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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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