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Sponsored by: Senator LINDA R. GREENSTEIN District 14 (Mercer and Middlesex) Senator JAMES BEACH District 6 (Burlington and Camden)

SYNOPSIS

Provides for EMT and Mobile Intensive Care Paramedic certification for certain veterans.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



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1 AN ACT concerning Emergency Medical Technician and Mobile 2 Intensive Care Paramedic certification, supplementing Title 26 of 3 the Revised Statutes and amending P.L.1984, c.146. 4 5 **BE IT ENACTED** by the Senate and General Assembly of the State 6 of New Jersey: 7 8 1. (New section) The Commissioner of Health and Senior 9 Services, with the approval of the State Board of Medical 10 Examiners, shall establish written standards which a person shall 11 successfully complete in order to be certified as an EMT-Basic. Applicants for EMT-Basic certification, who have equivalent 12 military training or experience in any branch of the active duty or 13 14 reserve component of the Armed Forces of the United States or the 15 National Guard of any state, shall be certified by the commissioner 16 if the commissioner determines that the applicant's military training 17 and experience exceed or are equivalent to the certification 18 standards established by the commissioner. 19 20 2. Section 2 of P.L.1984, c.146 (C.26:2K-8) is amended to read 21 as follows: 22 2. a. A mobile intensive care paramedic shall obtain 23 certification from the commissioner to staff a mobile intensive care 24 unit and shall make application therefore on forms prescribed by the 25 commissioner. 26 b. The commissioner with the approval of the board of medical examiners shall establish written standards which a mobile 27 intensive care paramedic shall meet in order to obtain certification. 28 29 The commissioner shall act on a regular basis upon applications of 30 candidates for certification as a mobile intensive care paramedic. 31 The commissioner shall certify a candidate who provides 32 satisfactory evidence of the successful completion of an educational 33 program approved by the commissioner for the training of mobile 34 intensive care paramedics and who passes an examination in the provision of advance life support services, which examination shall 35 be conducted by the department at least twice a year. 36 The 37 commissioner shall certify a candidate for a mobile intensive care 38 paramedic certification who has equivalent military training or 39 experience in any branch of the active duty or reserve component of the Armed Forces of the United States or the National Guard of any 40 state if the commissioner determines that the candidate's military 41 42 training and experience exceed or are equivalent to the certification 43 standards established by the commissioner.

EXPLANATION – Matter enclosed in **bold-faced** brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.

Matter underlined thus is new matter.

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1 c. The department shall maintain a register of all applicants for certification hereunder, which register shall include but not be 2 3 limited to: (1) The name and residence of the applicant; 4 5 (2) The date of the application; 6 (3) Information as to whether the applicant was rejected or 7 certified and the date of that action. 8 The department shall annually compile a list of mobile intensive 9 care paramedics. This list shall be available to the public. 10 (cf: P.L.1984, c.146. s.2) 11 3. This act shall take effect on the first day of the sixth month 12 13 following enactment, but the commissioner may take such 14 anticipatory acts in advance of that date as may be necessary for the 15 timely implementation of this act. 16 17 18 **STATEMENT** 19 20 This bill would require the New Jersey Commissioner of Health and Senior Services to certify emergency medical technicians 21 (EMTs) and Mobile Intensive Care Paramedics who have equivalent 22 23 military training or experience, provided that the military training 24 and experience exceed or are equivalent to New Jersey's

25 certification standards.