

# STATE OF NEW YORK

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2025-2026 Regular Sessions

## IN SENATE

April 7, 2025

Introduced by Sen. FAHY -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Local Government

AN ACT to amend the county law and the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to requiring CPR training for 911 call-takers and dispatchers

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

1 Section 1. Section 328 of the county law is amended by adding a new  
2 subdivision 4-a to read as follows:

3 4-a. (a) For the purposes of this subdivision, "CPR" or "cardiopulmo-  
4 nary resuscitation" shall mean measures, as specified in regulations  
5 promulgated by the commissioner of health, to restore function or  
6 support ventilation in the event of a cardiac or respiratory arrest. CPR  
7 shall not include measures to improve ventilation and cardiac function  
8 in the absence of an arrest.

9 (b) The board shall require that all 911 call-takers and dispatchers  
10 complete CPR training and an annual follow-up training. Such CPR train-  
11 ing shall follow nationally recognized guidelines and shall include, but  
12 shall not be limited to, the following topics:

13 (1) recognizing signs of cardiac arrest during emergency calls;

14 (2) providing step-by-step instructions for initiating CPR to callers;

15 (3) coordinating with emergency medical services dispatch to ensure  
16 timely arrival of medical assistance; and

17 (4) using automated external defibrillators when available and appro-  
18 priate.

19 (c) All 911 call-takers and dispatchers employed before the effective  
20 date of this subdivision shall complete such CPR training within twelve  
21 months of the effective date of this subdivision and shall complete a  
22 follow-up training annually thereafter. All 911 call-takers and  
23 dispatchers hired after the effective date of this subdivision shall

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

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1 complete such CPR training within twelve months of their employment  
2 start date and shall complete a follow-up training annually thereafter.

3 § 2. The administrative code of the city of New York is amended by  
4 adding a new section 10-187 to read as follows:

5 § 10-187 911 call-takers and dispatchers CPR training. a. For the  
6 purposes of this section, "CPR" or "cardiopulmonary resuscitation" shall  
7 mean measures, as specified in regulations promulgated by the commis-  
8 sioner of health, to restore function or support ventilation in the  
9 event of a cardiac or respiratory arrest. CPR shall not include measures  
10 to improve ventilation and cardiac function in the absence of an arrest.

11 b. All 911 call-takers and dispatchers shall be required to complete  
12 CPR training and an annual follow-up training. Such CPR training shall  
13 follow nationally recognized guidelines and shall include, but shall not  
14 be limited to, the following topics:

15 1. recognizing signs of cardiac arrest during emergency calls;  
16 2. providing step-by-step instructions for initiating CPR to callers;  
17 3. coordinating with emergency medical services dispatch to ensure  
18 timely arrival of medical assistance; and  
19 4. using automated external defibrillators when available and appro-  
20 priate.

21 c. All 911 call-takers and dispatchers employed before the effective  
22 date of this section shall complete such CPR training within twelve  
23 months of the effective date of this section and shall complete a  
24 follow-up training annually thereafter. All 911 call-takers and  
25 dispatchers hired after the effective date of this section shall  
26 complete such CPR training within twelve months of their employment  
27 start date and shall complete a follow-up training annually thereafter.

28 § 3. Severability clause. If any clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivi-  
29 sion, section or part of this act shall be adjudged by any court of  
30 competent jurisdiction to be invalid, such judgment shall not affect,  
31 impair, or invalidate the remainder thereof, but shall be confined in  
32 its operation to the clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision, section  
33 or part thereof directly involved in the controversy in which such judg-  
34 ment shall have been rendered. It is hereby declared to be the intent of  
35 the legislature that this act would have been enacted even if such  
36 invalid provisions had not been included herein.

37 § 4. This act shall take effect immediately.