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SYNOPSIS

Concerns licensing of certain emergency medical service helicopter response units.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As amended on October 11, 2012 by the General Assembly pursuant to the Governor's recommendations.

(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 6/22/2012)
AN ACT [establishing a moratorium on] concerning the licensing of emergency medical service helicopter response units [pending an evaluation and report] and supplementing Title 26 of the Revised Statutes.

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

1. Commencing on the effective date of P.L. [ , c. (C. )] (pending before the Legislature as this bill), the Department of Health and Senior Services shall impose a moratorium on the licensing of any new emergency medical service helicopter response unit pending the issuance of the report required pursuant to section 2 of P.L. [ , c. (C. )] (pending before the Legislature as this bill).[1]

2. a. Within [six] 12 months of the effective date of P.L. [ , c. (C. )] (pending before the Legislature as this bill), the Commissioner of Health [and Senior Services] shall evaluate the regulations that govern the operation of emergency medical service helicopter response units in this State. The commissioner shall issue a report to the Governor and to the Legislature pursuant to section 2 of P.L.1991, c.164 (C.52:14-19.1), with any findings and recommendations that the commissioner deems appropriate concerning the operations of emergency medical service helicopter response units.

   b. The report shall include, but need not be limited to, the following:

      (1) whether current regulations provide for appropriate minimum safety and performance standards for emergency medical service helicopter response units and vehicle licensees;

      (2) whether the criteria for selecting new bases of operation for emergency medical service helicopter response unit vehicles in the State should include the sources of trauma emergencies;

      (3) whether a needs-based analysis is warranted with respect to the locations from which emergency medical service helicopter response unit vehicles operate;

      (4) whether patients are being transported by air to facilities that are able to provide the appropriate level of care;

      (5) the advisability of establishing a centralized emergency medical service helicopter response unit vehicle dispatch system based in the Division of State Police in the Department of Law and Public Safety;

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.
Matter enclosed in superscript numerals has been adopted as follows:
1Assembly amendments adopted in accordance with Governor’s recommendations October 11, 2012.
(6) the commissioner’s recommendation as to whether the moratorium imposed pursuant to section 1 of P.L.  , c.  (C.  ) (pending before the Legislature as this bill) should continue and if so, the recommended duration of, and reasons for, the extension of the moratorium;]'

and

any other information that the commissioner deems appropriate to the report.

This act shall take effect immediately.