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Introduced by Sens. FAHY, HELMING, RAMOS -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Local Government -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee -- recommitted to the Committee on Local Government in accordance with Senate Rule 6, sec. 8 -- reported favorably from said committee and committed to the Committee on Health -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee

AN ACT to amend the county law and the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to requiring telecommunicator cardiopulmonary resuscitation training for 911 call-takers and dispatchers

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

Section 1. Section 328 of the county law is amended by adding a new subdivision 4-a to read as follows:

4-a. (a) For the purposes of this subdivision:

(1) "CPR" or "cardiopulmonary resuscitation" shall mean measures, as specified in regulations promulgated by the commissioner of health, to restore function or support ventilation in the event of a cardiac or respiratory arrest. CPR shall not include measures to improve ventilation and cardiac function in the absence of an arrest.

(2) "T-CPR" or "telecommunicator cardiopulmonary resuscitation" shall mean dispatcher assisted, high quality CPR instruction given to callers during a cardiac arrest.

(b) The board shall require that all 911 call-takers and dispatchers complete T-CPR training and an annual follow-up training. Such T-CPR training shall follow nationally recognized, evidence-based guidelines and shall include, but shall not be limited to, the following topics:

(1) recognizing signs of cardiac arrest during emergency calls;

(2) providing step-by-step instructions for initiating CPR instructions to callers;

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

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1 (3) coordinating with emergency medical services dispatch to ensure
2 timely arrival of medical assistance; and

3 (4) using automated external defibrillators when available and appro-
4 priate.

5 (c) All 911 call-takers and dispatchers employed before the effective
6 date of this subdivision shall complete such T-CPR training within eigh-
7 teen months of the effective date of this subdivision and shall complete
8 a follow-up training annually thereafter. All 911 call-takers and
9 dispatchers hired after the effective date of this subdivision shall
10 complete such T-CPR training within twelve months of their employment
11 start date and shall complete a follow-up training annually thereafter.

12 (d) Such training and annual follow-up training required by this
13 subdivision shall be conducted during the employee's regular working
14 hours and employees shall receive compensation at their regular rate of
15 pay for any time spent participating in such training.

16 § 2. The administrative code of the city of New York is amended by
17 adding a new section 10-187 to read as follows:

18 § 10-187 911 call-takers and dispatchers T-CPR training. a. For the
19 purposes of this section:

20 1. "CPR" or "cardiopulmonary resuscitation" shall mean measures, as
21 specified in regulations promulgated by the commissioner of health, to
22 restore function or support ventilation in the event of a cardiac or
23 respiratory arrest. CPR shall not include measures to improve venti-
24 lation and cardiac function in the absence of an arrest.

25 2. "T-CPR" or "telecommunicator cardiopulmonary resuscitation" shall
26 mean dispatcher assisted high quality CPR instruction given to callers
27 during a cardiac arrest.

28 b. All 911 call-takers and dispatchers shall be required to complete
29 T-CPR training and an annual follow-up training. Such T-CPR training
30 shall follow nationally recognized, evidence-based guidelines and shall
31 include, but shall not be limited to, the following topics:

32 1. recognizing signs of cardiac arrest during emergency calls;

33 2. providing step-by-step instructions for initiating CPR instructions
34 to callers;

35 3. coordinating with emergency medical services dispatch to ensure
36 timely arrival of medical assistance; and

37 4. using automated external defibrillators when available and appro-
38 priate.

39 c. All 911 call-takers and dispatchers employed before the effective
40 date of this section shall complete such T-CPR training within eighteen
41 months of the effective date of this section and shall complete a
42 follow-up training annually thereafter. All 911 call-takers and
43 dispatchers hired after the effective date of this section shall
44 complete such T-CPR training within twelve months of their employment
45 start date and shall complete a follow-up training annually thereafter.

46 d. Such training and annual follow-up training required by this
47 section shall be conducted during the employee's regular working hours
48 and employees shall receive compensation at their regular rate of pay
49 for any time spent participating in such training.

50 § 3. Severability clause. If any clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivi-
51 sion, section or part of this act shall be adjudged by any court of
52 competent jurisdiction to be invalid, such judgment shall not affect,
53 impair, or invalidate the remainder thereof, but shall be confined in
54 its operation to the clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision, section
55 or part thereof directly involved in the controversy in which such judg-
56 ment shall have been rendered. It is hereby declared to be the intent of

1 the legislature that this act would have been enacted even if such
2 invalid provisions had not been included herein.
3 § 4. This act shall take effect immediately.