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SYNOPSIS

Permits emergency medical technicians to administer certain vaccines during certain declared public health emergencies.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



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1 AN ACT concerning emergency medical technicians and vaccines
2 and supplementing 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:

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

12 “Infectious disease” means a disease caused by a living organism
13 or other pathogen, including a fungus, bacteria, parasite, protozoan,
14 virus, or prion. An infectious disease may, or may not, be
15 transmissible from person to person, animal to person, or insect to
16 person.

17 b. During a declared public health emergency involving an
18 outbreak of an infectious disease, an emergency medical technician
19 in the State shall be authorized to administer a vaccine provided
20 that:

21 (1) the emergency medical technician is certified by the
22 Department of Health to administer vaccines that protect against the
23 infectious disease that is the basis of the declared public health
24 emergency;

25 (2) the vaccine is recommended by the Advisory Committee on
26 Immunization Practices in the federal Centers for Disease Control
27 and Prevention to prevent against the transmission of the infectious
28 disease that is the basis of the declared public health emergency;

29 (3) the emergency medical technician has completed an
30 educational vaccine administration training program that is based
31 on guidance from the federal Centers for Disease Control and
32 Prevention and which has been approved by the Department of
33 Health; and

34 (4) a medical director or a supervising healthcare professional,
35 whose scope of practice includes the administration of
36 intramuscular and subcutaneous injections, documents the adequate
37 competency of the emergency medical technician through a skills
38 assessment checklist that is approved by the Department of Health.

39 c. An emergency medical technician shall comply with any
40 other restrictions or guidance concerning the vaccine as have been
41 issued by the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices or the
42 Department of Health.

43 d. A vaccine administered pursuant to this section may be
44 administered pursuant to an individual prescription for the vaccine,
45 a standing order for the vaccine issued by an authorized prescriber,
46 or an immunization program or other program sponsored by an
47 authorized governmental agency that is not patient specific.

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 permits emergency medical technicians to administer
12 certain vaccines during declared public health emergencies.

13 The bill provides that, during a declared public health emergency
14 involving an outbreak of an infectious disease, an emergency
15 medical technician in the State is to be authorized to administer a
16 vaccine provided that: (1) the emergency medical technician is
17 certified by the Department of Health (DOH) to administer vaccines
18 that protect against the infectious disease that is the basis of the
19 declared public health emergency; (2) the vaccine is recommended
20 by the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices in the
21 federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) to
22 prevent against the transmission of the infectious disease that is the
23 basis of the declared public health emergency; (3) the emergency
24 medical technician has completed an educational vaccine
25 administration training program that is based on guidance from the
26 CDC and which has been approved by the DOH; and (4) a medical
27 director or a supervising healthcare professional, whose scope of
28 practice includes the administration of intramuscular and
29 subcutaneous injections, documents the adequate competency of the
30 emergency medical technician through a skills assessment checklist
31 that is approved by the DOH.

32 Under the bill, an emergency medical technician is to comply
33 with any other restrictions or guidance concerning the vaccine as
34 have been issued by the Advisory Committee on Immunization
35 Practices or the DOH. A vaccine administered pursuant to the bill’s
36 provisions may be administered pursuant to an individual
37 prescription for the vaccine, a standing order for the vaccine issued
38 by an authorized prescriber, or an immunization program or other
39 program sponsored by an authorized governmental agency that is
40 not patient specific.