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Introduced by M. of A. GUNTHER -- read once and referred to the Committee on Health -- recommitted to the Committee on Health in accordance with Assembly Rule 3, sec. 2 -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee

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

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~~] such person 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.

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, Scho-~~

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

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~~harie 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-four which amended this subdivision.

§ 2. 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.