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Introduced by M. of A. GOTTFRIED -- read once and referred to the Committee on Health

AN ACT to amend the public health law, in relation to community paramedicine services provided by emergency medical providers

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, REPRESENTED IN SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Section 3000 of the public health law is amended by adding a third undesignated paragraph to read as follows:

THE PURPOSE OF THIS ARTICLE IS ALSO TO IMPROVE THE HEALTH OF INDIVIDUALS IN COMMUNITY SETTINGS BY AUTHORIZING EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIANS, WORKING UNDER MEDICAL CONTROL, TO PERFORM SERVICES THAT ARE WITHIN THEIR SCOPE OF PRACTICE, EDUCATION AND TRAINING, IN CIRCUMSTANCES OTHER THEN THE INITIAL EMERGENCY MEDICAL CARE AND TRANSPORTATION OF SICK OR INJURED PERSONS.

S 2. Subdivision 15 of section 3001 of the public health law, as amended by chapter 445 of the laws of 1993, is amended to read as follows:

15. "Medical control" means: (a) advice and direction provided by a physician or under the direction of a physician to certified first responders, emergency medical technicians or advanced emergency medical technicians who are providing medical care at the scene of an emergency or en route to a health care facility, OR IN COMMUNITY PARAMEDICINE; and (b) indirect medical control including the written policies, procedures, and protocols for prehospital emergency medical care and transportation, OR IN COMMUNITY PARAMEDICINE, developed by the state emergency medical advisory committee, approved by the state emergency medical services council and the commissioner, and implemented by regional medical advisory committees.

S 3. Section 3001 of the public health law is amended by adding a new subdivision 22 to read as follows:

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

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22. "COMMUNITY PARAMEDICINE" MEANS THE PRACTICE BY AN EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIAN, IN THE COURSE OF HIS OR HER WORK AS AN EMPLOYEE OR MEMBER OF AN AMBULANCE SERVICE OR ADVANCED LIFE SUPPORT FIRST RESPONSE SERVICE, IN A SETTING OTHER THAN A GENERAL HOSPITAL, AND UNDER MEDICAL CONTROL, OF EVALUATING, PREVENTING, OR IMPROVING THE HEALTH CONDITION OF AN INDIVIDUAL, WITHIN THE SCOPE OF PRACTICE, EDUCATION AND TRAINING OF THE EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIAN, IN CIRCUMSTANCES OTHER THAN THE INITIAL EMERGENCY MEDICAL CARE AND TRANSPORTATION OF SICK OR INJURED PERSONS.

S 4. The public health law is amended by adding a new section 3005-c to read as follows:

S 3005-C. COMMUNITY PARAMEDICINE. AN EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIAN MAY PROVIDE COMMUNITY PARAMEDICINE SERVICES PURSUANT TO REGULATIONS BY THE COMMISSIONER PROVIDING FOR OVERSIGHT OF A COMMUNITY PARAMEDICINE PROGRAM TO BE PROVIDED BY AN AMBULANCE SERVICE OR ADVANCED LIFE SUPPORT FIRST RESPONSE SERVICE; GOVERNING COMMUNITY PARAMEDICINE; AND REQUIREMENTS FOR COMMUNITY PARAMEDICINE PROGRAMS TO PROVIDE DATA AND REPORTS TO THE COMMISSIONER CONCERNING COMMUNITY PARAMEDICINE. IN MAKING REGULATIONS UNDER THIS SECTION, THE COMMISSIONER SHALL CONSULT WITH APPROPRIATE STAKEHOLDERS.

S 5. This act shall take effect immediately.