

# STATE OF NEW YORK

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## IN SENATE

May 3, 2017

Introduced by Sen. PHILLIPS -- 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 emergency medical service in Nassau County

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

- 1 Section 1. Section 3017 of the public health law, as added by chapter  
2 572 of the laws of 1994, is amended to read as follows:  
3 § 3017. Emergency medical service, Nassau and Suffolk [~~county~~] coun-  
4 ties. 1. No ambulance service or advanced life support first response  
5 service shall respond to any call or request for emergency medical  
6 services within a town, village or fire district in Nassau or Suffolk  
7 county that currently provides ambulance service or advanced life  
8 support services first response service, if the municipality has desig-  
9 nated one or more ambulance services or advanced life support first  
10 response services to respond to such calls unless:  
11 (a) the service is so designated;  
12 (b) the response is in accordance with a mutual aid plan approved by  
13 the appropriate regional emergency medical service council;  
14 (c) the response is to a verbal mutual aid request from a designated  
15 service;  
16 (d) the service was specifically requested to respond by the patient  
17 or someone acting on behalf of that patient; or  
18 (e) the response site is a hospital licensed under article twenty-  
19 eight of this chapter for a transfer to another such facility.  
20 2. Every ambulance service or advanced life support first response  
21 service shall disclose as part of any solicitation or advertisement in  
22 Nassau or Suffolk county that there is a fee for services rendered, if  
23 in fact there is a fee charged for the performance of such service.  
24 3. Every ambulance service or advanced life support first response  
25 service that operates in Nassau or Suffolk county and has vehicles which

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

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1 travel through communities with designated ambulance service or advanced  
2 life support first response service shall require its drivers and emer-  
3 gency medical technicians:

4 (a) to immediately notify a central alarm or other publicly operated  
5 dispatch entity, or a person designated under section two hundred nine-b  
6 of the general municipal law to receive calls for emergency services for  
7 the purpose of dispatching emergency medical services whenever an emer-  
8 gency is found in a public place;

9 (b) to evaluate the need to transport any patient found in extremis to  
10 a hospital; and

11 (c) to comply with appropriate instructions from the dispatch entity.  
12 The dispatch entity, when appropriate, may instruct the service to  
13 transport any patient to an appropriate hospital.

14 § 2. This act shall take effect immediately.