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SYNOPSIS

Authorizes volunteer emergency medical technician reimbursement for criminal background checks from Emergency Medical Technician Training Fund.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



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1 AN ACT concerning certain reimbursement for criminal history
2 record background checks from the Emergency Medical
3 Technician Training Fund and amending P.L.2023, c.229.

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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. Section 4 of P.L.2023, c.229 (C.26:2K-65.3) is amended to
9 read as follows:

10 4. a. The Department of Health may require a candidate for an
11 EMT certification to bear the costs of the criminal history record
12 background check as may be deemed necessary by the department.

13 b. A volunteer emergency medical technician, as defined
14 pursuant to section 4 of P.L.1992, c.143 (C.26:2K-57), who is
15 required to undergo a criminal history record background check
16 pursuant to section 2 of P.L.2023, c.229 (C.26:2K-65.1), may be
17 reimbursed from the Emergency Medical Technician Training Fund
18 established pursuant to P.L.1992, c.143, s.3 (C.26:2K-56).
19 Reimbursement from the fund may be issued for initial certification
20 or licensure and follow-up criminal history record background
21 checks.

22 (cf:P.L.2023, c.229, s.4)

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24 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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STATEMENT

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29 This bill authorizes reimbursement from the Emergency Medical
30 Technician (EMT) Training Fund for volunteer emergency medical
31 technicians for initial and follow-up criminal history record
32 background checks.

33 The EMT Training Fund is a nonlapsing revolving fund from
34 which emergency medical services squads are reimbursed costs
35 associated with the initial and refresher training and testing for
36 EMTs. The fund is the repository for a \$1 surcharge added to fines,
37 penalties, and forfeitures for violations of certain statutes regulating
38 motor vehicles and their operation.

39 A "volunteer emergency medical technician" is defined as an
40 emergency medical technician who provides basic life support
41 services without receiving compensation in the form of an hourly
42 wage, a salary, or any other form of financial remuneration
43 provided for or in connection with the provision of basic life
44 support services.

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.