

June 3, 1975

MEMORANDUM

TO: Mr. James Mause
FROM: R Adams Cowley, M.D.

Since your request, I have re-examined last year's bill that we had previously revised concerning codification of the Maryland EMS system.

The purpose of the bill is to create a single administration and hence a single statewide EMS system incorporating the resources of the MIEM which has provided the impetus to EMS systems not only in Maryland but throughout the country.

In developing a single administration, a question last year arose as to who the system should report to. We are aware that it cannot be a separate agency. We are also aware that the program could not be placed within the Department of Health & Mental Hygiene because that department does not wish to be responsible for a hospital system (MIEM) and, therefore, the only other alternative is to have the program report to another state agency - the University of Maryland. By adding on Page 5, Section 458 Part B, a statement "and will report to the President of the University of Maryland" and then on Page 7, Section 461 remove that paragraph and incorporate "the Maryland EMS Administration shall manage the MIEM as a part of the University system and will utilize this resource as the hub of the statewide system". This would take care of providing a statewide uniform system with one Director and one administration reporting to the University of Maryland and coordinate all aspects of the EMS program. We would thus serve the very important essential concerns for efficiency and economy in providing EMS management and care statewide.

Attachment

6.

IN ADDITION, THE MEDICAL MANAGEMENT CONSULTANT GROUP WOULD BE CONTINUED AND THE DIRECTOR WOULD HAVE THE AUTHORITY TO APPOINT ADDITIONAL COUNCILS AND COMMITTEES WHICH HE DEEMS NECESSARY FOR THE FURTHERANCE OF THE EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES SYSTEM. MEMBERS OF THE COUNCILS AND/OR COMMITTEES SHALL RECEIVE PAYMENT FOR EXPENSES ACTUALLY AND NECESSARILY INCURRED.

466.

THE FUNDING OF THE INSTITUTE SHALL BE AS PROVIDED IN THE STATE BUDGET.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1976.

13. MAINTAIN A CLOSE COORDINATION WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND MENTAL HYGIENE, THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY AND CORRECTIONAL SERVICES, THE DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND OTHER STATE DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES AS WELL AS WITH THE CAMPUSES OF THE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM TO PREVENT DUPLICATION OF SERVICES AND MAKE THE SYSTEM COST EFFECTIVE.

465.

AN ADVISORY COUNCIL SHALL BE CREATED ON EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES CONSISTING OF ONE REPRESENTATIVE EACH FROM THE FIVE SERVICE REGIONS SELECTED BY THOSE REGIONS WHO IS FAMILIAR WITH THE EMERGENCY MEDICAL FACILITIES WITHIN HIS OR HER REGION, ONE REPRESENTATIVE EACH FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND MENTAL HYGIENE, THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY AND CORRECTIONAL SERVICES, THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND TWO AT LARGE MEMBERS EXCEPT AS PROVIDED HEREIN ALL MEMBERS SHALL BE APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR FOR TERMS OF UP TO SIX YEARS IN SUCH MANNER AS TO PROVIDE FOR THE STAGGERED TERMS OF ALL MEMBERS. THE COUNCIL SHALL ADVISE THE DIRECTOR OF THE MARYLAND INSTITUTE FOR EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES IN REGARD TO THE DEVELOPMENT AND FISCAL MANAGEMENT OF THE ADMINISTRATION AND THE ASSIGNMENT OF FUNCTIONS TO THE VARIOUS MEDICAL FACILITIES IN THE STATE.

3. COORDINATE WITH UNITS OF FEDERAL, STATE, LOCAL AND ADJACENT STATE GOVERNMENTS THE PLANNING AND OPERATION OF EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES.
4. COORDINATE THE TRAINING OF ALL PERSONNEL IN THE EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES SYSTEM AND PROVIDE THE NECESSARY STANDARDS AND CERTIFICATION.
5. COORDINATE PROGRAMS OF RESEARCH AND EDUCATION RELATING TO EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES.
6. COORDINATE THE DEVELOPMENT OF TREATMENT CENTERS FOR THE TREATMENT OF EMERGENCY INJURIES AND ILLNESSES.
7. ^{Establish the standards for and} COORDINATE THE FURTHER DEVELOPMENT OF SPECIALTY REFERRAL CENTERS FOR RESUSCITATION, TREATMENT AND REHABILITATION OF THE CRITICALLY ILL AND INJURED AND TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL SUPPORT, COORDINATION AND COOPERATION TO THE ALREADY ESTABLISHED SPECIALTY REFERRAL CENTERS AT JOHNS HOPKINS HOSPITAL AND BALTIMORE CITY HOSPITALS.
8. MAINTAIN A CLOSE WORKING RELATIONSHIP WITH THE MARYLAND HOSPITAL ASSOCIATION AND THE REGIONAL EMS ADVISORY COUNCILS TO ASSURE THAT THE EMERGENCY CRITICALLY ILL AND INJURED PATIENT ARE TREATED IN THOSE INSTITUTIONS CAPABLE OF PROVIDING THOSE STANDARDS OF CARE NECESSARY FOR SURVIVAL.
9. PROVIDE AN EVALUATION PROGRAM TO INCLUDE A SYSTEM OF COST-ANALYSIS AND COST-EFFECTIVENESS OF THE DELIVERY OF EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES.
10. RECEIVE AND ADMINISTER ALL STATE AND FEDERAL BUDGETED FUNDS PERTAINING TO EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES IN MARYLAND.
11. MAINTAIN A CLOSE WORKING RELATIONSHIP WITH THE MARYLAND FIRE AND RESCUE INSTITUTE AND WILL RELY ON THIS INSTITUTE TO MAINTAIN ITS RESPONSIBILITY FOR BASIC EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIAN TRAINING. ~~ADVANCED BASIC~~ EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIAN TRAINING WILL BE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE MARYLAND INSTITUTE FOR EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES.
12. ASSURE CONTINUED IMPROVEMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE EMERGENCY CRITICALLY ILL AND INJURED PATIENTS BY SUPPORTING THE GOALS AND OBJECTIVES OF THE ALREADY ESTABLISHED PAID AND VOLUNTEER SYSTEMS THROUGHOUT THE STATE.

3.

(B) ON THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS ACT, THE DUTIES AND SERVICES PRESENTLY PERFORMED BY DEMS AND MIEM SHALL BE TRANSFERRED TO AND BECOME FUNCTIONS OF THE MARYLAND INSTITUTE FOR EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES. THE FACILITIES, EQUIPMENT, ASSETS AND LIABILITIES OF THE DEMS AND MIEM SHALL BE TRANSFERRED TO THE INSTITUTE.

(C) ON THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS ACT, THE DIRECTOR OF DEMS AND MIEM SHALL BECOME DIRECTOR OF THE INSTITUTE, AND ALL EMPLOYEES OF DEMS AND MIEM SHALL BECOME EMPLOYEES OF THE ^{University of Maryland} ~~INSTITUTE~~ WITHOUT ANY DIMINUTION IN SALARY OR OTHER BENEFITS.

463.

(A) THE DIRECTOR IS THE ADMINISTRATIVE HEAD OF THE INSTITUTE, AND HE SHALL REPORT DIRECTLY TO ^a ~~THE~~ CHANCELLOR OF THE UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND. ^{UMMS}

(B) THE DIRECTOR MAY PROMULGATE RULES AND REGULATIONS NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT THE PURPOSES OF THIS SUBTITLE AND THE DUTIES ASSIGNED TO THE INSTITUTE BY THIS SUBTITLE.

464.

THE MARYLAND INSTITUTE FOR EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES SHALL:

1. COORDINATE A STATEWIDE SYSTEM OF EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES.
2. COORDINATE THE FIVE EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE REGIONS OF THE STATE.

2.

Article 41 - Governor - Executive and Administrative Departments

MARYLAND INSTITUTE FOR EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

460.

(A) AS USED IN THIS SUBTITLE, THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS INDICATED.

(B) "INSTITUTE" MEANS THE MARYLAND INSTITUTE FOR EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES.

(C) "DEMS" MEANS THE DIVISION OF EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND MENTAL HYGIENE.

(D) "MIEM" MEANS THE MARYLAND INSTITUTE FOR EMERGENCY MEDICINE.

461.

THE PURPOSE OF THIS SUBTITLE IS TO PROVIDE FOR A SINGLE STATE AGENCY WITHIN THE UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND TO CARRY OUT THE DEVELOPMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION OF AN EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE SYSTEM WITHIN THE STATE OF MARYLAND, TO INCLUDE: THE PROVISION OF CERTAIN TYPES OF SPECIALIZED CLINICAL CARE; THE PROMULGATION OF STANDARDS; THE ESTABLISHMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION OF EVALUATION, TRAINING, CONTINUING EDUCATION, AND PUBLIC INFORMATION PROGRAMS AS WELL AS THE DEVELOPMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION OF A COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM.

462.

(A) MARYLAND INSTITUTE FOR EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES IS CREATED AS AN AUTONOMOUS PART OF THE UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND TO PROVIDE ALL INSTITUTIONS, GROUPS, PHYSICIANS AND OTHER EMERGENCY CARE PROVIDERS THROUGHOUT MARYLAND A FACILITY WHEREIN ALL CAN WORK TO SOLVE PROBLEMS RELATED TO NEW CONCEPTS IN EMERGENCY PATIENT CARE, TEACHING, RESEARCH, AND EMS MANAGEMENT.

4

our first draft 7/19/75 file
July 75 HB 24

* A BILL ENTITLED

AN ACT concerning

Maryland Institute for Emergency Medical Services

FOR the purpose of creating the Maryland Institute for Emergency Medical Services within the University of Maryland; defining terms; providing for the transfer of all functions of the Division of Emergency Medical Services, Department of Health and Mental Hygiene and the Maryland Institute for Emergency Medicine to the Institute; providing for the Director and staff of the Institute; providing for the duties of the Institute; and providing for the funding of the Institute.

BY adding to

Article 41 - Governor - Executive and Administrative Departments
Sections 460 through 466, and under the new subtitle "The
Maryland Institute for Emergency Medical Services"
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1971 Replacement Volume and 1974 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
MARYLAND, That Sections 460 through 466 be and they are hereby
added to Article 41 - Governor - Executive and Administrative Depart-
ments, and under the new subtitle "The Maryland Institute for
Emergency Medical Services", of the Annotated Code of Maryland
(1971 Replacement Volume and 1974 Supplement) to read as follows:

* A SAMPLE BILL PROPOSED BY R A. COWLEY, M.D.

SECTION 5. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That all books, papers, files, records, furniture, fixtures, and all other personal property owned by or in the custody of any office, board, commission, department or agency abolished by this Act, shall be transferred to and be in the ownership or custody of the Maryland Emergency Medical Services Administration.

SECTION 6. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That all appropriations and credits on the books, papers, and accounts of any office, board, commission, department or agency for and to the credit of any office or agency abolished by this Act, and all liabilities and obligations of any such office, board, commission, department or agency shall be transferred to and become the appropriations, credits, liabilities, and obligations of the Maryland Emergency Medical Services Administration.

SECTION 7. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That if any provision of this Act or the application thereof to any person or circumstances shall not affect other provisions or applications thereof which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application; and to that end, all parts, sections, and parts of sections of this Act are declared to be severable.

SECTION 8. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Act shall take effect July 1, 1975.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That all persons who are classified employees of any office, board, commission, department or agency which is abolished by this Act, shall retain their merit system status, except as otherwise specifically provided in this Act; and all employees of the University of Maryland transferred to the Maryland Emergency Medical Services Administration by this Act who are not classified employees but who have generally comparable rights and benefits under the University's employment system shall, subject to the provisions of Section 430 (d) of Article 41, become classified employees of the Maryland Emergency Medical Services Administration without loss of benefits or diminution in salary.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That such building, space or other physical facilities heretofore designated for the exclusive use of the Maryland Institute for Emergency Medicine shall be transferred to and become part of the Maryland Emergency Medical Services Administration.

SECTION 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That all services of the Maryland Institute for Emergency Medicine heretofore utilized by the University of Maryland ^{hospital} shall be provided to the University ^{to} by the Administration so as to prevent the need for future redevelopment of an independent trauma center within the University system.

*classified or non-classified
as appropriate,*

OF ARTICLE 64A OF THE ANNOTATED CODE, TITLE "MERIT SYSTEM."
AFTER APPOINTMENT, ALL EMPLOYEES IN POSITIONS WHICH ARE
SO DESIGNATED BY THE ADMINISTRATION SHALL BE REGARDED
AND TREATED AS ~~CLASSIFIED~~ EMPLOYEES OF THE STATE, TO HAVE
ALL THE RIGHTS AND PRIVILEGES ACCORDED TO ~~CLASSIFIED~~ *University*
EMPLOYEES UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF SAID ARTICLE 64A. SUCH *such*
CLASSIFIED EMPLOYEES SHALL HAVE THE RIGHT OF APPEAL AS
PROVIDED BY LAW IN ANY CASE OF ALLEGED INJUSTICE; SHALL
BE PAID SALARIES NOT LESS THAN ARE PAID IN SIMILAR CLASSIFICATION.
IN OTHER STATE BUREAUS AND DEPARTMENTS; SHALL RETAIN THEIR
VACATION PRIVILEGES, THEIR RETIREMENT STATUS AND BENEFITS
UNDER THE STATE RETIREMENT SYSTEM. ALL EMPLOYEES AND
EMPLOYMENT CLASSIFICATIONS INCLUDED WITHIN THE CLASSIFIED
SERVICE OF THE STATE AS OF JUNE 1, 1975, SHALL REMAIN IN AND
BE A PART OF THE CLASSIFIED SERVICE, AND THE ADMINISTRATION
SHALL NOT DESIGNATE THEM, OR ANY OF THEM, AS ANYTHING
OTHER THAN PART OF THE CLASSIFIED SERVICE. NO SUCH
EMPLOYMENT CLASSIFICATION WHICH IS INCLUDED IN THE
CLASSIFIED SERVICE AS OF JUNE 1, 1975, SHALL BE ABOLISHED
BY THE ADMINISTRATION WITHOUT THE APPROVAL OF THE SECRETARY
OF PERSONNEL, THE BOARD OF REGENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF
MARYLAND, OR OTHER APPROPRIATE STATE AGENCIES REQUIRING
SUCH CLASSIFICATION PRIOR TO JUNE 1, 1975.

22

27

and one by The President of The University.

SHALL BE APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR, THE COUNCIL SHALL ADVISE THE DIRECTOR OF THE MARYLAND EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION IN REGARD TO THE DEVELOPMENT AND OPERATION OF AN EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES SYSTEM IN THE STATE. MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL SHALL RECEIVE PAYMENT FOR EXPENSES ACTUALLY AND NECESSARILY INCURRED. IN ADDITION THE DIRECTOR SHALL HAVE THE AUTHORITY TO APPOINT THOSE ADDITIONAL COUNCILS AND COMMITTEES WHICH HE DEEMS NECESSARY TO THE FURTHERANCE OF THE EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES SYSTEM.

461.

THE MARYLAND EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION SHALL CONTRACT WITH THE UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND ^{Hospital} OR SUCH OTHER APPROPRIATE INSTITUTIONS, AGENCIES OR ORGANIZATIONS FOR THE REQUIRED ^{auxiliary} SUPPORT ~~OF THE MARYLAND~~ INSTITUTE FOR EMERGENCY MEDICINE FOR THE PERFORMANCE OF INTENSIVE CARE ~~AND~~ RESEARCH AND SUCH OTHER SERVICES THAT THE MARYLAND EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION DETERMINES CAN BEST BE PROVIDED THROUGH CONTRACTUAL SERVICES THAT HERETOFORE WERE PROVIDED BY THE UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND ^{Hospital} ALONE.

462.

THE RIGHT TO APPOINT ALL EMPLOYEES OF THE MARYLAND EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION SHALL BE VESTED IN THE ADMINISTRATION WITHOUT BEING IN ANY MANNER SUBJECT TO OR CONTROLLED BY THE PROVISIONS

OF HEALTH AND MENTAL HYGIENE. THE MARYLAND INSTITUTE FOR EMERGENCY MEDICINE IS HEREBY TRANSFERRED TO AND SHALL BE OPERATED AS A PART OF THE MARYLAND EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION. ALL THE FUNCTIONS AND RESOURCES HERETOFORE PERFORMED BY THE DIVISION OF EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND MENTAL HYGIENE AND THE MARYLAND INSTITUTE FOR EMERGENCY MEDICINE SHALL BE PERFORMED BY THE MARYLAND EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION EXCEPT AS MAY BE HEREAFTER PROVIDED. THE MARYLAND EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION SHALL PROMULGATE SUCH RULES AND REGULATIONS AS ARE NECESSARY TO CARRY OUT ITS FUNCTIONS AND RESPONSIBILITIES 460.

THERE IS CREATED AN ADVISORY COUNCIL ON EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES CONSISTING OF ~~FOUR~~^{TWO} REPRESENTATIVES EACH FROM THE FIVE REGIONAL EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES COUNCILS, ONE REPRESENTATIVE EACH FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND MENTAL HYGIENE, ^{The Board of Regents of the Univ. of Maryland} THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY AND CORRECTIONAL ^{The Fire and Rescue Institute} SERVICES, THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, ^{Board} THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, AND TWO AT LARGE MEMBERS. ALL MEMBERS SHALL BE APPOINTED BY THEIR DEPARTMENT OR COUNCIL EXCEPT THAT ~~THE~~^{one} TWO AT LARGE MEMBERS

-5-
458.

(A) THERE IS CREATED THE MARYLAND EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION WHICH MAY HEREINAFTER BE REFERRED TO AS THE "ADMINISTRATION". THE DIRECTOR WHO SHALL BE A QUALIFIED PHYSICIAN SHALL BE APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR AND SERVE AT THE PLEASURE OF THE GOVERNOR. THE DIRECTOR SHALL BE A FULL-TIME EMPLOYEE OF THE STATE AND RECEIVE A SALARY AS PROVIDED IN THE STATE BUDGET, AND SHALL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR CARRYING OUT THE DUTIES, RESPONSIBILITIES, AND FUNCTIONS VESTED BY LAW AND REGULATION IN THE MARYLAND EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION.

with the concurrence of the Board of Regents
University, administratively responsible to the Chancellor of UHAB
University

List

(B) THE MARYLAND EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION IS THE SUCCESSOR AGENCY TO THE STATE EMERGENCY MEDICAL SYSTEM CREATED BY THE EXECUTIVE ORDER OF 26 FEBRUARY, 1973.

459.

THE MARYLAND EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION SHALL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR ALL SERVICES PERFORMED BY THE DIVISION OF EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND MENTAL HYGIENE AND BY THE MARYLAND INSTITUTE FOR EMERGENCY MEDICINE. THE DIVISION OF EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND MENTAL HYGIENE IS HEREBY ABOLISHED AS A SEPARATE AGENCY WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT

previously

of emergency health care; and

WHEREAS, The Maryland Emergency Medical Services System has had great initial success in serving the emergency medical needs of the people of Maryland; and

WHEREAS, The Maryland Emergency Medical Services System requires a basis in law as one unified program now, therefore,

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That Sections 457 through 462 be and they are hereby added to Article 41 - Governor - Executive and Administrative Departments, and under the new subtitle "The Maryland Emergency Medical Services Administration", of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1971 Replacement Volume and 1974 Supplement) to read as follows:

Article 41 - Governor - Executive and
Administrative Departments

457.

IT IS THE INTENTION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY IN THE ADOPTION OF THIS ACT TO CARRY OUT TO THE FULLEST EXTENT POSSIBLE WITHIN THE STATE OF MARYLAND A SYSTEM OF EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES BY ESTABLISHING A STATE AGENCY TO IMPLEMENT A STATE PROGRAM FOR THE DEVELOPMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION OF EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE WITHIN THE STATE OF MARYLAND.

within the University system
wide
S.

The Fire and Rescue Institute of The University of Maryland

Hygiene, the Department of Transportation, the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services, and other State departments and agencies, and pursuant to Article 41, Section 59C (c), the Governor is authorized specifically to direct any State officer or agency to cooperate with the State Comprehensive Health Planning Agency; and

WHEREAS, The State Comprehensive Health Planning Agency has recommended a plan whereby an Emergency Medical System shall be established utilizing the personnel, resources, and facilities of other State departments and agencies and private and public health care facilities under the jurisdiction of the State Comprehensive Health Planning Agency; and

WHEREAS, The Governor by his Executive Order of 26 February, 1973, established a State Emergency Medical System which created the Division of Emergency Medical Services within the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene and created the Maryland Institute for Emergency Medicine as an independent unit within the University of Maryland Hospital replacing the Center for the Study of Trauma and also provided for five medical service regions within the State; and

WHEREAS, The Maryland Emergency Medical Services System utilizes the resources and expertise of all departments; transportation, safety, education, and planning as well as the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene to achieve its goals in the delivery

Agency has been designated as the sole agency for administering and supervising the administration of the State's health planning functions and is directed to prepare policies and procedures designed to provide for comprehensive State planning for health services, including the facilities and persons required for the provision of such services; and

WHEREAS, There exists a pressing need throughout the State of Maryland to provide an Emergency Medical System whereby critically ill and injured patients may be transported expeditiously to the nearest health institution equipped to treat the particular needs of the patient; and

WHEREAS, Such a system involves training of ambulance personnel; utilization of air and surface ambulances; operation and maintenance of central facilities for the treatment of certain types of illnesses; operation and maintenance of an information and communication system whereby the particular needs of the patient may be determined at the earliest possible time and the patient transported to the nearest facility equipped to care for the needs of the patient; and there needs to be overall administration of this system; and

WHEREAS, The development of such a system requires the close cooperation of the Department of Health and Mental

A BILL ENTITLED

AN ACT concerning

Maryland Emergency Medical Services Administration

FOR the purpose of creating the Maryland Emergency Medical Services

*Constitute
or
Authority*

consolidating it with

*as an entity
within the
University
of
Maryland*

Administration; abolishing the Division of Emergency Medical

Services of the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene and

transfer the Maryland Institute for Emergency Medicine; transferring

the duties, functions and responsibilities of said agencies to

the Administration; enumerating the duties and responsibilities

of the Administration; providing for the appointment of a director;

providing for the establishment of an advisory council; and matters

relating generally to the Administration.

BY adding to

Article 41 - Governor - Executive and Administrative Departments

Sections 457 through 462, and under the new subtitle "The Maryland

Emergency Medical Services Administration"

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1971 Replacement Volume and 1974 Supplement)

Preamble

WHEREAS, By Article 41, Section 59C of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1971 Replacement Volume) the Comprehensive Health Planning