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SYNOPSIS

Establishes reimbursement eligibility for fingerprinting costs under “Emergency Medical Technician Training Fund.”

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



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

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

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

9 4. a. (1) 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, for costs
14 associated with personnel who are seeking certification or
15 recertification as a volunteer emergency medical technician, **[for**
16 **which costs that]** if the agency, organization, or entity is not
17 otherwise reimbursed for such costs. An agency, organization, or
18 entity that provides training and testing to volunteer emergency
19 medical technicians and volunteer emergency medical technician
20 candidates shall be eligible for reimbursement from the fund
21 regardless of whether the ambulance, first aid, and rescue squad
22 employing or utilizing the services of the volunteer emergency
23 medical technician receives any payment or reimbursement for
24 providing emergency medical services. The priority for
25 reimbursement from the fund to an agency, organization, or entity
26 for training and testing of ambulance, first aid, and rescue squad
27 personnel shall be in the following order: initial emergency
28 medical technician certification and emergency medical technician
29 refresher recertification classes.

30 (2) Fingerprinting costs for personnel who are seeking
31 certification or recertification as a volunteer emergency medical
32 technician shall be eligible for reimbursement from monies in the
33 fund.

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

38 c. (1) The head of the ambulance, first aid, and rescue squad
39 employing or utilizing the services of an emergency medical
40 technician, who received initial emergency medical technician
41 training from an agency, organization, or entity that received
42 reimbursement from the fund for providing the initial emergency
43 medical technician training to that emergency medical technician,
44 shall determine the emergency medical technician to be a volunteer
45 in good standing, provided that the emergency medical technician

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 works at least one service call per month during the initial three-
2 year certification period as a volunteer emergency medical
3 technician.

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

17 d. As used in this section:

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

29 "Volunteer emergency medical technician" means an emergency
30 medical technician who provides basic life support services without
31 receiving compensation in the form of an hourly wage, a salary, or
32 any other form of financial remuneration provided for or in
33 connection with the provision of basic life support services. A
34 volunteer emergency medical technician shall not include an
35 individual employed full-time by a general or special hospital
36 licensed pursuant to P.L.1971, c.136 (C.26:2H-1 et seq.) as an
37 emergency medical technician.

38 (cf: P.L.2024, c.68)

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40 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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STATEMENT

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45 This bill establishes reimbursement eligibility for fingerprinting
46 costs under the "Emergency Medical Technician Training Fund"
47 (fund).

1 Under current law, the Commissioner of Health is to annually
2 reimburse any private agency, organization, or entity, which is
3 certified by the commissioner to provide training and testing, for
4 costs associated with ambulance, first aid, and rescue squad
5 personnel who are seeking certification or recertification as a
6 volunteer emergency medical technician, if such costs to that
7 agency, organization, or entity are not otherwise reimbursed. This
8 bill provides that fingerprinting costs for personnel seeking
9 certification or recertification as volunteer emergency medical
10 technicians are eligible for reimbursement from monies in the fund.