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SYNOPSIS

Revises eligibility criteria for reimbursement from “Emergency Medical Technician Training Fund.”

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



1 AN ACT concerning the “Emergency Medical Technician Training
2 Fund” and amending P.L.1992, c.143.

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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. Section 4 of P.L.1992, c.143 (C.26:2K-57) is amended to
8 read as follows:

9 4. a. The commissioner, in accordance with recommendations
10 adopted by the council, and within the limits of those monies in the
11 fund, shall annually reimburse **any private agency, organization or**
12 **entity** an ambulance, first aid and rescue squad which is certified
13 by the commissioner to provide training and testing for **volunteer**
14 **ambulance, first aid and rescue squad personnel** individuals who
15 are seeking certification as an emergency medical **technician-**
16 **ambulance, or EMT-A, or emergency medical technician-**
17 **defibrillation, or EMT-D, certification or recertification, or an entity**
18 **which provides an educational program in the administration of**
19 **epinephrine auto-injector devices that is approved by the**
20 **commissioner pursuant to P.L.2003, c.1 (C.26:2K-47.1 et al.), and**
21 **technician.** An ambulance, first aid and rescue squad shall be
22 eligible for reimbursement from the fund for the costs of providing
23 training and testing for initial certification as an emergency medical
24 technician to a member or prospective member of the squad, for
25 which costs that **entity** squad is not otherwise reimbursed. An
26 ambulance, first aid and rescue squad shall be eligible for
27 reimbursement from the fund regardless of whether the squad
28 receives any payment or reimbursement for providing emergency
29 medical services. An ambulance, first aid and rescue squad shall
30 not be eligible for reimbursement from the fund for the costs of:
31 providing training and testing for recertification as an emergency
32 medical technician; providing training and testing for initial
33 certification or recertification as an emergency medical technician
34 to an individual who is not a member or prospective member of the
35 squad; or providing training and testing to an individual for initial
36 certification or recertification as an emergency medical technician
37 for which the squad is otherwise reimbursed.

38 **【The priority for reimbursement from the fund to an agency,**
39 **organization or entity for training and testing of volunteer**
40 **ambulance, first aid and rescue squad personnel shall be in the**
41 **following order: EMT-A certification, EMT-A recertification,**
42 **EMT-D certification, EMT-D recertification and certification to**
43 **administer epinephrine auto-injector devices pursuant to P.L.2003,**
44 **c.1 (C.26:2K-47.1 et al.).】**

45 b. The head of each ambulance, first aid and rescue squad shall

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.

1 notify the Department of Health whenever an individual who
2 received initial emergency medical technician training from the
3 squad, for which training the squad received reimbursement from
4 the fund, resigns from the squad without good cause, as determined
5 by the squad, within the individual's initial three-year certification
6 period, or if the individual fails to remain in good standing with the
7 squad throughout the individual's initial three-year certification
8 period.

9 c. Each ambulance, first aid and rescue squad shall retain
10 records for the initial three-year certification period for each
11 individual to whom the squad provided initial emergency medical
12 technician training, for which training the squad received
13 reimbursement from the fund, demonstrating that, during that initial
14 three-year certification period, the individual remained in good
15 standing with the squad, including, but not limited to, by
16 responding to dispatch calls, participating in drills, being on call,
17 and participating in such other activities as the squad may require of
18 members in good standing. At a minimum, records of good
19 standing shall be maintained by a squad during the individual's
20 initial three-year certification period and for a period of one year
21 following the end of that initial certification period.

22 d. An individual who received initial emergency medical
23 services training for which reimbursement was provided from the
24 fund to an ambulance, first aid or rescue squad shall be liable to
25 reimburse the fund for the costs of the individual's emergency
26 medical technician training in an amount equal to the
27 reimbursement paid to the squad that provided the training, in the
28 event that the individual:

29 (1) resigns from the ambulance, first aid and rescue squad that
30 provided the training without good cause within the individual's
31 initial three-year certification period; or

32 (2) fails to remain in good standing with the ambulance, first aid
33 and rescue squad that provided the training during the individual's
34 initial three-year certification period.,

35 (cf: P.L.2003, c.1, s.9)

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37 2. The Commissioner of Health shall adopt rules and
38 regulations, pursuant to the "Administrative Procedure Act,"
39 P.L.1968, c.410 (C.52:14B-1 et seq.), as shall be necessary to
40 implement the provisions of this act.

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42 3. This act shall take effect 180 days after the date of
43 enactment.

44 45 46 STATEMENT

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48 This bill revises the requirements to receive reimbursement from
49 the "Emergency Medical Technician Training Fund."

1 Currently, any private agency, organization, or entity which is
2 certified by the Commissioner of Health to provide training and
3 testing for volunteer ambulance, first aid and rescue squad
4 personnel who are seeking certification or recertification as an
5 emergency medical technician (EMT) may be reimbursed from the
6 fund for any costs associated with the training and testing of
7 volunteer EMTs that are not otherwise reimbursed. Volunteer
8 ambulance, first aid and rescue squads are eligible for
9 reimbursement from the fund if the squad does not receive any
10 payment for the provision of emergency medical services,
11 regardless of whether the individual EMTs on the squad are paid by
12 the squad for their services.

13 This bill would revise these requirements to provide that the fund
14 will only provide reimbursement for initial EMT certification
15 provided by an ambulance, first aid and rescue squad to a member
16 or prospective member of that squad. Squads will be eligible for
17 reimbursement from the fund regardless of whether squad receives
18 payment or reimbursement for providing emergency medical
19 services. Reimbursement from the fund will not be available for the
20 costs of recertification as an EMT or for the costs of training an
21 individual who is not a member or prospective member of the
22 squad, or for any training and testing costs for which the squad is
23 reimbursed from another source.

24 An EMT whose training is reimbursed through the fund will be
25 required, during the EMT's initial three-year certification period, to
26 remain a member in good standing with the squad that provided the
27 training. Each squad will determine its own requirements for
28 members to remain in good standing. Squads will be required to
29 provide the Department of Health with notice if an EMT whose
30 training was reimbursed from the fund fails to remain in good
31 standing with the squad, or resigns from the squad without good
32 cause, as determined by the squad, within the EMT's initial
33 certification period. The squad will additionally be required to
34 maintain documentation that the EMT met the squad's requirements
35 to remain in good standing throughout the initial certification
36 period, which records will be maintained during the initial
37 certification period and for one year after the end of the EMT's
38 initial certification period.

39 An EMT who, during the EMT's initial certification period,
40 resigns without good cause or fails to remain in good standing with
41 the squad that trained the EMT will be required to reimburse the
42 fund for the cost of the EMT's initial training in an amount equal to
43 the amount of reimbursement paid to the squad from the fund.

44 It is the sponsor's belief that expanding the eligibility criteria for
45 initial EMT training and certification will help encourage more
46 people to become EMTs by minimizing the costs of initial training
47 and certification.