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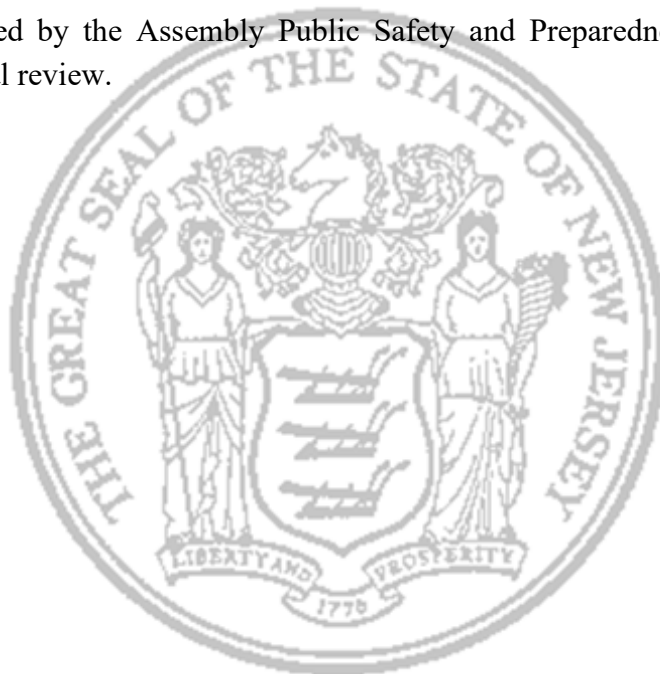
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SYNOPSIS

Requires municipalities to provide basic life support services; establishes basic life support services as essential.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As reported by the Assembly Public Safety and Preparedness Committee with technical review.



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1 AN ACT concerning the provision of basic life support services,
2 supplementing Title 26 of the Revised Statutes, and amending
3 P.L.1993, c.58.

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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. (New section) a. As used in this act:

9 “Basic life support ambulance service” means an entity that is
10 validly licensed by the department to provide pre-hospital basic life
11 support care.

12 “Basic life support service” means a basic level of pre-hospital care
13 which includes basic life support ambulance service, patient
14 stabilization, airway clearance, cardiopulmonary resuscitation,
15 hemorrhage control, initial wound care and fracture stabilization, and
16 other techniques and procedures authorized by the commissioner.

17 b. Basic life support service shall be deemed an essential service
18 in this State. The governing body of each municipality in this State
19 shall provide basic life support service to meet the needs of its
20 population. The provision of basic life support service may be
21 arranged by:

22 (1) providing a license or franchise to a private company;

23 (2) contracting with a public, private, or nonprofit entity for the
24 service;

25 (3) entering into a mutual aid agreement with one or more
26 municipal governing bodies for basic life support service pursuant
27 to section 2 of P.L.1993, c.58 (C.26:2K-61);

28 (4) entering into an agreement with a hospital pursuant to
29 section 1 of P.L.2015, c.70 (C.26:2K-12.1); or

30 (5) providing fire department and emergency medical services
31 or public safety based basic life support service throughout the
32 State, county, fire district, joint meeting, regional service agency of
33 municipality, political subdivision, instrumentality, or agency.

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35 2. Section 2 of P.L.1993, c.58 (C.26:2K-61) is amended to read
36 as follows:

37 2. The governing bodies of two or more municipalities may, by
38 enacting reciprocal ordinances, enter into agreements with each
39 other for mutual basic life support service, and first aid, ambulance,
40 or rescue squad assistance in case of emergency, subject to the
41 written approval of the volunteer basic life support service, and first
42 aid, ambulance, or rescue squad or squads involved. The
43 agreements may provide for:

44 a. **【Terms】** terms and conditions for payment by the
45 municipality receiving assistance to the municipality rendering

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 assistance for each member and each equipped basic life support
2 service, or first aid, ambulance, or rescue squad apparatus, for each
3 hour supplied;
- 4 b. **【The】** the reimbursement of the municipality or
5 municipalities rendering assistance for any damage to basic life
6 support service, or first aid, ambulance, or rescue squad equipment
7 or other property, and for payment to any member of a basic life
8 support service, or first aid, ambulance, or rescue squad, for injuries
9 sustained while serving pursuant to such agreements, or to a
10 surviving spouse or other dependent if death results; and
- 11 c. **【A】** a joint meeting of the municipalities entering into such
12 agreements regarding other matters as are mutually deemed
13 necessary.
14 (cf: P.L.1993, c.58, s.2)
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- 16 3. This act shall take effect immediately.