

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:

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:

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

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

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

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

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

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

21 (4) using automated external defibrillators when available and appro-
22 priate.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

24 1. recognizing signs of cardiac arrest during emergency calls;

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

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

29 4. using automated external defibrillators when available and appro-
30 priate.

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

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

47 § 4. This act shall take effect immediately.