# SENATE, No. 3189

# 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.

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**AN ACT** concerning emergency medical services and supplementing Title 26 of the Revised Statutes.

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

1. a. (1) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, if the professional certification of an emergency medical technician or a paramedic is set to expire in less than 150 days, during a declared state of emergency or a declared public health emergency that has been greater than 90 days in duration, the Commissioner of Health shall extend the certification of the emergency medical technician or paramedic for a period of six months beyond the date on which the certification is set to expire.

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

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

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

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

STATEMENT

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

Under the bill, if the professional certification of an emergency medical technician or a paramedic is set to expire in less than 150 days, during a declared state of emergency or a declared public health emergency that has been greater than 90 days in duration, the Commissioner of Health (commissioner) is to extend the

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

Under the bill, the commissioner is to extend the certification of any emergency medical technician or paramedic whose professional certification is set to expire, regardless of whether the emergency medical technician or paramedic has satisfied the requirements for certification. To facilitate the extension of the certification of emergency medical technicians and paramedics, the commissioner is authorized to waive any fees, continuing education requirements, refresher course requirements, required demonstrations of proficiency, endorsement requirements, clinical training requirements, examination requirements, and other requirements that would otherwise apply to recertification of an emergency medical technician or a paramedic whose certification is set to expire.