STATE OF NEW YORK

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2023-2024 Regular Sessions

IN ASSEMBLY

March 23, 2023

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

AN ACT to amend the public health law, in relation to expanding the emergency medical technician re-certification demonstration program throughout the state and extending the length of such re-certification; and to amend chapter 563 of the laws of 2001 amending the public health law relating to providing for an emergency technician five year re-certification demonstration program in certain counties, 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. The section heading and subdivisions 1 and 2 of section 3005-b of the public health law, the section heading and subdivision 1 as added by chapter 563 of the laws of 2001, and subdivision 2 as amended by chapter 643 of the laws of 2006, are amended to read as follows:

Emergency medical technician [~~five~~] **seven** year re-certification demonstration program. 1. There is hereby created within the department a demonstration program (referred to in this section as the "program") to allow emergency medical technicians and advanced emergency medical technicians who have been in continuous practice and who have demonstrated competence in applicable behavioral and performance objectives, to be re-certified for a [~~five~~] **seven** year period. No person shall be re-certified under the program unless he or she has completed at least one hundred thirty hours of instruction in emergency medical services as approved by the commissioner including but not limited to pediatrics, geriatrics, environmental emergencies, legal issues, emergency vehicle operations course and medical emergencies. Renewals of certification under the program shall be deemed equivalent to renewals under subdivision two of section three thousand two of this article.

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

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2. The program shall [~~be limited to persons who are employed by the New York city fire department or who are in practice in the following counties: Delaware, Fulton, Hamilton, Montgomery, Nassau, Otsego, Schoharie or Suffolk. The commissioner may limit the number of participants in the program, except that such limit shall be no less than four thousand participants~~] **apply to all emergency medical technicians up for recertification after the effective date of the chapter of the laws of two thousand twenty-three which amended this subdivision**.

§ 2. Section 2 of chapter 563 of the laws of 2001 amending the public health law relating to providing for an emergency technician five year re-certification demonstration program in certain counties, as amended by chapter 102 of the laws of 2018, is amended to read as follows:

§ 2. This act shall take effect immediately and shall expire and be deemed repealed [~~July~~] **January** 1, [~~2023~~] **2025**.

§ 3. This act shall take effect immediately, provided, however, that the amendments to section 3005-b of the public health law made by section one of this act shall not affect the repeal of such section and shall be deemed repealed therewith.