STATE OF NEW YORK

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2019-2020 Regular Sessions

IN SENATE

June 5, 2019

Introduced by Sen. RIVERA -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Rules -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee

AN ACT to amend the public health law, in relation to include certified first responders in a program relating to recertification of persons providing emergency medical care and removing the designation of such program as a pilot or demonstration program; and to amend chapter 459 of the laws of 1996, amending the public health law relating to recertification of persons providing emergency medical care, in relation to the effectiveness thereof

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

Section 1. Subdivision 2-b of section 3002 of the public health law, as added by chapter 459 of the laws of 1996, is amended to read as follows:

2-b. The commissioner, in consultation with the state emergency medical services council, shall develop a [~~pilot~~] program [~~in at least six regions of the state (including the western New York and capital regions)~~] to allow **certified first responders,** emergency medical technicians and advanced emergency medical technicians who have been in continuous practice, who have demonstrated competence in applicable behavioral and performance objectives, and who have demonstrated completion of appropriate continuing education, to renew their certification under subdivision two of this section without requiring the completion of a written examination. In implementing this program**,** the commissioner shall contract with and use the standards established by a nationally recognized organization that certifies **certified first responders,** emergency medical technicians and advanced emergency medical technicians. [~~However, no pilot program shall include employees of a municipal ambulance service in cities with a population over one~~

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

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~~million.~~] Renewals of certification under the [~~demonstration~~] program shall be deemed equivalent to renewals under subdivision two of this section for purposes of this article.

[~~Within one year of developing the demonstration program and annually thereafter, the commissioner shall report to the legislature on the impact of the program on the quality of patient care, the effectiveness of the program in retaining certified emergency medical technicians and advanced emergency medical technicians, and the feasibility of replacing the state's certification program with a national certification program.~~]

§ 2. Section 2 of chapter 459 of the laws of 1996, amending the public health law relating to recertification of persons providing emergency medical care, as amended by section 26 of part D of chapter 57 of the laws of 2015, is amended to read as follows:

§ 2. This act shall take effect immediately and shall expire and be deemed repealed July 1, [~~2019~~] **2021**.

§ 3. This act shall take effect immediately; provided, however, that the amendments to subdivision 2-b of section 3002 of the public health law made by section one of this act shall not affect the repeal of such subdivision, and shall be deemed repealed therewith.