours towards. So for a first time EMT student, they may only count hours toward recertification that are completed after they received their actual certification.

National Registry looks at the date you take the NR exam and successfully pass. You can test on Monday morning and have your results that afternoon in some cases which would allow you to start a class on Tuesday morning that would count toward your first recertification. Now that is National Registry....a student may only use NR to recertify their KY credentials after they have recertified NR at least once. So for the first recertification in KY they can only count continuing education hours completed after the date their KY certification was issued which may be days, weeks or months after they pass NR depending on a number of factors.

The EMT student can still take the PAHT course and I recommend it for 2 reasons....

1. It is really good information and they will likely deal with these cases once they are certified.
2. They can still claim that they have fulfilled the requirement established by HB285 for education on PAHT for the next 5 years. So depending on how long after the course they receive their credentials, they will be covered for this requirement on their first and likely their second recertification. They just cannot claim the hours for recertification purposes under these circumstances.

I hope this helps answer your question. Please let me know if you need any further clarification. Sorry if it is long-winded and convoluted....but it is a complicated issue with a lot of little variables that must be considered. I would advise each student to seek clarification from KBEMS well before their expiration date if they are unsure.

We’re here to help! 😊