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SYNOPSIS

Creates New Jersey Board of Paramedicine.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



1 AN ACT concerning the regulation of paramedicine, revising
2 various parts of the statutory law, and supplementing Title 45 of
3 the Revised Statutes.

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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. The following sections are repealed:

9 Sections 1 through 5 of P.L.1984, c.146 (C.26:2K-7 through
10 C.26:2K-11);

11 Sections 3 through 5 and 12 of P.L.2022, c.118 (C.26:2K-8.1.
12 through C.26:2K-8.3 and C.26:2K-9.1);

13 Sections 10 through 13 of P.L.1984, c.146 (C.26:2K-16 through
14 C.26:2K-19);

15 Section 1 of P.L.1985, c.351 (C.26:2K-21);

16 Sections 3 through 15 of P.L.1985, c.351 (C.26:2K-22 through
17 C.26:2K-34);

18 Sections 1 through 8 and 10 of P.L.2003, c.1 (C.26:2K-47.1
19 through C.26:2K-47.9);

20 Section 1 of P.L.2013, c.101 (C.26:2K-65);

21 P.L.1989, c.314 (C.26:2K-39 through C.26:2K-47);

22 P.L.1992, c.96 (C.26:2K-48 through C.26:2K-53);

23 P.L.1992, c.143 (C.26:2K-54 through C.26:2K-59);

24 P.L.2009, c.174 (C.26:2K-63 through C.26:2K-64);

25 P.L.2023, c.229 (C.26:2K-65.1 through C.26:2K-65.3);

26 P.L.2017, c.116 (C.26:2K-66 through C.26:2K-69); and

27 P.L.2021, c.153 (C.26:2K-71).

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29 2. (New section) As used in P.L. , c. (C.) (pending
30 before the Legislature as this bill):

31 “Advanced life support” means an advanced level of emergency
32 medical care, including specialty care transport and air medical
33 ambulances, which includes the use of procedures, medications, and
34 equipment established by the National Highway Traffic Safety
35 Administration's National EMS Scope of Practice Model for
36 paramedics, and any other such procedures, therapies, medications,
37 and as otherwise authorized in rules or regulations promulgated by
38 the board.

39 “Basic life support” or “basic life support services” means a
40 basic level of pre-hospital care which includes the use of
41 procedures, medications, and equipment established by the National
42 EMS Scope of Practice Model from the National Highway Traffic
43 Safety Administration and other techniques, therapies, and
44 procedures authorized by the board.

45 “Board” means the New Jersey Board of Paramedicine.

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 “Emergency medical technician” or “EMT” means a person
2 trained in basic life support services and who is certified by the
3 board to perform these services.

4 “Flight nurse” means a licensed mobile intensive care nurse with
5 the proper additional training who responds via air ambulance to
6 emergency requests or for transfers of patients.

7 “Flight paramedic” means a licensed paramedic with the proper
8 additional training who responds via air ambulance to emergency
9 requests or for transfers of patients.

10 “Interfacility” means between two healthcare facilities, primarily
11 involving the transportation of a patient between the healthcare
12 facilities that requires no more than basic life support services
13 rendered to patients before and during transportation between
14 licensed facilities, during retrieval from those facilities, and upon
15 arrival within those facilities.

16 “Mobile intensive care nurse” means a registered professional
17 nurse licensed by the New Jersey Board of Nursing and who is
18 authorized to provide advanced life support services in a mobile
19 intensive care unit by the New Jersey Board of Paramedicine.

20 “Mobile intensive care paramedic” means a person trained in
21 advanced life support services and licensed by the board to render
22 advanced life support services as part of a mobile intensive care
23 unit.

24 “Mobile intensive care unit” means a specialized emergency
25 medical service unit staffed in accordance with P.L. , c. (C.)
26 (pending before the Legislature as this bill) and operated for the
27 provision of advanced life support services under the direction of an
28 authorized provider.

29 “Paramedicine” means the practice of basic life support and
30 advanced life support performed by a licensee of the New Jersey
31 Board of Paramedicine established pursuant to P.L. , c. (C.)
32 (pending before the Legislature as this bill).

33 “Pre-hospital care” means those emergency medical services
34 rendered to patients before and during transportation to treatment
35 facilities, and upon arrival within those facilities.

36 “Professional emergency medical service” means non-volunteer
37 emergency medical services.

38 “Specialty care transport” means services that are above basic
39 life support services rendered to patients before and during
40 transportation between licensed facilities, during retrieval from
41 those facilities, and upon arrival within those facilities.

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43 3. (New section) The New Jersey Board of Paramedicine shall
44 consist of 15 members, five of whom shall be actively practicing as
45 New Jersey-licensed mobile intensive care paramedics; three of
46 whom shall be New Jersey-licensed emergency medical technicians;
47 one of whom shall be a board-certified emergency medical services
48 physician; one of whom shall be a board-certified trauma surgeon;

1 one of whom shall be a board-certified pediatric emergency
2 medicine physician; one of whom shall be a representative from the
3 New Jersey Emergency Nurses Association; and three of whom
4 shall be public members. Except for public members, members of
5 the board shall be appointed by the Governor. The public members
6 shall be appointed by the Governor with the advice and consent of
7 the Senate. Appointments to the board shall be for terms of three
8 years or for the unexpired portion of a term in the case of a vacancy
9 for any cause within a term, and until a successor shall be appointed
10 and qualified. Except for the public members, in making
11 appointments, the Governor shall give due consideration to, but not
12 be bound by, recommendations submitted by the various emergency
13 medical services professional organizations of this State. Upon
14 notice and hearing, the Governor may remove from office any
15 member of the board for neglect of duty, incompetency,
16 unprofessional or dishonorable conduct. The members first
17 appointed shall be appointed no later than the first day of the second
18 month following enactment of P.L. , c. (C.) (pending
19 before the Legislature as this bill).

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21 4. (New section) a. No member of the board may be appointed
22 if the individual was employed by a State executive branch entity at
23 any time in the five years prior.

24 b. Each mobile intensive care paramedic member of the board
25 shall:

26 (1) be a resident of New Jersey and a citizen of the United
27 States;

28 (2) be a graduate of an accredited school of paramedicine;

29 (3) have at least five years of experience in advanced life
30 support and professional emergency medical services;

31 (4) at the time of appointment, be actively working as a mobile
32 intensive care paramedic; and

33 (5) except for the members first appointed, hold a license from
34 the New Jersey Board of Paramedicine.

35 c. Each emergency medical technician member of the board
36 shall:

37 (1) be a resident of New Jersey and a citizen of the United
38 States;

39 (2) hold a valid license as an emergency medical technician in
40 this State;

41 (3) have at least five years of experience in professional
42 emergency medical services; and

43 (4) at the time of appointment, be actively working as an EMT
44 in professional emergency medical services.

45 d. At the time of appointment:

46 (1) the board-certified trauma surgeon shall be actively
47 practicing as a trauma surgeon at a level one or level two trauma
48 center in New Jersey;

1 (2) the board-certified pediatric emergency physician shall be
2 actively practicing as a pediatric emergency physician; and

3 (3) the representative from the New Jersey Emergency Nurses
4 Association shall have at least two years of experience practicing as
5 an emergency nurse in New Jersey and, while preferred but not
6 required, be licensed as a mobile intensive care nurse.

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8 5. (New section) a. Within 30 days after receipt of
9 appointment, the board shall organize and each board member shall
10 take and subscribe to an oath before an officer authorized to
11 administer oaths in this State for the faithful performance of their
12 duties and file the oath with the Secretary of State.

13 b. A majority of the board, including one officer, shall
14 constitute a quorum.

15 c. Each member of the board shall receive \$15.00 per day for
16 each day in which such member is actually engaged in the discharge
17 of duties and traveling and other expenses necessarily incurred in
18 the discharge of duties.

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20 6. (New section) The board shall:

21 a. hold quarterly meetings and other meetings as it may deem
22 necessary at such times and places as the board shall prescribe;

23 b. elect from its members and prescribe the duties of a
24 president and secretary-treasurer, each of whom shall serve for one
25 year and until a successor is elected;

26 c. appoint and prescribe the duties of an executive secretary,
27 who shall hold office at the will and pleasure of the board, who
28 need not be a member thereof but who shall be:

29 (1) a citizen of the United States;

30 (2) a graduate of a college or university with a bachelor's
31 degree; and

32 (3) a New Jersey-licensed mobile intensive care paramedic;

33 d. employ and prescribe the duties of persons as in its judgment
34 shall be necessary for the proper performance and execution of the
35 duties and powers of the board;

36 e. determine and pay reasonable compensation and necessary
37 expenses of the executive secretary and all employees of the board;

38 f. pay to each member of the board the compensation
39 hereinafter provided;

40 g. have a common seal, keep an official record of all its
41 meetings, and, through its secretary-treasurer, report annually to the
42 Governor the work of the board;

43 h. prescribe standards and requirements for:

44 (1) an individual to apply for licensure as a mobile intensive care
45 paramedic, mobile intensive care nurse, flight paramedic, flight
46 nurse, or emergency medical technician; and

47 (2) a competency evaluation program resulting in licensure for
48 an individual pursuant to paragraph (1) of this subsection;

- 1 i. review applications for mobile intensive care paramedic,
2 mobile intensive care nurse, flight paramedic, flight nurse, or
3 emergency medical technician licensure; renew licensure every two
4 years; conduct investigations pursuant to the provisions of
5 subsection j. of this section; and issue, deny renewal of, or suspend
6 or revoke licensure;
- 7 j. in its discretion, investigate and prosecute all violations of
8 the provisions of P.L. , c. (C.) (pending before the
9 Legislature as this bill);
- 10 k. keep an official record which shall show the name, age,
11 nativity and permanent place of residence of each applicant and
12 licensee and such further information concerning each applicant and
13 licensee as the board shall deem advisable. The record shall show
14 also whether the applicant was examined, licensed, or rejected
15 under this and any prior act. Copies of any of the entries of the
16 record or of any certificate issued by the board may be
17 authenticated by any member of the board under its seal and when
18 so authenticated shall be evidence in all courts of this State of the
19 same weight and force as the original thereof. For authenticating a
20 copy of any entry or entries contained in its record the board shall
21 be paid a fee of \$3.00, but such authentication, if made at the
22 request of any public agency of this or any other jurisdiction, may
23 be without fee;
- 24 l. in its discretion, publish, at times as it shall determine, a list
25 of mobile intensive care paramedics, emergency medical
26 technicians, flight paramedics, flight nurses, and mobile intensive
27 care nurses licensed under P.L. , c. (C.) (pending before
28 the Legislature as this bill), a list of schools accredited or approved
29 under P.L. , c. (C.) (pending before the Legislature as this
30 bill), and such other information as it shall deem advisable;
- 31 m. prescribe the scope of practice of emergency medical
32 technicians, mobile intensive care paramedics, flight paramedics,
33 flight nurses, and mobile intensive care nurses, which shall include,
34 for all professionals, the use of procedures, medications, and
35 equipment established by National EMS Scope of Practice Model of
36 the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, and other
37 techniques, therapies, and procedures authorized by the board.
- 38 n. prescribe standards and curricula for schools to train for
39 licensure, or another credential, of mobile intensive care
40 paramedics; mobile intensive care nurses; flight paramedics; flight
41 nurses; and emergency medical technicians, and evaluate and
42 approve courses for affiliation;
- 43 o. review and determine status of applications for accreditation
44 of schools; conduct investigations before and after accreditation of
45 schools and institutions with which schools are affiliated; and issue,
46 suspend or revoke certificates of accreditation as hereinafter
47 provided;

1 p. approve schools which shall conform to standards, curricula,
2 and requirements prescribed by the board, and suspend or revoke
3 approval for violations thereof; except that this power shall not
4 extend to schools operated by any board of education in this State;

5 q. issue subpoenas for the attendance of witnesses and
6 production of documents at any hearing before the board authorized
7 by P.L. , c. (C.) (pending before the Legislature as this bill)
8 and any member of the board shall administer an oath or affirmation
9 to persons appearing to give testimony at such hearings;

10 r. conduct, at its discretion, any investigations and studies of
11 paramedicine and paramedicine education and related matters, and
12 prepare and issue such publications as, in the judgment of the
13 board, will advance the profession of paramedicine and its service
14 to the public;

15 s. establish and maintain a registry of all individuals who have
16 successfully completed training and a competency evaluation
17 program to become a mobile intensive care paramedic, mobile
18 intensive care nurse, flight paramedic, flight nurse, or emergency
19 medical technician. The board shall provide for the inclusion in the
20 registry of information about the disqualification of any person
21 from licensure including the specific documented findings
22 constituting the basis for that disqualification, except that the
23 information shall indicate that the person was convicted of a crime
24 or disorderly persons offense as described in section 8 of P.L. , c.
25 (C.) (pending before the Legislature as this bill) but shall not
26 identify the conviction or convictions which constitute the basis for
27 the disqualification;

28 t. require, at its discretion, licensees to meet continuing
29 education requirements as a condition of renewal;

30 u. promulgate rules and regulations not inconsistent with P.L.
31 , c. (C.) (pending before the Legislature as this bill); and

32 v. perform all other functions which are provided in P.L. , c.
33 (C.) (pending before the Legislature as this bill) to be
34 performed by it or which, in the judgment of the board, are
35 necessary or proper for the administration of P.L. , c. (C.)
36 (pending before the Legislature as this bill).

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38 7. (New section) a. An applicant for licensure as a mobile
39 intensive care paramedic, mobile intensive care nurse, flight
40 paramedic, flight nurse, or an emergency medical technician shall
41 pay a fee as prescribed by the board at the time of application and at
42 the time of each application, if necessary, for re-examination.

43 b. The board shall provide that a person may satisfy the
44 examination requirement for licensure as an emergency medical
45 technician, mobile intensive care paramedic, mobile intensive care
46 nurse, flight paramedic, or flight nurse by passing a written and
47 practical competency evaluation in English.

1 8. (New section) a. An emergency medical technician, mobile
2 intensive care paramedic, or mobile intensive care nurse licensed by
3 the board prior to the effective date of P.L. , c. (C.)
4 (pending before the Legislature as this bill) and upon whom a
5 criminal history record background check has not been conducted
6 shall be required to undergo that criminal history record background
7 check as a condition of that individual's initial re-licensure
8 following the effective date of P.L. , c. (C.) (pending
9 before the Legislature as this bill).

10 b. A criminal history record background check of federal
11 records shall be conducted at least once every two years as a
12 condition of licensure renewal for each licensee; except that the
13 board, in lieu of conducting a follow-up criminal history record
14 background checks for purposes of renewal, may provide for an
15 alternative means of determining whether the licensee has been
16 convicted of a crime or disorderly persons offense which would
17 disqualify that individual from licensure, including, but not limited
18 to, a match of an individual's Social Security number or other
19 identifying information with records of criminal proceedings in this
20 and other states. If the board elects to implement this alternative
21 means of determining whether the licensee has been convicted of a
22 crime or disorderly persons offense which would disqualify that
23 individual from licensure, the board shall report to the Governor
24 and the Legislature prior to its implementation on the projected
25 costs and procedures to be followed with respect to its
26 implementation and setting forth the rationale therefor.

27 c. An individual shall be disqualified from licensure if a
28 criminal history record background check reveals a record of
29 conviction of any of the following crimes and offenses:

30 (1) in New Jersey, any crime or disorderly persons offense:

31 (a) involving danger to the individual, meaning those crimes and
32 disorderly persons offenses set forth in chapters 11, 12, 13, 14, or
33 15 of Title 26 of the New Jersey Statutes; or

34 (b) against the family, children or incompetents, meaning those
35 crimes and disorderly persons offenses set forth in N.J.S.2C:24-1 et
36 seq.; or

37 (c) involving theft as set forth in chapter 20 of Title 2C of the
38 New Jersey Statutes; or

39 (d) involving any controlled dangerous substance or controlled
40 substance analog as set forth in chapter 35 of Title 2C of the New
41 Jersey Statutes except paragraph (4) of subsection a. of
42 N.J.S.2C:35-10; or

43 (2) in any other state or jurisdiction, of conduct which, if
44 committed in New Jersey, would constitute any of the crimes or
45 disorderly persons offenses described in paragraph (1) of this
46 subsection.

47 d. Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection a. of this
48 section, no individual shall be disqualified from licensure solely

1 because the individual has been convicted of or engaged in acts
2 constituting any crime or offense, unless the crime or offense has a
3 direct or substantial relationship to the activity regulated by P.L. ,
4 c. (C.) (pending before the Legislature as this bill) or is of a
5 nature such that licensure of the individual would be inconsistent
6 with the public's health, safety, or welfare. For the purposes of this
7 section, a judgment of conviction or a plea of guilty, non vult, nolo
8 contendere or any other such disposition of alleged criminal activity
9 shall be deemed a conviction. In making this determination, the
10 board shall consider the following:

11 (1) the nature and seriousness of the crime or offense and the
12 passage of time since its commission;

13 (2) the relationship of the crime or offense to the purposes of
14 regulating the profession or occupation regulated by the board;

15 (3) any evidence of rehabilitation of the individual in the period
16 of time following the prior conviction that may be made available to
17 the board; and

18 (4) the relationship of the crime or offense to the ability,
19 capacity, and fitness required to perform the duties and discharge
20 the responsibilities of the profession or occupation regulated by the
21 board.

22 e. An arrest of an individual licensed by the board for an act
23 that would have otherwise disqualified the individual from licensure
24 shall be reported by the individual to the board within 30 days of
25 occurrence. A conviction of the individual shall also be reported by
26 the individual to the board within 30 days of occurrence.

27 9. (New section) Any individual submitting a false sworn
28 statement pursuant to section 8 of P.L. , c. (C.) (pending
29 before the Legislature) shall be subject to a fine of not more than
30 \$1,000, which may be assessed by the board.

31 10. (New section) There shall be established a "Board of
32 Paramedicine Fund." The fund shall be the repository for moneys
33 provided pursuant to subsection j. of R.S.39:5-41 and shall be split
34 across the following:

35 a. support of the operations of the board;

36 b. training for providers of paramedicine throughout New
37 Jersey;

38 c. research related to paramedicine; and

39 d. defraying the costs to apply to the board for licensure,
40 including the cost of a criminal background check.

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42 11. (New section) a. The board shall establish an Alternative
43 to Discipline Program for licensees who are suffering from a
44 chemical dependency or other impairment.

45 b. The program shall permit these licensees to disclose their
46 dependency or impairment status to an intervention program
47 designated by the board, which shall provide confidential

1 oversight of the licensee during the period that the licensee seeks
2 treatment for, and follows a plan for recovery from, the
3 dependency or impairment.

4 c. The board shall designate at least one intervention program
5 to provide services under P.L. , c. (C.) (pending before
6 the Legislature as this bill) and shall delineate, in a formal
7 agreement, the responsibilities of the intervention program and its
8 relationship to the board.

9 d. The board shall establish a five-member Alternative to
10 Discipline Committee to review matters involving licensees
11 suffering from a chemical dependency or other impairment:

12 (1) The committee shall be comprised of two members of the
13 board, to be appointed by the president of the board, at least one
14 of whom is a mobile intensive care paramedic; two registered
15 professional nurses with expertise in addiction recommended by
16 the New Jersey State Nurses Association who represent a
17 designated intervention program, to be appointed by the president
18 of the board with the advice of the board; and one individual
19 designated by the Commissioner of Health.

20 (2) The committee shall meet on a regular basis as necessary.
21 The executive director of the board and the director of the
22 designated intervention program shall serve as staff to the
23 committee and shall be available to assist the committee at its
24 meetings.

25 (3) The committee shall perform the following duties, as well
26 as such others as the board may require:

27 (a) accept, from licensees and from members of the public,
28 reports, which include the identity of the individual, concerning
29 licensees who may be suffering from chemical dependencies or
30 other impairments;

31 (b) accept referrals, which include the identity of the
32 individual, from the board;

33 (c) accept coded summary reports from the designated
34 intervention program, without any information from which the
35 identity of the licensee can be discerned;

36 (d) promptly review each referral to determine if participation
37 in the program is appropriate, giving due consideration to factors
38 for participation, as specified by regulation of the board;

39 (e) accept confidential reports from the intervention program
40 regarding participating licensees and ensure that the identity of the
41 licensee is maintained in a limited-access file of the committee
42 with disclosure provided only to those individuals whom the
43 committee determines have a need to know the identity of the
44 licensee;

45 (f) require the program to conduct such supplemental inquiry
46 concerning a licensee as may be directed by the committee, and
47 authorize the program to request, through the committee, that

- 1 further investigation be conducted by committee staff,
2 investigative personnel or the Attorney General, as appropriate;
- 3 (g) require the program to immediately disclose to the
4 committee the identity of a participating licensee in the event of
5 noncompliance by the licensee with the conditions for
6 participation or any other change in circumstances that may render
7 the licensee inappropriate for participation in the program, as
8 specified by regulation of the board; and
- 9 (h) transmit such reports as required by the board.
- 10 e. The executive director of the board shall advise the
11 committee of any information concerning a concurrent
12 investigation or consumer complaints, as may be necessary to
13 enable the committee to assess whether participation of a licensee
14 in the program is appropriate.
- 15 f. Upon receipt of disclosure of the identity of a participating
16 licensee pursuant to subparagraph (g) of paragraph (3) of
17 subsection d. of this section, the committee shall notify the board
18 of the identity of the licensee.
- 19 g. Any information concerning the conduct of a licensee
20 provided to the board pursuant to P.L. , c. (C.) (pending
21 before the Legislature as this bill), is confidential and shall not be
22 considered a public or government record under P.L.1963, c.73
23 (C.47:1A-1 et seq.) or P.L.2001, c.404 (C.47:1A-5 et al.), pending
24 final disposition of the inquiry or investigation by the board,
25 except for information required to be shared with the Bureau of
26 Fraud Deterrence in the Department of Banking and Insurance and
27 the Office of the Insurance Fraud Prosecutor in the Department of
28 Law and Public Safety to comply with the provisions of section 9
29 of P.L.1983, c.320 (C.17:33A-9) or with any other law
30 enforcement agency. If the result of the inquiry or investigation is
31 a finding of no basis for disciplinary action by the board, the
32 information shall remain confidential and shall not be considered
33 a public or government record under P.L.1963, c.73 (C.47:1A-1 et
34 seq.) or P.L.2001, c.404 (C.47:1A-5 et al.), except that the board
35 may release the information to a government agency, for good
36 cause shown, upon an order of the Superior Court after notice to
37 the licensee who is the subject of the information and an
38 opportunity to be heard. The application for the court order shall
39 be placed under seal.
- 40 h. A licensee who files a report with the committee pursuant
41 to subparagraph (a) of paragraph (3) of subsection d. of this
42 section, shall be deemed to have discharged the duty to report an
43 impairment to the board or division pursuant to regulation or law.
- 44 i. The board may, by regulation, revise the fees charged
45 pursuant to P.L. , c. (C.) (pending before the Legislature
46 as this bill) or establish a surcharge to these fees for costs related
47 to the administration of the Alternative to Discipline Program and

1 the committee established pursuant to P.L. , c. (C.)
2 (pending before the Legislature as this bill).

3 j. Nothing in P.L. , c. (C.) (pending before the
4 Legislature as this bill) shall be construed to require the board to
5 fund the testing, specimen monitoring or treatment of a licensee
6 who participates in the Alternative to Discipline Program pursuant
7 to section.

8 k. As used in this section:

9 “Chemical dependency” means a condition involving the
10 continued misuse of chemical substances.

11 “Chemical substances” includes alcohol, drugs or medications,
12 including those taken pursuant to a valid prescription for
13 legitimate medical purposes and in accordance with the
14 prescriber's direction, as well as those used illegally.

15 “Impairment” means an inability to function at an acceptable
16 level of competency, or an incapacity to continue to practice with
17 the requisite skill, safety and judgment, as a result of alcohol or
18 chemical dependency, a psychiatric or emotional disorder, senility
19 or a disabling physical disorder.

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21 12. (New section) The secretary-treasurer, before taking office,
22 and the executive secretary, before entering upon the executive
23 secretary's duties, shall each give to the State of New Jersey a
24 bond with surety, in a penal sum to be determined by the board,
25 conditioned for the faithful performance of duties. The secretary-
26 treasurer shall keep an account of all moneys received and
27 expended and shall render a detailed statement thereof to the State
28 Comptroller on June 30th of each year or as soon thereafter as
29 practicable and shall also submit to the Governor on June 30th of
30 each year or as soon thereafter as practicable a general statement
31 of the work of the board, including therein a statement of the
32 number of applications received, approved and rejected during the
33 year reported upon.

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35 13. (New section) a. Any person, partnership, association,
36 corporation or public educational institution desiring to conduct a
37 school of paramedicine; an emergency medical technician school;
38 school of mobile intensive care nursing; flight nurse school; or
39 flight paramedic school shall submit to the board evidence in such
40 form as the board may require that the applicant:

41 (1) is equipped to give the course of instruction and practice
42 set forth in the curriculum prescribed by the board, part of which
43 instruction and practice may, with the approval of the board, be
44 given by arrangement with one or more agencies or institutions
45 approved by the board for that purpose;

46 (2) is affiliated with a hospital of such size and facilities as the
47 board may prescribe; and

1 (3) meets any other standards and requirements as the board
2 may prescribe. In any case other than an application by a public
3 educational institution, the board may require evidence of good
4 moral character of all persons directly or indirectly interested in
5 the operation of a school of paramedicine; an emergency medical
6 technician school; school of mobile intensive care nursing; flight
7 nurse school; or flight paramedic school. Upon approval of the
8 application the board shall issue a certificate of accreditation,
9 which may be conditional during the first year.

10 b. The holder of a certificate of accreditation shall have the
11 right during the effective period of the certificate of accreditation
12 to conduct a school of paramedicine; an emergency medical
13 technician school; school of mobile intensive care nursing; flight
14 nurse school; or flight paramedic school. The effective period of
15 a certificate or a renewal thereof shall commence on the date of
16 issuance and shall terminate at the end of the fiscal year, July 1st
17 to June 30th, in which it is issued, and shall not include any period
18 of suspension ordered by the board as hereinafter provided. An
19 accredited school of paramedicine; emergency medical technician
20 school; school of mobile intensive care nursing; flight nursing
21 school; or flight paramedic school shall:

22 (1) admit as students only persons possessing the preliminary
23 educational requirements determined pursuant to section 6 of P.L.
24 , c. (C.) (pending before the Legislature as this bill);

25 (2) abide by and conform to the curriculum and standards of
26 operation prescribed from time to time by the board;

27 (3) make reports to the board as the board may require; and

28 (4) submit to investigations by representatives of the board as
29 the board may require.

30 c. Applications for renewal of certificates of accreditation
31 issued under P.L. , c. (C.) (pending before the Legislature
32 as this bill) shall be made at times and in a form and manner as the
33 board shall prescribe.

34

35 14. (New section) It shall be unlawful for any individual,
36 corporation, partnership, or association to:

37 a. practice or offer to practice paramedicine as defined by
38 P.L. , c. (C.) (pending before the Legislature as this bill),
39 unless the individual holds an effective, unsuspended license as a
40 mobile intensive care paramedic, mobile intensive care nurse,
41 emergency medical technician, flight paramedic, or flight nurse
42 issued pursuant to P.L. , c. (C.) (pending before the
43 Legislature as this bill);

44 b. represent in any way that the individual is a mobile
45 intensive care paramedic, mobile intensive care nurse, emergency
46 medical technician, flight paramedic, or flight nurse or to use after
47 his or her name the abbreviation "MICP," "MICN," "EMT,"
48 "Flight Nurse," or "Flight Paramedic," unless the individual holds

- 1 an effective, unsuspended license as a mobile intensive care
2 paramedic, mobile intensive care nurse, emergency medical
3 technician, flight paramedic, or flight nurse under P.L. , c. (C.
4) (pending before the Legislature as this bill);
- 5 c. conduct or to represent in any way that the individual
6 conducts a school for paramedicine, unless the individual holds an
7 effective, unsuspended certificate of accreditation under P.L. , c.
8 (C.) (pending before the Legislature as this bill) and
9 subsisting, unsuspended approval of the board;
- 10 d. obtain or attempt to obtain by fraud a license or renewal
11 thereof or a certificate of accreditation or a renewal thereof under
12 P.L. , c. (C.) (pending before the Legislature as this bill);
- 13 e. represent in any way that the individual is authorized to
14 issue a license for the practice of paramedicine or a certificate of
15 accreditation for a school of paramedicine;
- 16 f. transfer, offer to transfer, or permit the use by another of
17 any license issued under P.L. , c. (C.) (pending before the
18 Legislature as this bill);
- 19 g. without the approval of the board, transfer, offer to
20 transfer, or permit the use by another of a certificate of
21 accreditation issued under P.L. , c. (C.) (pending before
22 the Legislature as this bill); or
- 23 h. otherwise to violate or to aid or abet any individual to
24 violate any provision of P.L. , c. (C.) (pending before the
25 Legislature as this bill).
- 26 15. (New section) Every individual violating any of the
27 provisions of P.L. , c. (C.) (pending before the Legislature
28 as this bill) shall be subject to a penalty of \$200 for each violation,
29 and if after conviction as hereinafter provided the individual shall
30 again violate any provision of P.L. , c. (C.) (pending before
31 the Legislature as this bill), the individual shall be subject to a
32 penalty of \$500 for each subsequent offense. A voluntary payment
33 of a penalty for a violation of any provision of P.L. , c. (C.)
34 (pending before the Legislature as this bill) shall be deemed to be a
35 conviction rendering the individual liable for the greater penalty for
36 subsequent violations, and the continuation of an offense after
37 conviction shall be deemed to be a subsequent offense.
- 38 16. (New section) a. There is created an Emergency Medical
39 Services for Children Advisory Council to advise the board on all
40 matters concerning emergency medical services for minors. The
41 council shall serve as an advisory entity under the board and assist
42 the board in the formulation of policy and regulations to effectuate
43 the purposes of this section
- 44 b. The advisory council shall consist of a minimum of 15 public
45 members to be appointed by the Governor, with the advice and
46 consent of the Senate, for a term of three years. Membership of the
47 advisory council shall include: one practicing pediatrician, one

1 pediatric critical care physician, one board certified pediatric
2 emergency physician and one pediatric physiatrist, to be appointed
3 upon the recommendation of the New Jersey chapter of the
4 American Academy of Pediatrics; one pediatric surgeon, to be
5 appointed upon the recommendation of the New Jersey chapter of
6 the American College of Surgeons; one emergency physician, to be
7 appointed upon the recommendation of the New Jersey chapter of
8 the American College of Emergency Physicians; one emergency
9 medical technician and one mobile intensive care paramedic, to
10 each be appointed upon the recommendation of the Board of
11 Paramedicine; one family practice physician, to be appointed upon
12 the recommendation of the New Jersey chapter of the Academy of
13 Family Practice; two registered emergency nurses, one to be
14 appointed upon the recommendation of the New Jersey State Nurses
15 Association and one to be appointed upon the recommendation of
16 the New Jersey Chapter of the Emergency Nurses Association; and
17 three members, each with a non-medical background, two of whom
18 are parents with children under the age of 18, to be appointed upon
19 the joint recommendation of the Association for Children of New
20 Jersey and the Junior Leagues of New Jersey.

21 c. Vacancies on the advisory council shall be filled for the
22 unexpired term by appointment of the Governor in the same manner
23 as originally filled. The members of the advisory council shall
24 serve without compensation. The pediatric emergency physician
25 appointed to the board shall serve as chairperson. Members of the
26 advisory council may select from among the members a vice-
27 chairperson and other officers or subcommittees which are deemed
28 necessary or appropriate. The council may further organize itself in
29 any manner it deems appropriate and enact bylaws as deemed
30 necessary to carry out the responsibilities of the council.

31

32 17. (New section) a. Each emergency medical services provider
33 shall report to the board, in the most recent National Emergency
34 Medical Services Information System format, the following
35 information concerning each incident in which the entity provides
36 emergency medical services:

37 (1) the date, time, and location of the encounter;

38 (2) the nature of the medical emergency, including the number
39 of individuals requiring emergency medical services and the
40 condition of each individual requiring emergency medical services
41 at the time the provider arrived at the scene of the encounter;

42 (3) any emergency medical treatment or other services provided,
43 including any specific procedures performed, any medications
44 administered including, but not limited to, an opioid antidote, and
45 any modalities administered;

46 (4) the name and certification or professional licensure of each
47 emergency medical service professional staffing the provider unit

1 during the encounter, regardless of whether the professional
2 provided direct treatment or services to any individual;

3 (5) whether any other emergency medical services provider
4 responded to the request for emergency medical services, and, if so,
5 whether emergency medical treatment or other services were given
6 to any individual;

7 (6) the outcome of the encounter, including whether each
8 individual receiving emergency medical services was treated,
9 refused additional treatment, was transported to a hospital or other
10 health care facility or transferred to another emergency medical
11 services provider for further treatment, or died. In the case of an
12 individual who was transported by a provider other than the
13 reporting provider, the reporting provider shall identify the
14 transporting provider and the receiving facility, if known. In the
15 case of an individual who died, the provider shall indicate the cause
16 of death, if known, and whether the individual died before, during,
17 or after the provision of emergency medical services; and

18 (7) any other particulars of the encounter as may be relevant or
19 as may be required by the board.

20 b. Each emergency medical services dispatch center shall
21 report to the board, in a standardized format as the board shall
22 prescribe by regulation, the following information concerning each
23 request for emergency medical services received by the dispatch
24 center:

25 (1) the date, time, and location of the request for emergency
26 medical services;

27 (2) the nature and circumstances of the emergency, as provided
28 to the dispatch center;

29 (3) the identity of each emergency medical services provider
30 dispatched to the scene of the encounter; and

31 (4) any other particulars of the request as may be relevant or as
32 may be required by the board.

33

34 18. (New section) a. There is established the "Emergency
35 Medical Technician Training Fund" as a nonlapsing, revolving
36 fund. The fund shall be administered by the board, and shall be
37 credited with monies received pursuant to subsection b. of
38 N.J.S.22A:3-4.

39 b. The State Treasurer is the custodian of the fund and all
40 disbursements from the fund shall be made by the treasurer upon
41 vouchers signed by the Director of the Division of Consumer
42 Affairs or a designee. Monies in the fund shall be used to carry out
43 the provisions of this section, except that no more than five percent
44 of these monies shall be used for administration of the fund in each
45 fiscal year. The fund shall consist of monies as provided for in this
46 section and the interest which is earned on those monies. The
47 monies in the fund shall be invested and reinvested by the Director
48 of the Division of Investment in the Department of the Treasury as

1 are other trust funds in the custody of the State Treasurer in the
2 manner provided by law.

3 c. The board, within the limits of those monies in the fund,
4 shall annually reimburse any private agency, organization or entity
5 which is certified by the board to provide training and testing for
6 volunteer ambulance, first aid and rescue squad personnel who are
7 seeking emergency medical technician licensure or licensure
8 renewal.

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10 19. (New section) a. The board shall establish a mobile
11 integrated health program, which is intended to operate as a
12 coordinated, patient-centered, evidence-based holistic model of care
13 using collaborative, interdisciplinary teams to serve patients' needs
14 at the most appropriate level of care at a safe location of
15 convenience for the patient. In establishing the program, the board
16 shall consider relevant standards and criteria developed or adopted
17 by nationally recognized agencies or organizations, as well as
18 recommendations of interested stakeholders.

19 b. The board shall establish, in writing, criteria by which an
20 entity may apply for and receive authorization from the board to
21 participate in the mobile integrated health program, and criteria by
22 which an entity may lose authorization to participate in the health
23 program.

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25 20. (New section) The board shall, pursuant to the
26 "Administrative Procedure Act," P.L.1968, c.410 (C.52:14B-1 et
27 seq.), adopt rules and regulations to effectuate the provisions of
28 P.L. , c. (C.) (pending before the Legislature as this bill).

29
30 21. Section 1 of P.L.2002, c.104 (C.45:1-28) is amended to read
31 as follows:

32 1. As used in this act:

33 "Applicant" means an applicant for the licensure or other
34 authorization to engage in a health care profession.

35 "Board" means a professional and occupational licensing board
36 within the Division of Consumer Affairs in the Department of Law
37 and Public Safety.

38 "Director" means the Director of the Division of Consumer
39 Affairs in the Department of Law and Public Safety.

40 "Division" means the Division of Consumer Affairs in the
41 Department of Law and Public Safety.

42 "Health care professional" means a health care professional who
43 is licensed or otherwise authorized, pursuant to Title 45 or Title 52
44 of the Revised Statutes, to practice a health care profession that is
45 regulated by one of the following boards or by the Director of the
46 Division of Consumer Affairs: the State Board of Medical
47 Examiners, the New Jersey Board of Nursing, the New Jersey State
48 Board of Dentistry, the New Jersey State Board of Optometrists, the

1 New Jersey State Board of Pharmacy, the State Board of
2 Chiropractic Examiners, the Acupuncture Examining Board, the
3 State Board of Physical Therapy, the State Board of Respiratory
4 Care, the Orthotics and Prosthetics Board of Examiners, the State
5 Board of Psychological Examiners, the State Board of Social Work
6 Examiners, the State Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners, the
7 State Board of Examiners of Ophthalmic Dispensers and
8 Ophthalmic Technicians, the Audiology and Speech-Language
9 Pathology Advisory Committee, the State Board of Marriage and
10 Family Therapy Examiners, the Occupational Therapy Advisory
11 Council, the Certified Psychoanalysts Advisory Committee **[or]**,
12 the State Board of Polysomnography, or the New Jersey Board of
13 Paramedicine.

14 Health care professional shall not include a nurse aide or
15 personal care assistant who is required to undergo a criminal history
16 record background check pursuant to section 2 of P.L.1997, c.100
17 (C.26:2H-83) or a homemaker-home health aide who is required to
18 undergo a criminal history record background check pursuant to
19 section 7 of P.L.1997, c.100 (C.45:11-24.3).

20 "Licensee" means an individual who has been issued a license or
21 other authorization to practice a health care profession.

22 (cf: P.L.2005, c.244, s.17)

23

24 22. Section 6 of P.L.1984, c.146 (C.26:2K-12) is amended to
25 read as follows:

26 6. a. (1) Only a hospital exclusively authorized to develop and
27 maintain advanced life support services in the municipality in which
28 the trauma center is located pursuant to section 1 of P.L.2015, c.70
29 (C.26:2K-12.1), or a hospital authorized by the commissioner with
30 an accredited emergency department may develop and maintain a
31 mobile intensive care unit, and provide advanced life support
32 services utilizing licensed physicians, registered professional nurses
33 trained in advanced life support nursing, and mobile intensive care
34 paramedics.

35 (2) (a) A mobile intensive care unit, when in service, shall be
36 staffed by a minimum of two persons**[, which two persons may]**
37 who shall be **[two]** mobile intensive care paramedics**[, two**
38 registered professional nurses trained in advanced life support
39 nursing, or one mobile intensive care paramedic and one registered
40 professional nurse trained in advanced life support nursing**]**. Any
41 individual providing advanced life support as provided in this
42 paragraph shall be authorized to render care within that individual's
43 scope of practice, as determined by the **[commissioner]** New Jersey
44 Board of Paramedicine and based on the agency EMS medical
45 director's determination of competency.

46 (b) The Department of Health shall establish criteria for and a
47 process by which a hospital may apply to the department for
48 permission to operate a mobile intensive care unit that is staffed by

1 one emergency medical technician and one mobile intensive care
2 paramedic or registered professional nurse trained in advanced life
3 support nursing, if the hospital is experiencing a staffing shortage.

4 (3) Agency EMS medical directors shall have the authority to
5 establish advanced life support protocols, within the scope of
6 practice for advanced life support providers established by **【this**
7 **act】** P.L. , c. (C.) (pending before the Legislature as this
8 bill) and the **【commissioner】** New Jersey Board of Paramedicine,
9 which protocols shall include, but shall not be limited to, protocols
10 concerning medications, equipment, procedures, and clinical
11 practice. Such advanced life support protocols shall be submitted to
12 the **【commissioner】** New Jersey Board of Paramedicine for
13 approval. The **【commissioner】** board may approve or deny
14 advanced life support protocols submitted by an agency EMS
15 medical director or may approve such protocols subject to
16 amendments that the **【commissioner】** board deems to be necessary.
17 Aspects of clinical practice that exceed the scope **【established by**
18 **commissioner】** shall be submitted by an agency EMS medical
19 director to **【the mobile intensive care advisory council】** the board
20 for review and recommendation **【to the commissioner】**, which shall
21 be acted upon by the **【commissioner】** board within 90 days.

22 (4) The commissioner with the approval of the State Board of
23 Medical Examiners shall establish education and competency
24 requirements which a board-certified or board-eligible emergency
25 medicine physician, advanced practice nurse, or physician assistant
26 who is employed by a hospital with a mobile intensive care unit
27 shall be required to meet in order to obtain authorization from the
28 department to deliver care within the respective scope of practice of
29 the board-certified or board-eligible emergency medicine physician,
30 advanced practice nurse, or physician assistant, as the case may be,
31 in pre-hospital care or an interfacility setting. An authorized board-
32 certified or board-eligible emergency medicine physician, advanced
33 practice nurse, or physician assistant may deliver such care if and to
34 the extent approved by the agency EMS medical director.

35 b. A hospital authorized by the commissioner pursuant to
36 subsection a. of this section shall provide mobile intensive care unit
37 services on a seven-day-a-week basis.

38 c. The commissioner shall establish, in writing, criteria which a
39 hospital shall meet in order to qualify for the authorization.

40 d. The commissioner may withdraw his authorization if the
41 hospital or unit violates any provision of **【this act】** P.L.1984, c.146
42 (C.26:2K-7 et seq.) or rules or regulations promulgated pursuant
43 thereto.

44 e. Nothing in this section shall be construed to alter the scope
45 of practice of any licensed health care professional under Title 45 of
46 the Revised Statutes or the scope or authority of any agency, board,

1 department, or other entity in this State that is responsible for
2 licensing health care workers.

3 (cf: P.L.2022, c.118, s.8)

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5 23. R.S.39:5-41 is amended to read as follows:

6 39:5-41. a. All fines, penalties and forfeitures imposed and
7 collected under authority of law for any violations of R.S.39:4-63
8 and R.S.39:4-64 shall be forwarded by the judge to whom the same
9 have been paid to the proper financial officer of a county, if the
10 violation occurred within the jurisdiction of that county's central
11 municipal court, established pursuant to N.J.S.2B:12-1 et seq. or the
12 municipality wherein the violation occurred, to be used by the
13 county or municipality to help finance litter control activities in
14 addition to or supplementing existing litter pickup and removal
15 activities in the municipality.

16 b. Except as otherwise provided by subsection a. of this
17 section, all fines, penalties and forfeitures imposed and collected
18 under authority of law for any violations of the provisions of this
19 Title, other than those violations in which the complaining witness
20 is the chief administrator, a member of his staff, a member of the
21 State Police, a member of a county police department and force, a
22 county park police system, or a sheriff's office in a county that has
23 established a central municipal court, an inspector of the Board of
24 Public Utilities, or a law enforcement officer of any other State
25 agency, shall be forwarded by the judge to whom the same have
26 been paid as follows: one-half of the total amount collected to the
27 financial officer, as designated by the local governing body, of the
28 respective municipalities wherein the violations occurred, to be
29 used by the municipality for general municipal use and to defray the
30 cost of operating the municipal court; and one-half of the total
31 amount collected to the proper financial officer of the county
32 wherein they were collected, to be used by the county as a fund for
33 the construction, reconstruction, maintenance and repair of roads
34 and bridges, snow removal, the acquisition and purchase of rights-
35 of-way, and the purchase, replacement and repair of equipment for
36 use on said roads and bridges therein. Up to 25% of the money
37 received by a municipality pursuant to this subsection, but not more
38 than the actual amount budgeted for the municipal court, whichever
39 is less, may be used to upgrade case processing.

40 All fines, penalties and forfeitures imposed and collected under
41 authority of law for any violations of the provisions of this Title, in
42 which the complaining witness is a member of a county police
43 department and force, a county park police system, or a county
44 sheriff's office in a county that has established a central municipal
45 court, shall be forwarded by the judge to whom the same have been
46 paid to the financial officer, designated by the governing body of
47 the county, for all violations occurring within the jurisdiction of that

1 court, to be used for general county use and to defray the cost of
2 operating the central municipal court.

3 Whenever any county has deposited moneys collected pursuant
4 to this section in a special trust fund in lieu of expending the same
5 for the purposes authorized by this section, it may withdraw from
6 said special trust fund in any year an amount which is not in excess
7 of the amount expended by the county over the immediately
8 preceding three-year period from general county revenues for said
9 purposes. Such moneys withdrawn from the trust fund shall be
10 accounted for and used as are other general county revenues.

11 c. (Deleted by amendment, P.L.1993, c.293.)

12 d. Notwithstanding the provisions of subsections a. and b. of
13 this section, \$1 shall be added to the amount of each fine and
14 penalty imposed and collected through a court under authority of
15 any law for any violation of the provisions of Title 39 of the
16 Revised Statutes or any other motor vehicle or traffic violation in
17 this State and shall be forwarded by the person to whom the same
18 are paid to the State Treasurer. In addition, upon the forfeiture of
19 bail, \$1 of that forfeiture shall be forwarded to the State Treasurer.
20 The State Treasurer shall annually deposit those moneys so
21 forwarded in the "Body Armor Replacement" fund established
22 pursuant to section 1 of P.L.1997, c.177 (C.52:17B-4.4). Beginning
23 in the fiscal year next following the effective date of this act, the
24 State Treasurer annually shall allocate from those moneys so
25 forwarded an amount not to exceed \$400,000 to the Department of
26 the Treasury to be expended exclusively for the purposes of funding
27 the operation of the "Law Enforcement Officer Crisis Intervention
28 Services" telephone hotline established and maintained under the
29 provisions of sections 115 and 116 of P.L.2008, c.29 (C.26:2NN-1
30 and C.26:2NN-2).

31 e. Notwithstanding the provisions of subsections a. and b. of
32 this section, \$1 shall be added to the amount of each fine and
33 penalty imposed and collected through a court under authority of
34 any law for any violation of the provisions of Title 39 of the
35 Revised Statutes or any other motor vehicle or traffic violation in
36 this State and shall be forwarded by the person to whom the same
37 are paid to the State Treasurer. The State Treasurer shall annually
38 deposit those moneys so forwarded in the "New Jersey Spinal Cord
39 Research Fund" established pursuant to section 9 of P.L.1999, c.201
40 (C.52:9E-9). In order to comply with the provisions of Article VIII,
41 Section II, paragraph 5 of the State Constitution, a municipal or
42 county agency which forwards moneys to the State Treasurer
43 pursuant to this subsection may retain an amount equal to 2% of the
44 moneys which it collects pursuant to this subsection as
45 compensation for its administrative costs associated with
46 implementing the provisions of this subsection.

47 f. Notwithstanding the provisions of subsections a. and b. of
48 this section, \$1 shall be added to the amount of each fine and

1 penalty imposed and collected through a court under authority of
2 any law for any violation of the provisions of Title 39 of the
3 Revised Statutes or any other motor vehicle or traffic violation in
4 this State and shall be forwarded by the person to whom the same
5 are paid to the State Treasurer. The State Treasurer shall annually
6 deposit those moneys so forwarded in the "Autism Medical
7 Research and Treatment Fund" established pursuant to section 1 of
8 P.L.2003, c.144 (C.30:6D-62.2).

9 g. Notwithstanding the provisions of subsections a. and b. of
10 this section, \$3 shall be added to the amount of each fine and
11 penalty imposed and collected by a court under authority of any law
12 for any violation of the provisions of Title 39 of the Revised
13 Statutes or any other motor vehicle or traffic violation in this State
14 and shall be forwarded by the person to whom the same are paid to
15 the State Treasurer. The State Treasurer shall annually deposit
16 those moneys so forwarded in the "New Jersey Forensic DNA
17 Laboratory Fund" established pursuant to P.L.2003, c.183. Prior to
18 depositing the moneys into the fund, the State Treasurer shall
19 forward to the Administrative Office of the Courts an amount not to
20 exceed \$475,000 from moneys initially collected pursuant to this
21 subsection to be used exclusively to establish a collection
22 mechanism and to provide funding to update the Automated Traffic
23 System Fund created pursuant to N.J.S.2B:12-30 to implement the
24 provisions of this subsection.

25 h. Notwithstanding the provisions of subsections a. and b. of
26 this section, \$1 shall be added to the amount of each fine and
27 penalty imposed and collected under authority of any law for any
28 violation of the provisions of Title 39 of the Revised Statutes or any
29 other motor vehicle or traffic violation in this State and shall be
30 forwarded by the person to whom the same are paid to the State
31 Treasurer. The State Treasurer shall annually deposit those moneys
32 so forwarded in the "New Jersey Brain Injury Research Fund"
33 established pursuant to section 9 of P.L.2003, c.200 (C.52:9EE-9).
34 The Administrative Office of the Courts may retain an amount
35 equal to \$475,000 from the moneys which it initially collects
36 pursuant to this subsection, prior to depositing any moneys in the
37 "New Jersey Brain Injury Research Fund," in order to meet the
38 expenses associated with utilizing the Automated Traffic System
39 Fund created pursuant to N.J.S.2B:12-30 to implement the
40 provisions of this subsection and serve other statutory purposes.

41 i. Notwithstanding the provisions of subsections a. and b. of
42 this section, all fines and penalties imposed and collected under
43 authority of law for any violation related to the unlawful operation
44 or the sale of a vehicle under section 1 of P.L.1955, c.53 (C.39:3-
45 17.1) shall be forwarded by the judge to whom the same have been
46 paid to the State Treasurer, if the complaining witness is the chief
47 administrator, a member of his staff, a member of the State Police,
48 an inspector of the Board of Public Utilities, or a law enforcement

1 officer or other official of any other State agency; or, if the
2 complaining witness is not one of the foregoing, one-half to the
3 chief financial officer of the county and one-half to the chief
4 financial officer of the municipality wherein the violation occurred.

5 j. Notwithstanding the provisions of subsections a. and b. of
6 this section, \$1 shall be added to the amount of each fine and
7 penalty imposed and collected under authority of any law for any
8 violation of the provisions of Title 39 of the Revised Statutes or any
9 other motor vehicle or traffic violation in this State and shall be
10 forwarded by the person to whom the same are paid to the State
11 Treasurer. The State Treasurer shall annually deposit those moneys
12 so forwarded in the "Board of Paramedicine Fund" established
13 pursuant to section 10 of P.L. , c. (C.) (pending before the
14 Legislature as this bill).

15 (cf: P.L.2018, c.47 s.4)

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17 24. Section 10 of P.L.2004, c.17 (C.2A:62A-1.3) is amended to
18 read as follows:

19 10. a. If an individual's actual health care facility duty,
20 including on-call duty, does not require a response to a patient
21 emergency situation, a health care professional who, in good faith,
22 responds to a life-threatening emergency or responds to a request
23 for emergency assistance in a life-threatening emergency within a
24 hospital or other health care facility, is not liable for civil damages
25 as a result of an act or omission in the rendering of emergency care.
26 The immunity granted pursuant to this section shall not apply to
27 acts or omissions constituting gross negligence, recklessness, or
28 willful misconduct.

29 b. The provisions of subsection a. of this section shall not
30 apply to a health care professional if a provider-patient relationship
31 existed before the emergency, or if consideration in any form is
32 provided to the health care professional for the service rendered.

33 c. The provisions of subsection a. of this section do not
34 diminish a general hospital's responsibility to comply with all
35 Department of Health licensure requirements concerning medical
36 staff availability at the hospital.

37 d. A health care professional shall not be liable for civil
38 damages for injury or death caused in an emergency situation
39 occurring in the health care professional's private practice or in a
40 health care facility on account of a failure to inform a patient of the
41 possible consequences of a medical procedure when the failure to
42 inform is caused by any of the following:

43 (1) the patient was unconscious;

44 (2) the medical procedure was undertaken without the consent
45 of the patient because the health care professional reasonably
46 believed that the medical procedure should be undertaken
47 immediately and that there was insufficient time to fully inform the
48 patient; or

1 (3) the medical procedure was performed on a person legally
2 incapable of giving informed consent, and the health care
3 professional reasonably believed that the medical procedure should
4 be undertaken immediately and that there was insufficient time to
5 obtain the informed consent of the person authorized to give such
6 consent for the patient.

7 The provisions of this subsection shall apply only to actions for
8 damages for an injury or death arising as a result of a health care
9 professional's failure to inform, and not to actions for damages
10 arising as a result of a health care professional's negligence in
11 rendering or failing to render treatment.

12 e. As used in this section:

13 (1) "Health care professional" means a physician, dentist, nurse,
14 emergency medical technician, mobile intensive care paramedic, or
15 other health care professional whose professional practice is
16 regulated pursuant to Title 45 of the Revised Statutes **【**and an
17 emergency medical technician or mobile intensive care paramedic
18 certified by the Commissioner of Health licensed pursuant to Title
19 26 of the Revised Statutes**】**; and

20 (2) "Health care facility" means a health care facility licensed by
21 the Department of Health pursuant to P.L.1971, c.136 (C.26:2H-1
22 et seq.) and a psychiatric hospital operated by the Department of
23 Human Services and listed in R.S.30:1-7.

24 (cf: P.L.2012, c.17, s.1)

25

26 25. Section 1 of P.L.1992, c.196 (C.2A:62A-19) is amended to
27 read as follows:

28 1. a. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary,
29 no emergency medical technician who, without compensation,
30 trains or instructs other persons in basic life support services shall
31 be liable in any action for damages as a result of his acts of
32 commission or omission arising out of and in the course of that
33 training or instruction.

34 b. (1) Nothing in this section shall be deemed to grant immunity
35 to any person causing damage by his willful or wanton act of
36 commission or omission.

37 (2) Nothing in this section shall be deemed to grant immunity to
38 any person causing damage as the result of the person's operation of
39 a motor vehicle.

40 c. As used in this section:

41 (1) "Basic life support services" shall include but not be limited
42 to: patient stabilization, airway clearance, cardiopulmonary
43 resuscitation, hemorrhage control, initial wound care and fracture
44 stabilization.

45 (2) "Emergency medical technician" means a person who is
46 trained in basic life support services and who is **【certified】** licensed
47 by the **【Department of Health】** New Jersey Board of Paramedicine

1 to perform these services.
2 (cf: P.L.1992, c.196, s.1)

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4 26. Section 2 of P.L.2008, c.80 (C.26:2-190) is amended to read
5 as follows:

6 2. a. The Commissioner of Health **【and】**, the Commissioner of
7 Human Services, and the New Jersey Board of Paramedicine, in
8 consultation with the New Jersey Fire and Emergency Medical
9 Services Institute and the New Jersey State First Aid Council, shall
10 develop a training curriculum with the purpose of informing
11 emergency responders of the risks associated with autism or an
12 intellectual or other developmental disability, as well as providing
13 instruction in appropriate recognition and response techniques
14 concerning these disabilities. The curriculum shall be incorporated
15 into existing time requirements for training and continuing
16 education of emergency responders.

17 b. Prior to **【certification】** licensure by the **【Department of**
18 **Health】** New Jersey Board of Paramedicine, each emergency
19 medical technician trained in basic life support services as defined
20 in section **【1】** 2 of **【P.L.1985, c.351 (C.26:2K-21)】** P.L. _____, c.
21 (C. _____) (pending before the Legislature as this bill) shall be
22 required to satisfactorily complete the training developed under
23 subsection a. of this section. **【Every emergency medical technician**
24 **certified prior to the effective date of this act shall, within 36**
25 **months of the effective date of this act, satisfactorily complete the**
26 **training in recognition and response techniques concerning these**
27 **disabilities, through existing continuing education requirements.】**

28 c. The Commissioner of Health shall adopt rules and
29 regulations, pursuant to the "Administrative Procedure Act,"
30 P.L.1968, c.410 (C.52:14B-1 et seq.), to effectuate the purposes of
31 **【this act】** P.L.2008, c.80 (C.26:2-190).
32 (cf: P.L.2012, c.17, s.143)

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34 27. Section 1 of P.L.1994, c.29 (C.39:3-27.59) is amended to
35 read as follows:

36 1. a. Upon application by a person who has been **【certified】**
37 licensed by the **【Commissioner of Health as an Emergency Medical**
38 **Technician-Ambulance】** New Jersey Board of Paramedicine, the
39 Director of the Division of Motor Vehicles shall issue for the motor
40 vehicle owned or leased by the applicant special vehicle registration
41 plates bearing the letters "EMT-A." The plates shall also include
42 the vehicle registration number and other markings or identification
43 prescribed by law, including the "Tree of Life" insignia for an
44 Emergency Medical Technician-Ambulance in a design approved
45 by the director. Only one set of special registration plates shall be
46 issued to an applicant. The special plates shall be displayed only on
47 the vehicle for which they were issued.

1 b. The special vehicle registration plates authorized by this
2 section shall be issued upon proof satisfactory to the director that
3 the applicant meets the condition specified in subsection a. of this
4 section. A person who has been issued special vehicle registration
5 plates under this section shall return the special plates when that
6 person no longer meets the qualification in subsection a. of this
7 section.

8 c. The fee for the motor vehicle registration plates issued under
9 this section shall be \$25, in addition to the fees otherwise
10 prescribed by law for the registration of motor vehicles.

11 d. A person who violates a provision of this section shall be
12 fined \$50.

13 e. The director may adopt rules and regulations pursuant to the
14 "Administrative Procedure Act," P.L.1968, c.410 (C.52:14B-1 et
15 seq.), governing the issuance and use of the special vehicle
16 registration plates authorized by this section.

17 (cf: P.L.1994, c.29, s.1)

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19 28. Section 1 of P.L.1973, c.307 (C.39:3C-1) is amended to read
20 as follows:

21 1. As used in P.L.1973, c.307 (C.39:3C-1 et seq.):

22 "All-terrain vehicle" means a motor vehicle, designed and
23 manufactured for off-road use only, of a type possessing between
24 three and six non-highway tires, but shall not include golf carts or
25 an all-terrain vehicle operated by an employee or agent of the State,
26 a county, a municipality, or a fire district, or a member of an
27 emergency service organization or an emergency medical technician
28 which is used while in the performance of the employee's, agent's,
29 member's or technician's official duties.

30 "Chief administrator" means the Chief Administrator of the New
31 Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission.

32 "Commission" means the New Jersey Motor Vehicle
33 Commission established by section 4 of P.L.2003, c.13 (C.39:2A-
34 4).

35 "Commissioner" means the Commissioner of Environmental
36 Protection.

37 "Department" means the Department of Environmental
38 Protection.

39 "Dirt bike" means any two-wheeled motorcycle that is designed
40 and manufactured for off-road use only and that does not comply
41 with Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards or United States
42 Environmental Protection Agency on-road emissions standards.

43 "Emergency medical technician" means a person trained in basic
44 life support services [as defined in section 1 of P.L.1985, c.351
45 (C.26:2K-21)] and who is [certified] licensed by the [Department
46 of Health] New Jersey Board of Paramedicine to perform these
47 services.

1 "Emergency service organization" means a fire or first aid
2 organization, whether organized as a volunteer fire company,
3 volunteer fire department, fire district, or duly incorporated
4 volunteer first aid, emergency, or volunteer ambulance or rescue
5 squad association.

6 "Natural resource" means all land, fish, shellfish, wildlife, biota,
7 air, waters, and other such resources owned, managed, held in trust,
8 or otherwise controlled by the State.

9 "Public land" means all land owned, operated, managed,
10 maintained, or under the jurisdiction of the Department of
11 Environmental Protection, including any and all land owned,
12 operated, managed, maintained, or purchased jointly by the
13 Department of Environmental Protection with any other party and
14 any land so designated by municipal or county ordinance. Public
15 land shall also mean any land used for conservation purposes,
16 including, but not limited to, beaches, forests, greenways, natural
17 areas, water resources, wildlife preserves, land used for watershed
18 protection, or biological or ecological studies, and land exempted
19 from taxation pursuant to section 2 of P.L.1974, c.167 (C.54:4-
20 3.64).

21 "Snowmobile" means any motor vehicle, designed primarily to
22 travel over ice or snow, of a type which uses sled type runners, skis,
23 an endless belt tread, cleats, or any combination of these or other
24 similar means of contact with the surface upon which it is operated,
25 but does not include any farm tractor, highway or other construction
26 equipment, or any military vehicle.

27 "Special event" means an organized race, exhibition, or
28 demonstration of limited duration which is conducted according to a
29 prearranged schedule and in which general public interest is
30 manifested.

31 (cf: P.L.2015, c.155, s.3)

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33 29. Section 43 of P.L.1954, c.84 (C.43:15A-43) is amended to
34 read as follows:

35 43. a. A member who has not attained age 65 shall, upon the
36 application of the head of the department in which he is employed
37 or upon his own application or the application of one acting in his
38 behalf, be retired by the board of trustees, if said employee is
39 permanently and totally disabled as a direct result of a traumatic
40 event occurring during and as a result of the performance of his
41 regular or assigned duties, on an accidental disability allowance. A
42 traumatic event occurring during voluntary performance of regular
43 or assigned duties at a place of employment before or after required
44 hours of employment which is not in violation of any valid work
45 rule of the employer or otherwise prohibited by the employer shall
46 be deemed as occurring during the performance of regular or
47 assigned duties.

1 The application to accomplish such retirement must be filed
2 within five years of the original traumatic event, but the board of
3 trustees may consider an application filed after the five-year period
4 if it can be factually demonstrated to the satisfaction of the board of
5 trustees that the disability is due to the accident and the filing was
6 not accomplished within the five-year period due to a delayed
7 manifestation of the disability or to circumstances beyond the
8 control of the member.

9 Permanent and total disability resulting from a cardiovascular,
10 pulmonary or musculo-skeletal condition which was not a direct
11 result of a traumatic event occurring in the performance of duty
12 shall be deemed an ordinary disability.

13 Before consideration of the application by the board of trustees,
14 the physician or physicians designated by the board shall have first
15 made a medical examination of the member at his residence or at
16 any other place mutually agreed upon and shall have certified to the
17 board that he is physically or mentally incapacitated for the
18 performance of duty, and should be retired, and the appointing
19 authority shall have certified to the board that the member is
20 permanently and totally disabled as a direct result of a traumatic
21 event occurring during and as a result of the performance of his
22 regular or assigned duties, the time and place where the duty
23 causing the disability was performed, that the disability was not the
24 result of his willful negligence and that the member should be
25 retired.

26 No person who becomes a member of the retirement system on
27 or after the effective date of P.L.2010, c.3 shall be eligible for
28 retirement pursuant to this section.

29 b. (1) For purposes of this subsection:

30 "Qualifying condition or impairment of health" includes:

31 diseases of the upper respiratory tract and mucosae, including
32 conditions such as conjunctivitis, rhinitis, sinusitis, pharyngitis,
33 laryngitis, vocal cord disease, upper airway hyper-reactivity and
34 tracheo-bronchitis, or a combination of such conditions;

35 diseases of the lower respiratory tract, including but not limited
36 to bronchitis, asthma, reactive airway dysfunction syndrome, and
37 different types of pneumonitis, such as hypersensitivity,
38 granulomatous, or eosinophilic;

39 diseases of the gastroesophageal tract, including esophagitis and
40 reflux disease, either acute or chronic, caused by exposure or
41 aggravated by exposure;

42 diseases of the psychological axis, including post-traumatic
43 stress disorder, anxiety, depression, or any combination of such
44 conditions;

45 diseases of the skin such as contact dermatitis or burns, either
46 acute or chronic in nature, infectious, irritant, allergic, idiopathic or
47 non-specific reactive in nature, caused by exposure or aggravated
48 by exposure; and

1 new onset diseases resulting from exposure as such diseases
2 occurring in the future including cancer, chronic obstructive
3 pulmonary disease, asbestos-related disease, heavy metal poisoning,
4 musculoskeletal disease and chronic psychological disease.

5 "World Trade Center rescue, recovery, or cleanup operations"
6 means the rescue, recovery, or cleanup operations at the World
7 Trade Center site between September 11, 2001 and October 11,
8 2001.

9 "World Trade Center site" means any location below a line
10 starting from the Hudson River and Canal Street, east on Canal
11 Street to Pike Street, south on Pike Street to the East River, and
12 extending to the lower tip of Manhattan.

13 (2) Notwithstanding any provision of subsection a. of this
14 section or any other law to the contrary, for a member who
15 participated, whether or not under orders or instruction by an
16 employer to so participate, in World Trade Center rescue, recovery,
17 or cleanup operations for a minimum of eight hours, permanent and
18 total disability resulting from a qualifying condition or impairment
19 of health shall be presumed to have occurred during and as a result
20 of the performance of the member's regular or assigned duties and
21 not the result of the member's willful negligence, unless the
22 contrary can be proved by competent evidence.

23 A member who did not participate in such operations for a
24 minimum of eight hours shall be eligible for the presumption
25 provided that:

26 the member participated in the rescue, recovery, or cleanup
27 operations at the World Trade Center site between September 11,
28 2001 and September 12, 2001;

29 the member sustained a documented physical injury at the World
30 Trade Center site between September 11, 2001 and September 12,
31 2001 that is a qualifying condition or impairment of health resulting
32 in a disability to the member that prevented the member from
33 continuing to participate in World Trade Center rescue, recovery, or
34 cleanup operations for a minimum of eight hours; and

35 the documented physical injury that resulted in a disability to the
36 member that prevented the member from continuing to participate
37 in World Trade Center rescue, recovery, or cleanup operations for a
38 minimum of eight hours is the qualifying condition or impairment
39 of health for which the member seeks a presumption under this
40 subsection.

41 In order to be eligible for the presumption provided under this
42 subsection, a member shall have successfully passed a physical
43 examination for entry into public service which failed to disclose
44 evidence of the qualifying condition or impairment of health that
45 formed the basis for the permanent and total disability.

46 (3) A member who participated in the World Trade Center
47 rescue, recovery, or cleanup operations for a minimum of eight
48 hours and subsequently retired on a service retirement or an

1 ordinary disability retirement and thereafter incurred a disability
2 caused by a qualifying condition or impairment of health which the
3 medical board determines to be caused by participation in World
4 Trade Center rescue, recovery, or cleanup operations shall be
5 eligible to apply to the board of trustees to have the retiree's
6 retirement allowance recalculated as an accidental disability
7 retirement allowance for benefit payments on or after the date of the
8 application, provided the retiree filed an application for such
9 recalculation within 30 days of the date that the retiree knew or
10 should have known of the existence of such disability and its
11 relation to the rescue, recovery, or cleanup operations. In order to
12 be eligible for such recalculation, the retiree shall have successfully
13 passed a physical examination for entry into public service which
14 failed to disclose evidence of the qualifying condition or
15 impairment of health that formed the basis for the disability.

16 (4) The board of trustees shall promulgate rules and regulations
17 necessary to implement the provisions of this subsection and shall
18 notify members and retirants in the retirement system of the
19 enactment of this act, P.L.2019, c.157, within 30 days of enactment.

20 A member or retiree shall not be eligible for the presumption or
21 recalculation under this subsection unless within two years of the
22 effective date of this act, P.L.2019, c.157, the member or retiree
23 files a written and sworn statement with the retirement system on a
24 form provided by the board of trustees thereof indicating the dates
25 and locations of service.

26 (5) This subsection shall apply only to: any member or retiree
27 who is or was enrolled in the Public Employees' Retirement System
28 because the member or retiree did not meet the age or medical
29 requirements for enrollment in the Police and Firemen's Retirement
30 System on the basis of the position held; and to any emergency
31 medical technician who is a member or retiree of the Public
32 Employees' Retirement System. For the purposes of this paragraph,
33 "emergency medical technician" means a person trained in basic life
34 support services **【as defined in section 1 of P.L.1985, c.351**
35 **(C.26:2K-21)】** and who is **【certified】** licensed by the **【Department**
36 **of Health】** New Jersey Board of Paramedicine to perform these
37 services.

38 (6) This subsection shall apply regardless of whether the
39 member or retiree, who is otherwise eligible, was enrolled in the
40 retirement system at the time of participation in World Trade Center
41 rescue, recovery, or cleanup operations as specified herein.

42 (cf: P.L.2019, c.157, s.4)

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44 30. Section 1 of P.L.1998, c.16 (C.52:3-12) is amended to read
45 as follows:

46 1. a. The Governor, upon timely notification and verification of
47 the death of a federal, State or local law enforcement officer or
48 firefighter who either works in New Jersey or is a citizen of New

1 Jersey and who died in the line of duty, shall direct that the flag of
2 the United States and the State flag be flown at half-staff for one
3 week at the State House. The flags shall be flown upon an existing
4 flagstaff or flagstaffs or, at the option of the Governor, a flagstaff or
5 flagstaffs erected at an appropriate site, after consultation with
6 organizations representing law enforcement officers and firefighters
7 on the location and design of the flagstaff or flagstaffs.

8 The flags flown in honor of the deceased law enforcement officer
9 or firefighter shall be presented to the family of that officer or
10 firefighter.

11 b. The Governor, upon timely notification and verification of
12 the death of a member of a duly incorporated first aid and
13 emergency or volunteer ambulance or rescue squad or association
14 rendering services in a county or municipality of this State or a duly
15 **[certified]** licensed mobile intensive care paramedic or licensed
16 emergency medical technician who either works in New Jersey or is
17 a citizen of New Jersey and who died in the line of duty while
18 rendering first aid, ambulance, rescue or emergency medical
19 service, shall direct that the flag of the United States and the State
20 flag be flown at half-staff for one week at the State House. The
21 flags shall be flown upon an existing flagstaff or flagstaffs or, at the
22 option of the Governor, a flagstaff or flagstaffs erected at an
23 appropriate site, after consultation with organizations representing
24 first aid, ambulance, rescue or emergency medical service providers
25 on the location and design of the flagstaff or flagstaffs.

26 The flags flown in honor of the deceased member, paramedic or
27 technician shall be presented to the family of that member,
28 paramedic or technician.

29 (cf: P.L.1998, c.16, s.1)

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31 31. Section 2 of P.L.1993, c.249 (C.52:27D-407) is amended to
32 read as follows:

33 2. As used in this act:

34 "Abuse" means the willful infliction of physical pain, injury or
35 mental anguish, unreasonable confinement, or the willful
36 deprivation of services which are necessary to maintain a person's
37 physical and mental health.

38 "Caretaker" means a person who has assumed the responsibility
39 for the care of a vulnerable adult as a result of family relationship or
40 who has assumed responsibility for the care of a vulnerable adult
41 voluntarily, by contract, or by order of a court of competent
42 jurisdiction, whether or not they reside together.

43 "Commissioner" means the Commissioner of Human Services.

44 "Community setting" means a private residence or any
45 noninstitutional setting in which a person may reside alone or with
46 others, but shall not include residential health care facilities,
47 rooming houses or boarding homes or any other facility or living

1 arrangement subject to licensure by, operated by, or under contract
2 with, a State department or agency.

3 "County adult protective services provider" means a county
4 Board of Social Services or other public or nonprofit agency with
5 experience as a New Jersey provider of protective services for
6 adults, designated by the county and approved by the commissioner.
7 The county adult protective services provider receives reports made
8 pursuant to this act, maintains pertinent records and provides,
9 arranges, or recommends protective services.

10 "County director" means the director of a county adult protective
11 services provider.

12 "Department" means the Department of Human Services.

13 "Emergency medical technician" means a person trained in basic
14 life support services [as defined in section 1 of P.L.1985, c.351
15 (C.26:2K-21)] and who is [certified] licensed by the [Department
16 of Health] New Jersey Board of Paramedicine to provide that level
17 of care.

18 "Exploitation" means the act or process of illegally or improperly
19 using a person or his resources for another person's profit or
20 advantage.

21 "Firefighter" means a paid or volunteer firefighter.

22 "Health care professional" means a health care professional who
23 is licensed or otherwise authorized, pursuant to Title 45 or Title 52
24 of the Revised Statutes, to practice a health care profession that is
25 regulated by one of the following boards or by the Director of the
26 Division of Consumer Affairs: the State Board of Medical
27 Examiners, the New Jersey Board of Nursing, the New Jersey State
28 Board of Dentistry, the New Jersey State Board of Optometrists, the
29 New Jersey State Board of Pharmacy, the State Board of
30 Chiropractic Examiners, the Acupuncture Examining Board, the
31 State Board of Physical Therapy, the State Board of Respiratory
32 Care, the Orthotics and Prosthetics Board of Examiners, the State
33 Board of Psychological Examiners, the State Board of Social Work
34 Examiners, the State Board of Examiners of Ophthalmic Dispensers
35 and Ophthalmic Technicians, the Audiology and Speech-Language
36 Pathology Advisory Committee, the State Board of Marriage and
37 Family Therapy Examiners, the Occupational Therapy Advisory
38 Council, the Certified Psychoanalysts Advisory Committee, New
39 Jersey Board of Paramedicine, and the State Board of
40 Polysomnography. "Health care professional" also means a nurse
41 aide or personal care assistant who is certified by the Department of
42 Health.

43 "Neglect" means an act or failure to act by a vulnerable adult or
44 his caretaker which results in the inadequate provision of care or
45 services necessary to maintain the physical and mental health of the
46 vulnerable adult, and which places the vulnerable adult in a
47 situation which can result in serious injury or which is life-
48 threatening.

1 "Protective services" means voluntary or court-ordered social,
2 legal, financial, medical or psychiatric services necessary to
3 safeguard a vulnerable adult's rights and resources, and to protect a
4 vulnerable adult from abuse, neglect or exploitation. Protective
5 services include, but are not limited to: evaluating the need for
6 services, providing or arranging for appropriate services, obtaining
7 financial benefits to which a person is entitled, and arranging for
8 guardianship and other legal actions.

9 "Vulnerable adult" means a person 18 years of age or older who
10 resides in a community setting and who, because of a physical or
11 mental illness, disability or deficiency, lacks sufficient
12 understanding or capacity to make, communicate, or carry out
13 decisions concerning his well-being and is the subject of abuse,
14 neglect or exploitation. A person shall not be deemed to be the
15 subject of abuse, neglect or exploitation or in need of protective
16 services for the sole reason that the person is being furnished
17 nonmedical remedial treatment by spiritual means through prayer
18 alone or in accordance with a recognized religious method of
19 healing in lieu of medical treatment, and in accordance with the
20 tenets and practices of the person's established religious tradition.
21 (cf: P.L.2012, c.17, s.424)

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23 32. This act shall be effective immediately but sections 1, 2, 7
24 through 12, and 14 through 31 shall remain inoperative until the
25 first day of the 12th month next following enactment. The director
26 and the board may take such anticipatory administrative action in
27 advance thereof as shall be necessary for the implementation of this
28 act.

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STATEMENT

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33 This bill establishes the New Jersey Board of Paramedicine.
34 Current law governing mobile intensive care paramedics and
35 emergency medical technicians are repealed and the board is
36 assigned oversight of these professions, in addition to mobile
37 intensive care nurses, flight paramedics, and flight nurses.
38 "Paramedicine" is defined in the bill to mean the practice of basic
39 life support and advanced life support. "Basic life support" or
40 "basic life support services" means, in the bill, a basic level of pre-
41 hospital care which includes the use of procedures, medications,
42 and equipment established by the National EMS Scope of Practice
43 Model from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration
44 and other techniques, therapies, and procedures authorized by the
45 board. "Advanced life support" is defined, under the bill, to mean
46 an advanced level of emergency medical care, including specialty
47 care transport and air medical ambulances, which includes the use
48 of procedures, medications, and equipment established by the

1 National Highway Traffic Safety Administration's National EMS
2 Scope of Practice Model for paramedics, and any other such
3 procedures, therapies, medications, and as otherwise authorized in
4 rules or regulations promulgated by the board.

5 The board is to consist of 15 members to include: (1) five
6 actively practicing as New Jersey-licensed mobile intensive care
7 paramedics; (2) three New Jersey-licensed emergency medical
8 technicians; one of whom is to be a board-certified emergency
9 medical services physician; (3) one board-certified trauma surgeon;
10 (4) one board-certified pediatric emergency medicine physician; (5)
11 one representative from the New Jersey Emergency Nurses
12 Association; and (6) three public members.

13 The bill authorizes the board to, among other items: (1) prescribe
14 standards and requirements for individuals seeking licensure as a
15 mobile intensive care paramedic, mobile intensive care nurse, flight
16 paramedic, flight nurse, or emergency medical technician; (2)
17 establish standards for and accredit schools to train individuals
18 overseen by the new board; (3) develop a registry of all individuals
19 who have successfully completed training and a competency
20 evaluation program; (4) conduct investigations and research to
21 determine if new information will help advance the profession of
22 paramedicine; and (5) establish an Alternative to Discipline
23 Program for licensees dealing with a chemical dependency or other
24 impairment.

25 The bill also establishes two separate funds – one a “Board of
26 Paramedicine Fund” to, in part, fund research related to
27 paramedicine and support operations of the board and the other an
28 “Emergency Medical Technician Training Fund” to assist certain
29 individuals training to be an emergency medical technician. The
30 bill also creates an “Emergency Medical Services for Children
31 Advisory Council” to advise the board on emergency medical
32 services for minors. The bill also updates current laws to reflect the
33 changes regarding the creation of the board.