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P.L.2015, CHAPTER 70, *approved July 6, 2015*

Senate, No. 2980 (*First Reprint*)

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

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

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7 1. a. <sup>1</sup>(1)<sup>1</sup> A hospital which <sup>1</sup>**[is designated]** has been issued a  
8 certificate of need by the Department of Health to operate<sup>1</sup> a Level  
9 1 trauma center shall be exclusively authorized to develop and  
10 maintain advanced life support services in the municipality in which  
11 the trauma center is located, and shall have the right of first refusal  
12 to provide both advanced life support and basic life support services  
13 in the municipality <sup>1</sup>, provided that the services are provided at no  
14 charge to the municipality, and the municipality does not provide  
15 basic life support services as a municipal service or as part of a  
16 shared services agreement.

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

22 b. A hospital which <sup>1</sup>**[is designated]** has been issued a  
23 certificate of need by the Department of Health to operate<sup>1</sup> a Level  
24 1 trauma center shall have the right to apply under expedited review  
25 to provide advanced life support services in additional  
26 municipalities in which an acute care hospital that <sup>1</sup>, as of July 1,  
27 2015,<sup>1</sup> is part of the same health system as the Level 1 trauma  
28 center is located, provided such application for expedited review is  
29 submitted on or before December 31, <sup>1</sup>**[2015]** 2016<sup>1</sup>.

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

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37 Revises certain requirements concerning provision of emergency  
38 medical services.

**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:

<sup>1</sup>Senate SHH committee amendments adopted June 15, 2015.

**SENATE, No. 2980**

**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**  
**216th LEGISLATURE**

INTRODUCED JUNE 8, 2015

**Sponsored by:**

**Senator NILSA CRUZ-PEREZ**

**District 5 (Camden and Gloucester)**

**SYNOPSIS**

Revises certain requirements concerning provision of emergency medical services.

**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

As introduced.



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4 **BE IT ENACTED** by the Senate and General Assembly of the State  
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7 1. a. A hospital which is designated a Level 1 trauma center  
8 shall be exclusively authorized to develop and maintain advanced  
9 life support services in the municipality in which the trauma center  
10 is located, and shall have the right of first refusal to provide both  
11 advanced life support and basic life support services in the  
12 municipality.

13 b. A hospital which is designated a Level 1 trauma center shall  
14 have the right to apply under expedited review to provide advanced  
15 life support services in additional municipalities in which an acute  
16 care hospital that is part of the same health system as the Level 1  
17 trauma center is located, provided such application for expedited  
18 review is submitted on or before December 31, 2015.

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

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STATEMENT

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26 This bill grants hospitals which are designated Level 1 trauma  
27 centers the exclusive authority to provide advanced life support  
28 services in the municipality in which the trauma center is located,  
29 and grants the trauma centers the right of first refusal to provide  
30 both advanced life support and basic life support services in the  
31 municipality.

32 The bill provides that hospitals which are designated Level 1  
33 trauma centers will have the right to apply under expedited review  
34 to provide advanced life support services in additional  
35 municipalities in which an acute care hospital that is part of the  
36 same health system as the Level 1 trauma center is located,  
37 provided such application for expedited review is submitted on or  
38 before December 31, 2015.

39 It is the sponsor's belief that linking advanced life support and  
40 basic life support services under the State's designated regional  
41 trauma centers will centralize medical oversight, facilitate high-  
42 quality prehospital care, and support a more cost-efficient system.

SENATE HEALTH, HUMAN SERVICES AND SENIOR  
CITIZENS COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

**SENATE, No. 2980**

with committee amendments

**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

DATED: JUNE 15, 2015

The Senate Health, Human Services and Senior Citizens Committee reports, without recommendation, and with committee amendments Senate Bill No. 2980.

As amended by the committee, this bill would grant hospitals, which have been issued a certificate of need by the Department of Health to operate a Level 1 trauma center, the exclusive authority to provide advanced life support services in the municipality in which the trauma center is located. The bill would also grant these trauma centers 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. A hospital that provides advanced life support services pursuant to the bill's provisions would 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.

The bill further provides that hospitals that have obtained a certificate of need to operate a Level 1 trauma center will have the right to apply under expedited review to provide advanced life support services in additional municipalities that have an acute care hospital, which, as of July 1, 2015, was a part of the same health system as the Level 1 trauma center, provided that the application for expedited review is submitted on or before December 31, 2016.

The committee amended the bill to:

- specify that a hospital must have been issued a certificate of need by the Department of Health to operate a Level 1 trauma center in order for the hospital to be covered by the bill's provisions;
- specify that a hospital will have a right to 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 service as a municipal service or as part of a shared services agreement;

- specify that a hospital that provides advanced life support services pursuant to the bill's provisions will 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;

- clarify that a hospital will have the right to apply under expedited review to provide advanced life support services in another municipality, but only if there is an acute care hospital in that other municipality, which, as of July 1, 2015, was a part of the same health system as the level 1 trauma center; and

- extend from December 31, 2015 to December 31, 2016, the date by which a hospital must submit an application for expedited review to provide advanced life support services in another municipality.

**ASSEMBLY, No. 4526**

**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**  
**216th LEGISLATURE**

INTRODUCED JUNE 11, 2015

**Sponsored by:**

**Assemblyman GILBERT "WHIP" L. WILSON**  
**District 5 (Camden and Gloucester)**

**SYNOPSIS**

Revises certain requirements concerning provision of emergency medical services.

**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

As introduced.





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11 advanced life support and basic life support services in the  
12 municipality.

13 b. A hospital which is designated a Level 1 trauma center shall  
14 have the right to apply under expedited review to provide advanced  
15 life support services in additional municipalities in which an acute  
16 care hospital that is part of the same health system as the Level 1  
17 trauma center is located, provided such application for expedited  
18 review is submitted on or before December 31, 2015.

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35 municipalities in which an acute care hospital that is part of the  
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39 It is the sponsor's belief that linking advanced life support and  
40 basic life support services under the State's designated regional  
41 trauma centers will centralize medical oversight, facilitate high-  
42 quality prehospital care, and support a more cost-efficient system.

# ASSEMBLY HEALTH AND SENIOR SERVICES COMMITTEE

## STATEMENT TO

### **ASSEMBLY, No. 4526**

with committee amendments

# **STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

DATED: JUNE 15, 2015

The Assembly Health and Senior Services Committee reports favorably and with committee amendments Assembly Bill No. 4526.

As amended, this bill grants hospitals which have been issued a certificate of need to operate as a Level 1 trauma center the exclusive authority to provide advanced life support services in the municipality in which the trauma center is located, and grants the trauma centers 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 to the municipality at no charge and the municipality does not provide basic life support services as a municipal service or as part of a shared service agreement.

As amended, the bill provides that hospitals which have been issued a certificate of need to operate as a Level 1 trauma center will have the right to apply, under expedited review, to provide advanced life support services in additional municipalities in which an acute care hospital which is part of the same health system as the Level 1 trauma center is located, provided that the acute care hospital was part of that same health system as of July 1, 2015. As amended, the bill requires that the application to provide advanced life support services in the additional municipality be submitted on or before December 31, 2016.

#### COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS:

The committee amendments clarify that, to qualify under the bill, a hospital must have been issued a certificate of need by the Department of Health to operate a Level 1 trauma center.

The committee amendments clarify that a Level 1 trauma center may 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.

The committee amendments provide that, in order to provide advanced life support services in a municipality in which an acute care hospital which is part of the same health system as the trauma center is located, the acute care hospital must have been part of that same health

system as of July 1, 2015. The amendments additionally provide that applications to provide advanced life support services in these municipalities must be submitted on or before December 31, 2016; as introduced, the deadline for submitting the applications was December 31, 2015.

# ASSEMBLY APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

## STATEMENT TO

[First Reprint]

## ASSEMBLY, No. 4526

with committee amendments

# STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: JUNE 22, 2015

The Assembly Appropriations Committee reports favorably Assembly Bill No. 4526 (1R), with committee amendments.

As amended, this bill grants hospitals which have been issued a certificate of need by the Department of Health to operate a Level 1 trauma center the exclusive authority to provide advanced life support services in the municipality in which the trauma center is located. The bill also grants these trauma centers 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. A hospital that provides advanced life support services pursuant to the bill's provisions will 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.

The bill provides that hospitals that have obtained a certificate of need to operate a Level 1 trauma center will have the right to apply under expedited review to provide advanced life support services in additional municipalities that have an acute care hospital, which, as of July 1, 2015, was a part of the same health system as the Level 1 trauma center, provided that the application for expedited review is submitted on or before December 31, 2016.

### FISCAL IMPACT:

This bill was not certified as requiring a fiscal note.

### COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS:

The amendments specify that a hospital that provides advanced life support services pursuant to the bill's provisions will 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.