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Introduced by Sens. JACKSON, MARTINEZ, SCARCELLA-SPANTON -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Health -- reported favorably from said committee, ordered to first and second report, ordered to a third reading, amended and ordered reprinted, retaining its place in the order of third reading

AN ACT to amend the public health law, in relation to staffing standards for employees performing emergency medical services in the 911 system in a city with a population of over one million people

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

Section 1. Subdivision 1 of section 3005-a of the public health law, as amended by chapter 445 of the laws of 1993, is amended to read as follows:

1. The following staffing standards shall be in effect unless otherwise provided by this section:

(a) effective January first, nineteen hundred ninety-seven the minimum staffing standard for a registered ambulance service shall be a certified first responder with the patient;

(b) effective January first, two thousand, the minimum staffing standard for a voluntary ambulance service shall be an emergency medical technician with the patient;

(c) **(i) the minimum staffing standard for ambulance units responding to calls for emergency medical services in the 911 system in a city with a population of over one million people shall be (1) a team of two certified emergency medical technicians; or (2) a team of two certified advanced emergency medical technicians.**

(ii) the minimum standard for staffing supervisors' vehicles responding to calls for emergency medical services in the 911 system in a city with a population of over one million people shall be a team of one supervisor who is certified either as an emergency medical technician or

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

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as an advanced emergency medical technician, paired with one certified emergency medical technician or advanced emergency medical technician;

(d) the minimum staffing standard for all other ambulance services shall be an emergency medical technician with the patient; and

[~~(d)~~] **(e)** the minimum staffing standard for an advanced life support first response service shall be an advanced emergency medical technician with the patient. Circumstances permitting other than advanced life support care by an advanced life support first response service may be established by rule by the state council, subject to the approval of the commissioner.

§ 2. This act shall take effect immediately; provided however, that subparagraph (ii) of paragraph (c) of subdivision 1 of section 3005-a of the public health law as added by section one of this act shall take effect 1 year after it shall have become a law.