

## CHAPTER 70

AN ACT concerning emergency medical services and supplementing P.L.1984, c.146 (C.26:2K-7 et seq.).

**BE IT ENACTED** *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State of New Jersey:*

C.26:2K-12.1 Hospitals in certain municipalities, requirements for provision of emergency medical services.

1. a. (1) A hospital which has been issued a certificate of need by the Department of Health to operate a Level 1 trauma center shall be exclusively authorized to develop and maintain advanced life support services in the municipality in which the trauma center is located, and shall have the right of first refusal to provide both advanced life support and basic life support services in the municipality, provided that the services are provided at no charge to the municipality, and the municipality does not provide basic life support services as a municipal service or as part of a shared services agreement.

(2) A hospital that develops and maintains advanced life support services pursuant to paragraph (1) of this subsection shall be subject to the same level of oversight by the Department of Health as would apply to an entity that holds a certificate of need for advanced life support services, as provided by regulation at N.J.A.C.8:33.

b. A hospital which has been issued a certificate of need by the Department of Health to operate a Level 1 trauma center shall have the right to apply under expedited review to provide advanced life support services in additional municipalities in which an acute care hospital that, as of July 1, 2015, is part of the same health system as the Level 1 trauma center is located, provided such application for expedited review is submitted on or before December 31, 2016.

2. This act shall take effect on the 180th day after the date of enactment.

Approved July 6, 2015.