

# STATE OF NEW YORK

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## IN SENATE

May 15, 2020

Introduced by Sen. METZGER -- 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 availability of air transport ambulance service providers to store and distribute blood

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

1 Section 1. The public health law is amended by adding a new section  
2 3003-e to read as follows:

3 § 3003-e. Availability of air transport ambulance service providers to  
4 store and distribute blood. 1. Any ambulance provider as licensed pursu-  
5 ant to this article that provides air transport services, shall be  
6 authorized to store human blood at all their facilities and distribute  
7 human blood while providing air transport services; provided, however,  
8 the only personnel on the aircraft that shall distribute the human blood  
9 when transporting a patient via the aircraft shall be a registered nurse  
10 who is currently licensed to practice as a registered nurse within the  
11 state.

12 2. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, rule or regulation to  
13 the contrary, any ambulance provider as licensed pursuant to this arti-  
14 cle that provides air transport services, shall store and distribute  
15 human blood in accordance with the standards set forth by section thir-  
16 ty-one hundred of this chapter; provided, however, an ambulance provider  
17 shall meet or exceed all standards for the storage of blood products set  
18 forth by the United States Food and Drug Administration, and recommended  
19 by an internationally recognized, not-for-profit association represent-  
20 ing individuals and institutions involved in the fields of transfusion  
21 medicine and cellular therapies.

22 § 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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

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