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Act No. 100 (S.182). Public safety; professional regulation; emergency medical services; electricians; plumbers; sheriffs

An act relating to government operations regarding emergency medical services and public safety in response to COVID-19

This act contains provisions in response to COVID-19 relating to emergency medical services, electrician and plumber licenses, and sheriff emergency funding.

Emergency medical services. Secs. 1–3 eliminate the requirement for emergency medical personnel to be credentialed by their affiliated agency, extend affiliated agency license terms from one to three years, and require the Department of Financial Regulation to enforce the current law requirement for health insurers to directly reimburse ambulance services that provide emergency medical treatment.

Electricians and plumbers. Sec. 4 provides that all electrician and plumber licenses that were due to expire between March 30, 2020 and September 30, 2020 shall remain valid and be deemed to expire on September 30, 2020 and waives any associated late fees for renewal that would have applied during that time frame.

Sheriffs. Until two weeks after the Governor terminates the COVID-19 state of emergency, Sec. 5 allows a county’s operations reserve funds and capital reserve funds to be used for the sheriff’s COVID-19-related emergency needs if approved by the county’s assistant judges. A sheriff who receives county reserve funds is required to apply to applicable resources for reimbursement and to provide any such reimbursement to the county.

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