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SYNOPSIS

Requires certain ambulances to carry epinephrine.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

Introduced Pending Technical Review by Legislative Counsel.



1 AN ACT concerning epinephrine and supplementing Title 26 of the
2 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:

8 “Basic life support” means a basic level of pre-hospital care
9 which includes patient stabilization, airway clearance,
10 cardiopulmonary resuscitation, hemorrhage control, initial wound
11 care and fracture stabilization and other techniques and procedures
12 authorized by the Department of Health.

13 “Emergency medical technician” means a person trained in basic
14 life support services as defined in section 1 of P.L.1985, c.351
15 (C.26:2K-21) and who is certified by the Department of Health to
16 perform these services.

17 “Volunteer first aid, rescue and ambulance squad” shall have the
18 same meaning as provided in section 3 of P.L.1987, c.284 (C.27:5F-
19 20).

20 b. Notwithstanding the provisions of any law to the contrary,
21 each basic life support ambulance service vehicle and each
22 volunteer first aid, rescue and ambulance squad vehicle shall be
23 equipped with a supply of epinephrine auto-injector devices,
24 syringes, or both, and shall be staffed by at least one emergency
25 medical technician certified to administer an epinephrine auto-
26 injector device, syringe, or both.

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

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33 3. This act shall take effect 180 days after the date of
34 enactment.

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STATEMENT

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39 This bill requires certain ambulances to carry epinephrine.
40 Under the bill, each basic life support ambulance service vehicle
41 and each volunteer first aid, rescue and ambulance squad vehicle is
42 to be equipped with a supply of epinephrine auto-injector devices,
43 syringes, or both, and is to be staffed by at least one emergency
44 medical technician certified to administer an epinephrine auto-
45 injector device, syringe, or both.

46 The bill defines “basic life support” to mean a basic level of pre-
47 hospital care which includes patient stabilization, airway clearance,
48 cardiopulmonary resuscitation, hemorrhage control, initial wound

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