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

AN ACT to amend the public health law, in relation to availability of ambulance services to store and distribute blood and initiate and administer blood transfusions

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

Section 1. Section 3003-b of the public health law, as amended by chapter 61 of the laws of 2022, is amended to read as follows:

§ 3003-b. Availability of ambulance service [~~that provides transportation by aircraft~~] to store and distribute blood and initiate and administer blood transfusions. 1. An ambulance service licensed under this article [~~that provides transportation by aircraft~~] may store and distribute human blood and blood products at all their facilities and qualified medical and health personnel, as defined in this article, operating within an ambulance service licensed under this article, may initiate and administer human blood and blood product transfusions while providing [~~air transport~~] **ambulance** services. As used in this section, "[~~air transport~~] **ambulance** services" means emergency medical care and the transportation of sick or injured persons by **motor vehicle or** aircraft to, from or between general hospitals or other health care facilities.

2. Notwithstanding title five of article five of this chapter, any ambulance service licensed under this article [~~that provides transportation by aircraft and only for purposes of providing air transport services,~~] may store and distribute human blood and blood products in accordance with standards for the storage of blood products of the United States Food and Drug Administration and any rules, regulations, guidance or minimum standards established pursuant to this section.

3. Prior to storing and distributing blood or allowing qualified medical and health personnel to initiate and administer blood trans-

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

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fusions under this section, the ambulance service shall ensure that it is in compliance with the rules, regulations, guidance or minimum standards established pursuant to this section and other applicable emergency medical service requirements, and shall provide notification of intent to store and distribute blood or allow qualified medical and health personnel to initiate and administer blood transfusions as part of their [~~air transport~~] **ambulance** services at least sixty days prior to beginning such care.

4. The state emergency medical services council, with the approval of the commissioner, shall promulgate rules and regulations to effectuate the purposes of this section.

§ 2. This act shall take effect on the ninetieth day after it shall have become a law.