STATE OF NEW YORK

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2025-2026 Regular Sessions

IN SENATE

April 7, 2025

Introduced by Sens. FAHY, HELMING -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Local Government -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee

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

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

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

4-a. (a) For the purposes of this subdivision:

(1) "CPR" or "cardiopulmonary resuscitation" shall mean measures, as specified in regulations promulgated by the commissioner of health, to restore function or support ventilation in the event of a cardiac or respiratory arrest. CPR shall not include measures to improve ventilation and cardiac function in the absence of an arrest.

(2) "T-CPR" or "telecommunicator cardiopulmonary resuscitation" shall mean dispatcher assisted, high quality CPR instruction given to callers during a cardiac arrest.

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

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

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

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

(4) using automated external defibrillators when available and appropriate.

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

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(c) All 911 call-takers and dispatchers employed before the effective date of this subdivision shall complete such T-CPR training within twelve months of the effective date of this subdivision and shall complete a follow-up training annually thereafter. All 911 call-takers and dispatchers hired after the effective date of this subdivision shall complete such T-CPR training within twelve months of their employment start date and shall complete a follow-up training annually thereafter.

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

§ 10-187 911 call-takers and dispatchers T-CPR training. a. For the purposes of this section:

1. "CPR" or "cardiopulmonary resuscitation" shall mean measures, as specified in regulations promulgated by the commissioner of health, to restore function or support ventilation in the event of a cardiac or respiratory arrest. CPR shall not include measures to improve ventilation and cardiac function in the absence of an arrest.

2. "T-CPR" or "telecommunicator cardiopulmonary resuscitation" shall mean dispatcher assisted high quality CPR instruction given to callers during a cardiac arrest.

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

1. recognizing signs of cardiac arrest during emergency calls;

2. providing step-by-step instructions for initiating CPR instructions to callers;

3. coordinating with emergency medical services dispatch to ensure timely arrival of medical assistance; and

4. using automated external defibrillators when available and appropriate.

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

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

§ 4. This act shall take effect immediately.