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STATE OF NEW JERSEY

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SYNOPSIS

Requires issuance of temporary emergency medical services certifications under certain circumstances.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 10/22/2020)

1 AN ACT concerning emergency medical services and supplementing
2 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. (1) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary,
8 if the professional certification of an emergency medical technician
9 or a paramedic is set to expire in less than 150 days, during a
10 declared state of emergency or a declared public health emergency
11 that has been greater than 90 days in duration, the Commissioner of
12 Health shall extend the certification of the emergency medical
13 technician or paramedic for a period of six months beyond the date
14 on which the certification is set to expire.

15 (2) If there continues to be a declared state of emergency or
16 declared public health emergency 30 days into the initial extension
17 pursuant to paragraph (1) of this subsection, the Commissioner of
18 Health shall extend the certification for an additional six-months
19 after the extension granted pursuant to paragraph (1) of this
20 subsection is set to expire.

21 b. The Commissioner of Health shall extend the certification
22 pursuant to subsection a. of this section of any emergency medical
23 technician or paramedic whose professional certification is set to
24 expire, regardless of whether the emergency medical technician or
25 paramedic has satisfied the requirements for certification.

26 c. To facilitate the extension of the certification of emergency
27 medical technicians and paramedics pursuant to this section, the
28 Commissioner of Health is authorized to waive any fees, continuing
29 education requirements, refresher course requirements, required
30 demonstrations of proficiency, endorsement requirements, clinical
31 training requirements, examination requirements, and other
32 requirements that would otherwise apply to recertification of an
33 emergency medical technician or a paramedic whose certification is
34 set to expire.

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36 2. This act shall take effect immediately and shall be
37 retroactive to March 9, 2020.

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40 STATEMENT

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42 This bill requires the issuance of temporary emergency medical
43 services certifications under certain circumstances.

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45 medical technician or a paramedic is set to expire in less than 150
46 days, during a declared state of emergency or a declared public
47 health emergency that has been greater than 90 days in duration, the
48 Commissioner of Health (commissioner) is to extend the

1 certification of the emergency medical technician or paramedic for
2 a period of six months beyond the date on which the certification is
3 set to expire. If there continues to be a declared state of emergency
4 or declared public health emergency 30 days into the initial
5 extension, the commissioner is to extend the certification for an
6 additional six-months after the initial extension is set to expire.

7 Under the bill, the commissioner is to extend the certification of
8 any emergency medical technician or paramedic whose professional
9 certification is set to expire, regardless of whether the emergency
10 medical technician or paramedic has satisfied the requirements for
11 certification. To facilitate the extension of the certification of
12 emergency medical technicians and paramedics, the commissioner
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