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## IN SENATE

February 21, 2025

Introduced by Sens. COMRIE, OBERACKER, WEBB -- 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 expanding the emergency medical technician re-certification demonstration program throughout the state and extending the length of such re-certification

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

1 Section 1. The section heading and subdivisions 1 and 2 of section  
2 3005-b of the public health law, the section heading and subdivision 1  
3 as added by chapter 563 of the laws of 2001, and subdivision 2 as  
4 amended by chapter 643 of the laws of 2006, are amended to read as  
5 follows:

6 Emergency medical technician [~~five~~ seven] year re-certification demon-  
7 stration program. 1. There is hereby created within the department a  
8 demonstration program (referred to in this section as the "program") to  
9 allow emergency medical technicians and advanced emergency medical tech-  
10 nicians who have been in continuous practice and who have demonstrated  
11 competence in applicable behavioral and performance objectives, to be  
12 re-certified for a [~~five~~ seven] year period. No person shall be re-cer-  
13 tified under the program unless [~~he or she~~] such person has completed at  
14 least one hundred thirty hours of instruction in emergency medical  
15 services as approved by the commissioner including but not limited to  
16 pediatrics, geriatrics, environmental emergencies, legal issues, emer-  
17 gency vehicle operations course and medical emergencies. Renewals of  
18 certification under the program shall be deemed equivalent to renewals  
19 under subdivision two of section three thousand two of this article.

20 2. The program shall [~~be limited to persons who are employed by the~~  
21 ~~New York city fire department or who are in practice in the following~~  
22 ~~counties: Delaware, Fulton, Hamilton, Montgomery, Nassau, Otsego, Scho-~~  
23 ~~harie or Suffolk. The commissioner may limit the number of participants~~  
24 ~~in the program, except that such limit shall be no less than four thou-~~

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

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1 ~~and participants]~~ apply to all emergency medical technicians up for  
2 recertification after the effective date of the chapter of the laws of  
3 two thousand twenty-five which amended this subdivision.

4 § 2. This act shall take effect immediately, provided, however, that  
5 the amendments to section 3005-b of the public health law made by  
6 section one of this act shall not affect the repeal of such section and  
7 shall be deemed repealed therewith.