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SYNOPSIS

Requires certain homemaker-home health aides to be certified or trained to administer cardiopulmonary resuscitation.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 6/1/2021)

1 AN ACT concerning cardiopulmonary resuscitation and homemaker-
2 home health aides and supplementing Title 45 of the Revised
3 Statutes.

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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. a. Notwithstanding the provisions of any law, order, rule, or
9 regulation to the contrary, a homemaker-home health aide shall be
10 certified or effectively trained to administer cardiopulmonary
11 resuscitation in order to provide care for patients over the age of 65.

12 b. The employer of a homemaker-home health aide shall be
13 responsible for any costs associated with certifying or training a
14 homemaker-home health aide to administer cardiopulmonary
15 resuscitation as required pursuant to subsection a. of this section.

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17 2. The Board of Nursing may adopt rules and regulations, in
18 accordance with the "Administrative Procedure Act," P.L.1968,
19 c.410 (C.52:14B-1 et seq.), as are necessary to effectuate the
20 provisions of this act.

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22 3. This act shall take effect immediately.

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25 STATEMENT

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27 This bill requires certain homemaker-home health aides to be
28 certified or trained to administer cardiopulmonary resuscitation.

29 Under the bill, a homemaker-home health aide is to be certified
30 or effectively trained to administer cardiopulmonary resuscitation in
31 order to provide care for patients over the age of 65. The employer
32 of a homemaker-home health aide is to be responsible for any costs
33 associated with certifying or training a homemaker-home health
34 aide to administer cardiopulmonary resuscitation as required
35 pursuant to the bill's provisions.

36 It is the sponsor's belief that this bill is necessary given the
37 elevated risk of choking in elderly persons. For example, of the
38 5,051 people who died from choking in 2015, over half were older
39 than the age of 74. In addition, individuals over 65 are seven times
40 more likely to choke on food compared to children aged 1-4.