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SYNOPSIS

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

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As amended by the Senate on January 11, 2021.



(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 1/11/2021)

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
8 contrary, if the professional certification of an emergency medical
9 technician or a paramedic is set to expire in less than 150 days,
10 during a declared state of emergency or a declared public health
11 emergency that has been greater than 90 days in duration, the
12 Commissioner of Health shall extend the certification of the
13 emergency medical technician or paramedic for a period of six
14 months beyond the date 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 ¹(3) For the duration of the state of emergency and public health
22 emergency declared in response to the coronavirus disease 2019
23 (COVID-19) pandemic, any professional certification of an
24 emergency medical technician or a paramedic that expired on or
25 after December 31, 2020 shall be extended by the Commissioner of
26 Health for a period of six months beyond the date on which the
27 certification expired.¹

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

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

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

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.

Matter enclosed in superscript numerals has been adopted as follows:

¹Senate floor amendments adopted January 11, 2021.