

SENATE BILL 289

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By: **Senator DeGrange**

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Assigned to: Finance

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Public Safety – Emergency Medical Services Board – Membership**

3 FOR the purpose of altering the membership of the State Emergency Medical Services
4 Board by increasing the number of members who are from the public at large
5 and by adding one member who is a helicopter pilot employed by the
6 Department of State Police within the Aviation Division; and generally relating
7 to the State Emergency Medical Services Board.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
9 Article – Education
10 Section 13–505
11 Annotated Code of Maryland
12 (2008 Replacement Volume)

13 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
14 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

15 **Article – Education**

16 13–505.

17 (a) (1) The EMS Board consists of [11] **13** members appointed by the
18 Governor.

19 (2) Of the [11] **13** members:

20 (i) One shall be the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene or
21 the Secretary's designee;

22 (ii) One shall be a representative of the University of Maryland,
23 Baltimore, nominated by the Board of Regents;

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (iii) One shall be the chairperson of the Advisory Council;

2 (iv) One shall be a physician knowledgeable in the delivery of
3 emergency medical services;

4 (v) One shall be a physician experienced in the clinical care of
5 trauma patients;

6 (vi) One shall be a nurse experienced in the clinical care of
7 emergency patients;

8 (vii) One shall be a career firefighter, emergency medical
9 technician, or rescue squad person knowledgeable in the delivery of emergency
10 medical services;

11 (viii) One shall be a volunteer firefighter, emergency medical
12 technician, or rescue squad person knowledgeable in the delivery of emergency
13 medical services;

14 (ix) One shall be a hospital administrator knowledgeable in the
15 management and delivery of emergency medical services; [and]

16 (x) **ONE SHALL BE A HELICOPTER PILOT EMPLOYED BY THE**
17 **DEPARTMENT OF STATE POLICE WITHIN THE AVIATION DIVISION; AND**

18 [(x)] (xi) [Two] **THREE** shall be from the public at large, one of
19 whom shall reside in a county with a population of less than 175,000.

20 (b) (1) Each appointed member shall have demonstrated interest or
21 experience in the delivery of emergency medical services.

22 (2) In appointing members to the EMS Board, the Governor shall take
23 into consideration the five emergency medical service regions of the State to assure a
24 geographic balance in the Board's membership.

25 (3) In appointing members to the EMS Board, the Governor shall take
26 into consideration persons:

27 (i) Recommended by the Advisory Council; or

28 (ii) Recommended by any statewide organization or association
29 which is interested and involved in the delivery of emergency medical services.

30 (4) Except as authorized under this section, the Governor may not
31 appoint to the EMS Board any other person who is:

- 1 (i) A member of the Board of Regents;
- 2 (ii) A member of the Board of Directors of the Medical System
3 Corporation; or
- 4 (iii) An officer or full-time employee of the Medical System
5 Corporation or the University.
- 6 (c) (1) The term of an appointed member is 4 years.
- 7 (2) At the end of a term, an appointed member continues to serve until
8 a successor is appointed and qualifies.
- 9 (3) A member who is appointed after a term has begun serves only for
10 the rest of the term and until a successor is appointed and qualifies.
- 11 (d) Annually, from among the members of the EMS Board:
- 12 (1) The Governor shall appoint a chairperson; and
- 13 (2) The chairperson shall appoint a vice chairperson.

14 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
15 October 1, 2009.

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FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE

Senate Bill 289
Finance

(Senator DeGrange)

Public Safety - Emergency Medical Services Board - Membership

This bill increases the membership of the Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Board to 13 by adding a helicopter pilot employed by the Department of State Police Aviation Division and an additional member from the public at large.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: The bill's requirements can be handled with existing budgeted resources.

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law: The EMS Board consists of 11 members, including (1) the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene or a designee; (2) a representative of the University of Maryland, Baltimore; (3) the chairperson of the advisory council; (4) two physicians; (5) a nurse; (6) one career and one volunteer firefighter, EMS, or rescue squad representative; (7) a hospital administrator; and (8) two members from the public at large, one of whom must reside in a county with a population of less than 175,000. Members are appointed by the Governor and must have a demonstrated interest or experience in the delivery of emergency medical services.

Background: The EMS Board governs the Maryland Institute for Emergency Medical Services Systems (MIEMSS). Its responsibilities include developing and adopting an EMS plan, adopting regulations for ambulance service licensing, approving EMS

provider training courses, examining and certifying EMS personnel, appointing the Provider Review Panel, taking disciplinary action against EMS personnel, administering the Public Access Automated External Defibrillator Program, and with the approval of the Governor, appointing the executive director of MIEMSS, who serves at the pleasure of the EMS Board. The EMS Board also appoints an advisory committee, which advises and assists the EMS Board in performing its functions.

MIEMSS oversees a statewide EMS system that includes over 30,000 Maryland-certified EMS providers and fosters the integration of the delivery of pre-hospital emergency care with 48 hospital emergency departments, 9 trauma centers, and the Department of State Police Medevac helicopter system that provides primary scene transports. MIEMSS also regulates commercial ground and air ambulance services that provide 166,661 inter-hospital ground and 4,700 inter-hospital air transports annually.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: This bill is identical to HB 556 and SB 522 of 2008, which received unfavorable reports from the House Health and Government Operations and Senate Finance committees, respectively.

Cross File: HB 265 (Delegate G. Clagett, *et al.*) - Health and Government Operations.

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