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SYNOPSIS

Revises certain requirements concerning eligibility for reimbursement from “Emergency Medical Technician Training Fund.”

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



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1 AN ACT concerning the “Emergency Medical Technician Training
2 Fund” and amending P.L.1992, c.143.

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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. Section 4 of P.L.1992, c.143 (C.26:2K-57) is amended to
8 read as follows:

9 4. a. The commissioner, in accordance with recommendations
10 adopted by the council, and within the limits of those monies in the
11 fund, shall annually reimburse any private agency, organization, or
12 entity which is certified by the commissioner to provide training
13 and testing for **[volunteer]** ambulance, first aid and rescue squad
14 personnel who are seeking certification or recertification as a
15 volunteer emergency medical [technician-ambulance, or EMT-A, or
16 emergency medical technician-defibrillation, or EMT-D,
17 certification or recertification, or an entity which provides an
18 educational program in the administration of epinephrine auto-
19 injector devices that is approved by the commissioner pursuant to
20 P.L.2003, c.1 (C.26:2K-47.1 et al.), and] technician, for which
21 costs that agency, organization, or entity is not otherwise
22 reimbursed. An agency, organization, or entity that provides
23 training and testing to volunteer emergency medical technicians and
24 volunteer emergency medical technician candidates shall be eligible
25 for reimbursement from the fund regardless of whether the
26 ambulance, first aid and rescue squad employing or utilizing the
27 services of the volunteer emergency medical technician receives
28 any payment or reimbursement for providing emergency medical
29 services. The priority for reimbursement from the fund to an
30 agency, organization, or entity for training and testing of
31 **[volunteer]** ambulance, first aid and rescue squad personnel shall
32 be in the following order: **[EMT-A certification, EMT-A**
33 **recertification, EMT-D certification, EMT-D recertification and**
34 **certification to administer epinephrine auto-injector devices**
35 **pursuant to P.L.2003, c.1 (C.26:2K-47.1 et al.)]** initial emergency
36 medical technician certification and emergency medical technician
37 refresher recertification classes.

38 b. All reimbursements from the fund shall be promptly paid
39 upon receipt of a qualifying application for reimbursement, which
40 payment shall be made to the agency, organization, or entity that
41 provided training to the volunteer emergency medical technician.

42 c. (1) The head of the ambulance, first aid and rescue squad
43 employing or utilizing the services of an emergency medical
44 technician, who received initial emergency medical technician
45 training from an agency, organization, or entity that received

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.

1 reimbursement from the fund for providing the initial emergency
2 medical technician training to that emergency medical technician,
3 shall determine the emergency medical technician to be a volunteer
4 in good standing provided that the emergency medical technician
5 works at least one service call per month during the initial three-
6 year certification period as a volunteer emergency medical
7 technician.

8 (2) The head of the ambulance, first aid and rescue squad shall
9 seek reimbursement from the emergency medical technician, if the
10 emergency medical technician ceases to be a volunteer in good
11 standing, for monies paid out of the fund in connection with that
12 emergency medical technician's training, testing, certification, or
13 recertification, as appropriate, in connection with the initial three-
14 year certification period in which the emergency medical technician
15 ceased to be a volunteer in good standing. The Department of
16 Health shall exercise oversight authority over the collection of
17 funds pursuant to this paragraph.

18 d. As used in this section, "volunteer emergency medical
19 technician" means an emergency medical technician who provides
20 basic life support services without receiving compensation in the
21 form of an hourly wage, a salary, or any other form of financial
22 remuneration provided for or in connection with the provision of
23 basic life support services.

24 (cf: P.L.2003, c.1, s.9)

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26 2. The Commissioner of Health shall adopt rules and
27 regulations, pursuant to the "Administrative Procedure Act,"
28 P.L.1968, c.410 (C.52:14B-1 et seq.), as shall be necessary to
29 implement the provisions of this act.

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31 3. This act shall take effect 180 days after the date of
32 enactment.

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STATEMENT

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37 This bill revises the requirements to receive reimbursement from
38 the "Emergency Medical Technician Training Fund."

39 Currently, any private agency, organization, or entity which is
40 certified by the Commissioner of Health to provide training and
41 testing for volunteer ambulance, first aid and rescue squad
42 personnel who are seeking certification or recertification as an
43 emergency medical technician (EMT) may be reimbursed from the
44 fund for any costs associated with the training and testing of
45 volunteer EMTs that are not otherwise reimbursed. Volunteer
46 ambulance, first aid and rescue squads are eligible for
47 reimbursement from the fund if the squad does not receive any
48 payment for the provision of emergency medical services,

1 regardless of whether the individual EMTs on the squad are paid by
2 the squad for their services.

3 The bill would revise these requirements to provide that any
4 agency, organization, or entity may be eligible for reimbursement
5 from the fund for the unreimbursed costs of training and certifying
6 a volunteer EMT, regardless of whether the ambulance, first aid and
7 rescue squad employing or utilizing the services of the volunteer
8 EMT charges for the provision of basic life support services. The
9 priority for reimbursement from the fund would be initial EMT
10 training and certification classes and EMT refresher recertification
11 classes.

12 The bill requires that all reimbursements from the fund be
13 promptly paid upon receipt of a qualifying application for
14 reimbursement, which payment is to be made to the agency,
15 organization, or entity that provided training to the volunteer EMT.

16 The bill provides that the head of the ambulance, first aid and
17 rescue squad employing or utilizing the services of an EMT, who
18 received initial EMT training that was reimbursed by the fund, will
19 determine the EMT to be a volunteer in good standing provided that
20 the EMT works at least one service call per month during the initial
21 three-year certification period as a volunteer EMT.

22 A “volunteer EMT” is defined under the bill to mean an EMT
23 who provides basic life support services without receiving any
24 compensation, such as an hourly wage or a salary.

25 The bill requires the head of the ambulance, first aid and rescue
26 squad to seek reimbursement from an EMT that cease to be a
27 volunteer in good standing for monies paid out of the fund in
28 connection with the EMT’s training, testing, certification,
29 recertification, as appropriate, for that initial three-year certification
30 period. The Department of Health will exercise oversight authority
31 over the collection of funds.