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:

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

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

2. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, rule or regulation to the contrary, any ambulance provider as licensed pursuant to this article that provides air transport services, shall store and distribute human blood in accordance with the standards set forth by section thirty-one hundred of this chapter; provided, however, an ambulance provider shall meet or exceed all standards for the storage of blood products set forth by the United States Food and Drug Administration, and recommended by an internationally recognized, not-for-profit association representing individuals and institutions involved in the fields of transfusion medicine and cellular therapies.

§ 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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