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SYNOPSIS

Revises law related to EMT eligibility for receiving funds from "Emergency Medical Technician Training Fund."

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As reported by the Assembly Public Safety and Preparedness Committee with technical review.



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1 AN ACT concerning emergency medical technicians and amending
2 P.L.1992, c.143.

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

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

9 4. a. The commissioner, in accordance with recommendations
10 adopted by the council, and within the limits of those monies in the
11 fund, shall annually reimburse any private agency, organization, or
12 entity which is certified by the commissioner to provide training
13 and testing for ambulance, first aid, and rescue squad personnel
14 who are seeking certification or recertification as a volunteer
15 emergency medical technician, for which costs that agency,
16 organization, or entity is not otherwise reimbursed. An agency,
17 organization, or entity that provides training and testing to
18 volunteer emergency medical technicians and volunteer emergency
19 medical technician candidates shall be eligible for reimbursement
20 from the fund regardless of whether the ambulance, first aid, and
21 rescue squad employing or utilizing the services of the volunteer
22 emergency medical technician receives any payment or
23 reimbursement for providing emergency medical services. The
24 priority for reimbursement from the fund to an agency,
25 organization, or entity for training and testing of ambulance, first
26 aid, and rescue squad personnel shall be in the following order:
27 initial emergency medical technician certification **[and]** ₁
28 emergency medical technician **[refresher]** recertification classes ₂
29 and select continuing education classes as recommended by the
30 advisory council established pursuant to section 6 of P.L.1992,
31 c.143 (C.26:2K-59).

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

36 c. (1) The head of the ambulance, first aid, and rescue squad
37 employing or utilizing the services of an emergency medical
38 technician, who received initial emergency medical technician
39 training from an agency, organization, or entity that received
40 reimbursement from the fund for providing the initial emergency
41 medical technician training to that emergency medical technician,
42 shall determine the emergency medical technician to be a volunteer
43 in good standing, provided that the emergency medical technician
44 works at least **[one]** 12 service **[call]** calls per **[month]** year, or

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.

1 150 duty hours per year during the initial three-year certification
2 period as a volunteer emergency medical technician.

3 (2) The head of the ambulance, first aid, and rescue squad shall
4 seek reimbursement from the emergency medical technician, if the
5 emergency medical technician ceases to be a volunteer in good
6 standing, for monies paid out of the fund in connection with that
7 emergency medical technician's training, testing, certification, or
8 recertification, as appropriate, in connection with the initial three-
9 year certification period in which the emergency medical technician
10 ceased to be a volunteer in good standing. However, an emergency
11 medical technician who ceases to be a volunteer in good standing in
12 order to attend a public or private institution of higher education
13 shall not be responsible for reimbursing the fund. The Department
14 of Health shall exercise oversight authority over the collection of
15 funds pursuant to this paragraph.

16 d. As used in this section:

17 "Public or private institution of higher education" means any
18 public university or college, or any private college, university, or
19 institute **【incorporated and】** located in **【New Jersey】** the United
20 States, which by virtue of law or character or license is a nonprofit
21 educational institution authorized to grant academic degrees,
22 provides a level of education equivalent to the education provided
23 by the State's public institutions of higher education **【as attested by**
24 **the receipt of and continuation of regional accreditation by the**
25 **Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools, and is eligible**
26 **to receive State aid under the provisions of the Constitution of the**
27 **United States and the Constitution of the State of New Jersey】**.

28 "Volunteer emergency medical technician" means an emergency
29 medical technician who provides basic life support services without
30 receiving compensation in the form of an hourly wage **【,】** or a
31 salary **【, or any other form of financial remuneration】** provided for
32 or in connection with the provision of basic life support services. A
33 length of service award administered pursuant to a length of service
34 award program as established under the provisions of P.L.1997,
35 c.388 (C.40A-14-183 et seq.) shall not be considered financial
36 remuneration. A volunteer emergency medical technician shall not
37 include an individual employed full-time by a general or special
38 hospital licensed pursuant to P.L.1971, c.136 (C.26:2H-1 et seq.) as
39 an emergency medical technician.

40 (cf: P.L.2024, c.68, s.1)

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42 2. This act shall take effect immediately.