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SYNOPSIS

Permits corrections officers, firefighters, and police officers to administer epinephrine auto-injector device.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



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1 AN ACT concerning epinephrine and amending P.L.2015, c.215.

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3 **BE IT ENACTED** by the Senate and General Assembly of the State
4 of New Jersey:

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6 1. Section 3 of P.L.2015, c.215 (C.24:6L-3) is amended to read
7 as follows:

8 3. As used in this act:

9 "Commissioner" means the Commissioner of Health.

10 "Health care professional" means a licensed physician, physician
11 assistant, advanced practice nurse, pharmacist, or other health care
12 professional whose professional practice is regulated pursuant to
13 Title 45 of the Revised Statutes and whose authorized scope of
14 practice includes prescribing, dispensing, or administering
15 medication, whether independently or through a joint protocol or
16 standing order from a physician.

17 "Firefighter" means a firefighter who is employed by or who
18 volunteers for a public fire department.

19 "Police officer" means a State, county, or municipal police
20 officer.

21 (cf: P.L.2015, c.215, s.3)

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23 2. Section 4 of P.L.2015, c.215 (C.24:6L-4) is amended to read
24 as follows:

25 4. a. Any person, including a county or State corrections
26 officer, firefighter, or police officer, who has successfully
27 completed an educational program approved by the commissioner
28 pursuant to section 5 of this act to administer an epinephrine auto-
29 injector device shall be issued a certificate of completion, which
30 shall authorize the person to administer, maintain, and dispose of an
31 epinephrine auto-injector device.

32 b. A licensed health care professional may prescribe or
33 dispense an epinephrine auto-injector device, either directly or
34 through a standing order, to a person authorized to administer,
35 maintain, and dispose of the device pursuant to subsection a. of this
36 section.

37 c. An entity employing a person authorized to administer,
38 maintain, and dispose of an epinephrine auto-injector device
39 pursuant to subsection a. of this section may obtain, maintain, and
40 make available to the authorized person epinephrine auto-injector
41 devices consistent with such standards and protocols as the
42 commissioner may establish by regulation.

43 (cf: P.L.2015, c.215, s.4)

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45 3. This act shall take effect immediately.

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 STATEMENT

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3 This bill clarifies existing law to expressly permit corrections
4 officers, firefighters, and police officers to administer an
5 epinephrine auto-injector device.

6 Under the bill, any person, including a county or State
7 corrections officer, firefighter, or police officer, who has
8 successfully completed an educational program approved by the
9 Commissioner of Health to administer an epinephrine auto-injector
10 device is to be issued a certificate of completion, which is to
11 authorize the person to administer, maintain, and dispose of an
12 epinephrine auto-injector device.

13 The bill defines "firefighter" to mean a firefighter who is
14 employed by or who volunteers for a public fire department.
15 "Police officer" means a State, county, or municipal police officer.