

ASSEMBLY HEALTH COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

ASSEMBLY, No. 6132

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

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The Assembly Health Committee reports favorably Assembly Bill No. 6132.

This bill permits volunteer paramedics to operate within mobile intensive care units. The bill defines “volunteer paramedic unit” to mean an operational subunit within a mobile intensive care unit that is exclusively staffed by at least two volunteer paramedics with access to any vehicle, including a personal vehicle.

The bill provides that members of a volunteer paramedic unit may respond to an emergency jointly or separately. The first member of a volunteer paramedic unit to respond to an emergency may provide aid prior to the arrival of the second member of a volunteer paramedic if necessary. The first member of a volunteer paramedic unit to respond to an emergency may cancel the response of a second member of a volunteer paramedic unit to the emergency if the first member determines the aid of a second member of a volunteer paramedic unit is unnecessary.

The bill provides that members of a volunteer paramedic unit are to be dressed professionally and to wear identification that identifies the members as paramedics. Members of a volunteer paramedic unit are not to be required to respond to an emergency dressed in a uniform issued by the mobile intensive care unit.

Under the bill, a mobile intensive care paramedic may perform advanced life support services, provided that the paramedic is following a standing order.