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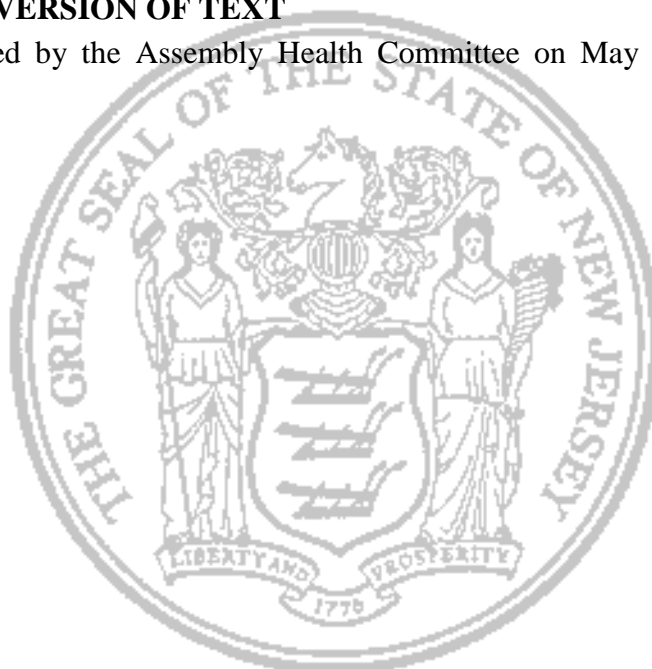
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SYNOPSIS

Permits certain paramedics to administer buprenorphine.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As reported by the Assembly Health Committee on May 17, 2021, with amendments.



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1 AN ACT concerning mobile intensive care paramedics and
2 buprenorphine and supplementing Title 26 of the Revised
3 Statutes.

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

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8 1. a. As used in this section:

9 “Mobile intensive care paramedic” and “mobile intensive care
10 unit” shall have the same meaning as provided in section 1 of
11 P.L.1984, c.146 (C.26:2K-7).

12 “Opioid antidote” shall have the same meaning as provided in
13 section 1 of P.L.2017, c.116 (C.26:2K-66).

14 b. Subject to the requirements of federal law, a mobile intensive
15 care paramedic in this State who has responded to an emergency as
16 a member of a dispatched mobile intensive care unit may administer
17 buprenorphine ¹, under the medical direction of a licensed,
18 supervising physician,¹ to an individual ¹**[**if a member of the
19 mobile intensive care unit administered an opioid antidote to that
20 individual**]** following the emergent administration of an opioid
21 antidote to that individual¹ provided that the mobile intensive care
22 paramedic administering the buprenorphine:

23 (1) is providing emergency medical services through a program
24 that is registered with the United States Attorney General pursuant
25 to subsection (j) of 21 U.S.C. s.823;

26 (2) administers the buprenorphine consistent with all applicable
27 requirements of federal law; and

28 (3) has completed supervised comprehensive training and
29 competency assessments within a mobile intensive care unit
30 regarding which specific medical conditions necessitate the
31 administration of buprenorphine, buprenorphine dosage
32 requirements, and required medical documentation following the
33 administration of buprenorphine.

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35 2. The Commissioner of Health may adopt rules and
36 regulations, in accordance with the “Administrative Procedure Act,”
37 P.L.1968, c.410 (C.52:14B-1 et seq.), as are necessary to effectuate
38 the provisions of this act.

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40 3. This act shall take effect immediately.

EXPLANATION – Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets **[thus]** in the above bill is
not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.

Matter underlined thus is new matter.

Matter enclosed in superscript numerals has been adopted as follows:

¹Assembly AHE committee amendments adopted May 17, 2021.