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SYNOPSIS

Establishes staffing requirements for certain emergency medical services.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



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1 AN ACT concerning emergency medical services 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 act:

8 "Advanced life support" means an advanced level of pre-
9 hospital, inter-hospital, and emergency service care which includes
10 basic life support functions, cardiac monitoring, cardiac
11 defibrillation, telemetered electrocardiography, administration of
12 anti-arrhythmic agents, intravenous therapy, administration of
13 specific medications, drugs and solutions, use of adjunctive
14 ventilation devices, trauma care and other techniques and
15 procedures authorized in writing by the commissioner.

16 "Basic life support" means a basic level of pre-hospital care
17 which includes patient stabilization, airway clearance,
18 cardiopulmonary resuscitation, hemorrhage control, initial wound
19 care and fracture stabilization, and other techniques and procedures
20 authorized by the commissioner.

21 "Commissioner" means the Commissioner of Health.

22 "Emergency medical technician-basic" means a person trained in
23 basic life support and certified or recognized by the commissioner
24 in accordance with the standards for emergency medical technician-
25 basic certification as set forth under N.J.A.C. 8:40A or a successor
26 regulation.

27 "First responder" means a police officer, firefighter, or other
28 person who has been trained to provide emergency medical first
29 response services in a program recognized by the commissioner.

30 b. (1) Notwithstanding the provision of any law to the
31 contrary, at a minimum, a basic life support ambulance shall be
32 staffed with one emergency medical technician-basic and one first
33 responder.

34 (2) An emergency medical technician-basic staffing a basic life
35 support ambulance pursuant to the provisions of this subsection
36 shall be present in the patient compartment of the ambulance if
37 there is a patient in the ambulance and shall have the ability to
38 request advanced life support services if necessary.

39 (3) A first responder staffing a basic life support ambulance
40 pursuant to the provisions of this subsection shall: be at least 18
41 years of age, certified to administer cardio-pulmonary resuscitation,
42 be able to operate a basic life support ambulance as determined by
43 the commissioner, possess a certification from the National Safety
44 Council, National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians,
45 American Red Cross, Emergency Care and Safety Institute, the
46 American Health and Safety Institute, or an equivalent certification.

1 2. The Commissioner of Health shall adopt rules and
2 regulations, in accordance with the "Administrative Procedure Act,"
3 P.L.1968, c.410 (C.52:14B-1 et seq.), as are necessary to effectuate
4 the provisions of this act.

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6 3. This act shall take effect immediately.

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STATEMENT

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11 This bill establishes staffing requirements for certain emergency
12 medical services.

13 Under the bill, at a minimum, a basic life support ambulance is
14 to be staffed with one emergency medical technician-basic and one
15 first responder. An emergency medical technician-basic staffing a
16 basic life support ambulance is to be present in the patient
17 compartment of the ambulance if there is a patient in the ambulance
18 and is to have the ability to request advanced life support services if
19 necessary. A first responder staffing a basic life support ambulance
20 pursuant to the provisions of this subsection is to: be at least 18
21 years of age, certified to administer cardio-pulmonary resuscitation,
22 be able to operate a basic life support ambulance, possess a
23 certification from the National Safety Council, National Registry of
24 Emergency Medical Technicians, American Red Cross, Emergency
25 Care and Safety Institute, the American Health and Safety Institute,
26 or an equivalent certification.

27 The bill defines "basic life support" means a basic level of pre-
28 hospital care which includes patient stabilization, airway clearance,
29 cardiopulmonary resuscitation, hemorrhage control, initial wound
30 care and fracture stabilization, and other techniques and procedures
31 authorized by the Commissioner of Health (commissioner).
32 "Emergency medical technician-basic" means a person trained in
33 basic life support and certified or recognized by the commissioner
34 in accordance with the standards for emergency medical technician-
35 basic certification as set forth under N.J.A.C. 8:40A or a successor
36 regulation. "First responder" means a police officer, firefighter, or
37 other person who has been trained to provide emergency medical
38 first response services in a program recognized by the
39 commissioner.