

# ASSEMBLY, No. 5229

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**SYNOPSIS**

Permits paramedics to administer vaccines during outbreaks of communicable diseases.

**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

As introduced.



**(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 6/9/2021)**

1 AN ACT concerning paramedics and vaccines and supplementing  
2 Title 26 of the Revised Statutes.

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4 **BE IT ENACTED** by the Senate and General Assembly of the State  
5 of New Jersey:

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7 1. a. As used in this section, "mobile intensive care  
8 paramedic" shall have the same meaning as provided in section 1 of  
9 P.L.1984, c.146 (C.26:2K-7).

10 b. During an outbreak of a communicable disease occurring  
11 among the general public in any area of the State, all mobile  
12 intensive care paramedics in the State shall be authorized to  
13 administer any available vaccine that the Advisory Committee on  
14 Immunization Practices in the federal Centers for Disease Control  
15 and Prevention recommends to prevent against that communicable  
16 disease, which vaccine may be administered by a mobile intensive  
17 care paramedic to any patient, regardless of the patient's age, unless  
18 age restrictions have been recommended by the Advisory  
19 Committee on Immunization Practices. A mobile intensive care  
20 paramedic shall comply with any other restrictions or guidance  
21 concerning the vaccine as have been issued by the Advisory  
22 Committee on Immunization Practices or the Department of Health.  
23 A vaccine administered pursuant to this section may be  
24 administered pursuant to an individual prescription for the vaccine,  
25 a standing order for the vaccine issued by an authorized prescriber,  
26 or an immunization program or other program sponsored by an  
27 authorized governmental agency that is not patient specific.

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29 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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#### STATEMENT

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34 This bill permits paramedics to administer vaccines during  
35 outbreaks of communicable diseases.

36 Under the bill, during an outbreak of a communicable disease  
37 occurring among the general public in any area of the State, all  
38 paramedics in the State are to be authorized to administer any  
39 available vaccine that the Advisory Committee on Immunization  
40 Practices in the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention  
41 recommends to prevent against that communicable disease, which  
42 vaccine may be administered by a paramedic to any patient,  
43 regardless of the patient's age, unless age restrictions have been  
44 recommended by the Advisory Committee on Immunization  
45 Practices. A mobile intensive care paramedic is to comply with any  
46 other restrictions or guidance concerning the vaccine as have been  
47 issued by the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices or the  
48 Department of Health. A vaccine administered pursuant to the

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2 prescription for the vaccine, a standing order for the vaccine issued  
3 by an authorized prescriber, or an immunization program or other  
4 program sponsored by an authorized governmental agency that is  
5 not patient specific.