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SYNOPSIS

Requires issuance of temporary emergency medical services certifications.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



1 AN ACT concerning emergency medical services and amending
2 P.L.2020, c.18.

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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. Section 3 of P.L.2020, c.18 is amended to read as follows:

8 3. a. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the
9 contrary, for the duration of the state of emergency or the public
10 health emergency declared in response to the COVID-19 pandemic,
11 whichever period of declared emergency is longer, the
12 Commissioner of Health shall **[be authorized to]**:

13 (1) issue a provisional certification to any emergency medical
14 technician whose professional certification has expired, regardless
15 of whether the emergency medical technician has satisfied the
16 requirements for reinstatement of an expired certification, provided
17 that the emergency medical technician submits an application for
18 provisional certification that includes such information or
19 attestations as may be required by the commissioner, and the
20 commissioner determines that the application should be granted.
21 The commissioner may require additional showings, such as a
22 demonstration of proficiency, prior to granting such application. A
23 provisional certification issued under this paragraph shall be valid
24 for six months from the date of issuance, unless otherwise
25 determined by the commissioner;

26 (2) issue a provisional certification to any paramedic whose
27 professional certification has expired within the last five years,
28 regardless of whether the paramedic has satisfied the requirements
29 for reinstatement of an expired certification, provided that the
30 paramedic submits an application for provisional certification that
31 includes such information or attestations as may be required by the
32 commissioner, and the commissioner determines that the
33 application should be granted. The commissioner may require
34 additional showings, such as a demonstration of proficiency, prior
35 to granting such application. A provisional certification issued
36 under this paragraph shall be valid for six months from the date of
37 issuance, unless otherwise determined by the commissioner;

38 (3) temporarily reactivate the certification of any paramedic
39 whose certification is currently on inactive status, regardless of
40 whether the paramedic has satisfied the requirements for
41 reactivation of an inactive certification, provided that the paramedic
42 submits an application for reactivation that includes such
43 information or attestations as may be required by the commissioner,
44 and the commissioner determines that the application should be
45 granted. The commissioner may require additional showings, such
46 as a demonstration of proficiency, prior to granting such

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 application. A temporary reactivation issued under this paragraph
2 shall be valid for six months from the date of issuance, unless
3 otherwise determined by the commissioner; and

4 (4) grant temporary reciprocity to any paramedic who is not
5 certified to practice in New Jersey but is either provisionally
6 certified as a paramedic by the National Registry of Emergency
7 Medical Technicians or is certified as a paramedic in any other state
8 or the District of Columbia, provided that the paramedic has not had
9 a paramedic certification revoked by the Department of Health,
10 does not currently have a paramedic certification under suspension
11 by the Department of Health, and satisfies all other requirements as
12 may be provided by the commissioner. A grant of temporary
13 reciprocity issued under this paragraph shall be valid for six months
14 from the date of issuance, unless otherwise determined by the
15 commissioner.

16 b. To facilitate the provisional certification of emergency
17 medical technicians and paramedics, the temporary reactivation of
18 inactive paramedic certifications, and the grant of temporary
19 reciprocity to out-of-State paramedics pursuant to subsection a. of
20 this section, the commissioner is authorized to waive any fees,
21 continuing education requirements, refresher course requirements,
22 periods of provisional certification, required demonstrations of
23 proficiency, endorsement requirements, clinical training
24 requirements, examination requirements, and other requirements
25 that would otherwise apply to recertification of an emergency
26 medical technician or a paramedic whose certification has expired,
27 reactivation of a paramedic certification that has been placed on
28 inactive status, or a grant of reciprocity to an out-of-State
29 paramedic. Waivers of regulations issued pursuant to this
30 subsection shall be valid for six months from the date of issuance,
31 unless otherwise determined by the commissioner.

32 (cf: P.L.2020, c.18, s.3)

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34 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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STATEMENT

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39 This bill requires the issuance of temporary emergency medical
40 services certifications.

41 P.L.2020, c.18 authorized the Commissioner of Health
42 (commissioner) to grant: provisional certifications to emergency
43 medical technicians and paramedics, temporary reactivation of
44 inactive paramedic certifications, and temporary reciprocity to out-
45 of-State paramedics. This bill requires the commissioner to grant:
46 provisional certifications to emergency medical technicians and
47 paramedics, temporary reactivation of inactive paramedic
48 certifications, and temporary reciprocity to out-of-State paramedics.