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# Singer's Potentially Life-Saving Legislation Signed into Law

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## Enables a Quicker Emergency Response by Paramedics

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The bill signed by the Governor today, [A-4107/S-2768](#), updates the State's regulations of emergency medical services, including allowing a single paramedic who arrives at the scene of an emergency to begin treatment immediately, rather than waiting for a second medic.

"Too many paramedics find themselves in situations where people desperately need help, but their hands were tied by regulations that forced them to wait for support from another responder," said Singer (R-30). "This critical new law will save lives and ensure a faster response when people need help.

"Now, as soon as a medic arrives on the scene, they can go to work helping the patient without a delay waiting for a partner," Singer noted. "Every second is crucial in emergency situations. Paramedics are trained in life-sustaining skills, and any time lost can mean the difference

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between life and death for a victim.”

Ongoing staffing crises that began during the pandemic highlighted the need for the new law. Supporters note that hospitals have received similar accommodations that have worked well and had no negative impact on the quality of patient care.

“Nobody benefits from waiting around for one more paramedic,” Singer said. “This law will help residents across the state, but it is especially important for rural areas where there are fewer medics, and it takes longer for first responders to arrive.”

In addition, Singer’s bill also creates the new State Emergency Medical Services Medical Director in Department of Health to oversee clinical issues and implement scope of practice regulations for providers; requires paramedics to be licensed rather than certified to align with national standards; allows doctors, advanced practice nurses, and physician assistants to serve as crewmembers on mobile intensive care units; and extends good-faith immunity to paid EMS agencies to provide parity with volunteers.