

ASSEMBLY REGULATED PROFESSIONS COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

ASSEMBLY, No. 4280

with committee amendments

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: JUNE 3, 2024

The Assembly Regulated Professions Committee reports favorably and with committee amendments Assembly Bill No. 4280.

As amended, this bill extends permission to emergency medical technicians to administer blood glucose tests. Mobile intensive care paramedics, persons trained in advanced life support services, who are licensed by the Commissioner of Health to render such services as part of a mobile intensive care unit, are permitted to administer blood glucose tests, while emergency medical technicians, persons trained in basic life support services, who are certified by the Department of Health to perform these services, do not have similar permission. Currently, EMTs in New Jersey are allowed to administer oral glucose but have to rely on blood glucose levels reported by other health care providers or bystanders. Allowing EMTs to administer blood glucose tests would improve diagnostic care of patients suffering diabetic-related emergencies.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

The committee amended the bill to remove the extension of the permission to emergency medical technicians to administer emergency glucagon, and made technical changes to the title and synopsis to reflect these amendments.