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SYNOPSIS

Requires paramedic units to stock cyanide toxicity kits; appropriates \$500,000.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



1 AN ACT requiring paramedics to stock cyanide toxicity kits,
2 supplementing Title 26 of the Revised Statutes, and making an
3 appropriation.

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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. Within 120 days after the effective date of this act, and in
9 accordance with the provisions of this section, each paramedic unit
10 in the State shall be required to stock cyanide toxicity kits.

11 b. Each mobile intensive care paramedic or volunteer
12 paramedic unit in the State shall be required to maintain, in a secure
13 but accessible location in each mobile intensive care unit or
14 volunteer paramedic unit, an adequate supply of unexpired cyanide
15 toxicity kits.

16 c. Each person, volunteer or paid, who is trained in advanced
17 life support services and certified by the commissioner to render
18 advanced life support before the effective date of this act, shall
19 within 24 months of the effective date of this act, satisfactorily
20 complete training in the emergency administration of cyanide
21 antidote in accordance with the standardized training protocol
22 established pursuant to subsection d. of this section.

23 d. The Commissioner of Health shall develop a standardized
24 training protocol on emergency cyanide antidote administration,
25 which shall be used to provide training to paramedics, paid or
26 volunteer, throughout the State, as required by this act.

27 The standardized protocol shall require training sessions on
28 emergency cyanide antidote administration to be provided by a
29 healthcare professional whose authorized scope of practice includes
30 the administration of intravenous medication, and shall further
31 require each training session to include instruction on the following
32 topics:

33 (1) the recognition and identification of the symptoms of smoke
34 inhalation;

35 (2) procedures and protocols for the proper storage and safe
36 carrying of cyanide toxicity kits;

37 (3) procedures and protocols for the safe administration of
38 cyanide antidote;

39 (4) procedure and protocols for the proper disposal of expended
40 or expired cyanide antidote;

41 (5) procedures and protocols to ensure proper aftercare of a
42 person to whom cyanide antidote has been administered, such as
43 protocols for admittance to a hospital; and

44 (6) any other relevant topic the commissioner deems to be
45 appropriate.

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47 2. The Commissioner of Health shall adopt rules and
48 regulations, pursuant to the "Administrative Procedure Act,"

1 P.L.1968, c.410 (C.52:14B-1 et seq.), as may be necessary to
2 implement the provisions of this act.

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4 3. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Office of
5 Emergency Medical Services within the Department of Health
6 \$500,000 for the reimbursement of reasonable and necessary
7 expenses incurred for the purchase of cyanide toxicity kits pursuant
8 to the provisions of this act.

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10 4. This act shall take effect on the first day of the fourth month
11 after the date of enactment, except that the Commissioner of Health
12 may take any anticipatory administrative action in advance thereof
13 as shall be necessary for the implementation of this act.

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STATEMENT

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18 This bill would require paramedic units in the State to maintain a
19 stock of cyanide toxicity kits.

20 Under this bill, paramedic units, volunteer or paid, within the
21 State would be required to stock cyanide toxicity kits. In addition,
22 each paramedic certified by the Commissioner of Health would be
23 required to complete training in the emergency administration of
24 cyanide antidote.

25 The commissioner would be required to develop a standardized
26 training protocol for the emergency administration of cyanide
27 antidote. The training will be administered by a qualified
28 healthcare professional whose authorized practice includes the
29 administration of intravenous (IV) medication. The training will
30 include instruction on:

31 (1) the recognition and identification of the symptoms of smoke
32 inhalation;

33 (2) procedures and protocols for the proper storage and safe
34 carrying of cyanide toxicity kits;

35 (3) procedures and protocols for the safe administration of
36 cyanide antidote;

37 (4) procedure and protocols for the proper disposal of expended
38 or expired cyanide antidote;

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