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IN SENATE

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Introduced by Sen. COONEY -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Health

AN ACT to amend the public health law, in relation to authorizing certain emergency medical technicians and paramedics to administer certain vaccines pursuant to non-patient specific orders and under the authority of an emergency medical services director

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

1 Section 1. The public health law is amended by adding a new section
2 3005-c to read as follows:

3 § 3005-c. Vaccination by emergency medical technicians and paramedics.
4 1. Emergency medical technicians and advanced emergency medical techni-
5 cians may administer vaccinations against influenza and COVID-19 pursu-
6 ant to a non-patient specific order and under the authority of an emer-
7 gency medical services director while overseen or approved by the
8 department of health or local health departments and operated under the
9 medical supervision of licensed physicians, licensed physician assist-
10 ants, or certified nurse practitioners; provided that such individuals
11 first receive training in the following areas, as determined by the
12 commissioner after consultation with the commissioner of education:

13 (a) techniques, indications, precautions, contraindications, infection
14 control practices;

15 (b) use of personal protective equipment sufficient to provide the
16 basic level of competence for such tasks; and

17 (c) a current certificate in basic cardiopulmonary resuscitation,
18 which at a minimum must include a certification in basic cardiopulmonary
19 resuscitation by an online program that has received accreditation from
20 the American Nurses Credentialing Center, the Accreditation Council for
21 Pharmacy Education (ACPE), or the Accreditation Council for Continuing
22 Medical Education.

EXPLANATION--Matter in italics (underscored) is new; matter in brackets
[-] is old law to be omitted.

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1 2. Certified emergency medical technician-paramedics, with prior
2 approval of the department, may administer vaccinations against influen-
3 za and COVID-19 pursuant to a non-patient specific order and under the
4 medical direction of a licensed physician; provided that such emergency
5 medical technician-paramedics first receive training in the following
6 areas, as determined by the commissioner after consultation with the
7 commissioner of education:

8 (a) techniques, indications, precautions, contraindications, infection
9 control practices;

10 (b) use of personal protective equipment sufficient to provide the
11 basic level of competence for such tasks; and

12 (c) a current certificate in basic cardiopulmonary resuscitation,
13 which at a minimum must include a certification in basic cardiopulmonary
14 resuscitation by an online program that has received accreditation from
15 the American Nurses Credentialing Center, the Accreditation Council for
16 Pharmacy Education (ACPE), or the Accreditation Council for Continuing
17 Medical Education.

18 § 2. This act shall take effect immediately.