

# SENATE BILL 1063

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EMERGENCY BILL

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By: **Senator Pugh**

Constitutional Requirements Complied with for Introduction in the last 35 Days of Session

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Assigned to: Rules

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Joint Emergency Medical Services Oversight Committee**

3 FOR the purpose of establishing the Joint Emergency Medical Services Oversight  
4 Committee; providing for the composition, terms, and staffing of the Committee;  
5 providing for the appointment of alternating chairs of the Committee; specifying  
6 the duties of the Committee; requiring the Committee to submit a certain report  
7 to the General Assembly on or before a certain date each year; making this Act  
8 an emergency measure; providing for the termination of this Act; and generally  
9 relating to the Joint Emergency Medical Services Oversight Committee.

10 BY adding to

11 Article – State Government

12 Section 2-10A-13

13 Annotated Code of Maryland

14 (2004 Replacement Volume and 2008 Supplement)

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

17 **Article – State Government**

18 **2-10A-13.**

19 (A) IN THIS SECTION, “COMMITTEE” MEANS THE JOINT EMERGENCY  
20 MEDICAL SERVICES OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE.

21 (B) THERE IS A JOINT EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES OVERSIGHT  
22 COMMITTEE.

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



(C) (1) THE COMMITTEE CONSISTS OF EIGHT MEMBERS.

(2) OF THE EIGHT MEMBERS:

(I) FOUR SHALL BE MEMBERS OF THE SENATE, APPOINTED BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE; AND

(II) FOUR SHALL BE MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, APPOINTED BY THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE.

(D) THE MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE SHALL SERVE AT THE PLEASURE OF THE PRESIDING OFFICER WHO APPOINTED THEM.

(E) (1) FROM AMONG THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE COMMITTEE, THE PRESIDENT SHALL APPOINT A SENATOR TO SERVE AS THE SENATE CHAIR OF THE COMMITTEE, AND THE SPEAKER SHALL APPOINT A DELEGATE TO SERVE AS THE HOUSE CHAIR OF THE COMMITTEE.

(2) THE SENATE CHAIR AND THE HOUSE CHAIR SHALL ALTERNATE ANNUALLY AS PRESIDING CHAIRS AND COCHAIRS OF THE COMMITTEE.

(F) THE DEPARTMENT OF LEGISLATIVE SERVICES SHALL PROVIDE STAFF ASSISTANCE TO THE COMMITTEE.

(G) THE COMMITTEE SHALL:

(1) MONITOR HELICOPTER PROCUREMENT;

(2) REVIEW ANNUAL PROTOCOL CHANGES FOR EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES FIELD PROVIDERS AND ENSURE THAT TRAINING AND EXAMINATION REQUIREMENTS ARE ADEQUATE;

(3) REVIEW EFFORTS BY THE MARYLAND INSTITUTE FOR EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES TO ADDRESS THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE EXPERT PANEL ON HELICOPTER UTILIZATION AND PROTOCOLS ASSEMBLED BY THE INSTITUTE; AND

(4) MONITOR SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS TO EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES PROVIDED IN THE STATE INCLUDING:

(I) 14 C.F.R. PART 135 COMPLIANCE;

1                   (II) COMMISSION ON ACCREDITATION OF MEDICAL  
2 TRANSPORT SERVICES CERTIFICATION;

3                   (III) EQUIPMENT UPGRADES;

4                   (IV) THE ADDITION OF COPILOTS TO THE HELICOPTER  
5 FLIGHT CREW; AND

6                   (V) COMPLIANCE WITH NATIONAL TRANSPORTATION  
7 SAFETY BOARD RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING HELICOPTER EMERGENCY  
8 MEDICAL SERVICES.

9           (H) ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 1 OF EACH YEAR, THE COMMITTEE  
10 SHALL SUBMIT AN ANNUAL REPORT TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, IN  
11 ACCORDANCE WITH § 2-1246 OF THIS TITLE, ON THE FINDINGS OF THE  
12 COMMITTEE.

13           SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act is an emergency  
14 measure, is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health or safety,  
15 has been passed by a ye and nay vote supported by three-fifths of all the members  
16 elected to each of the two Houses of the General Assembly, and shall take effect from  
17 the date it is enacted. It shall remain effective for a period of 4 years from the date it is  
18 enacted and, at the end of the 4-year period, with no further action required by the  
19 General Assembly, this Act shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.