

Chapter 203

(House Bill 371)

AN ACT concerning

**Emergency Medical Services – Emergency Medical Services Board –
Appointments**

FOR the purpose of repealing a provision that prohibits the Governor from appointing a member of the Board of Regents of the University System of Maryland, *a member of* the Board of Directors of the Medical System Corporation, or an officer or a full-time employee of the Medical System Corporation or the University of Maryland, Baltimore Campus to the Emergency Medical Services Board; prohibiting the Governor from appointing more than two persons from the same health system, a health system and medical school that are affiliated, or medical schools under the same governing board to the Emergency Medical Services Board; and generally relating to appointments to the Emergency Medical Services Board.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
 Article – Education
 Section 13–503
 Annotated Code of Maryland
 (2014 Replacement Volume and 2017 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
 Article – Education
 Section 13–505
 Annotated Code of Maryland
 (2014 Replacement Volume and 2017 Supplement)

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

Article – Education

13–503.

- (a) There is a Maryland Institute for Emergency Medical Services Systems.
- (b) The Institute is an independent agency located at the University of Maryland, Baltimore Campus.
- (c) The Institute shall be governed by the State Emergency Medical Services Board.
- (d) Funding for the Institute shall be from:

- (1) The surcharge imposed under § 13–954 of the Transportation Article;
- (2) General funds; and
- (3) Funds from any other source.

13–505.

- (a) (1) The EMS Board consists of 11 members appointed by the Governor.
- (2) Of the 11 members:
 - (i) One shall be the Secretary of Health or the Secretary’s designee;
 - (ii) One shall be a representative of the University of Maryland, Baltimore Campus, nominated by the Board of Regents;
 - (iii) One shall be the chairperson of the Advisory Council;
 - (iv) One shall be a physician knowledgeable in the delivery of emergency medical services;
 - (v) One shall be a physician experienced in the clinical care of trauma patients;
 - (vi) One shall be a nurse experienced in the clinical care of emergency patients;
 - (vii) One shall be a career firefighter, emergency medical technician, or rescue squad person knowledgeable in the delivery of emergency medical services;
 - (viii) One shall be a volunteer firefighter, emergency medical technician, or rescue squad person knowledgeable in the delivery of emergency medical services;
 - (ix) One shall be a hospital administrator knowledgeable in the management and delivery of emergency medical services; and
 - (x) Two shall be from the public at large, one of whom shall reside in a county with a population of less than 175,000.
- (b) (1) Each appointed member shall have demonstrated interest or experience in the delivery of emergency medical services.

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

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

(i) Recommended by the Advisory Council; or

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

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

~~(i) A member of the Board of Regents;~~

~~(ii) A member of the Board of Directors of the Medical System Corporation; or~~

~~(iii) An officer or full-time employee of the Medical System Corporation or the University~~ **MORE THAN TWO PERSONS IN TOTAL FROM:**

(I) THE SAME HEALTH SYSTEM;

(II) A HEALTH SYSTEM AND MEDICAL SCHOOL THAT ARE AFFILIATED; OR

(III) MEDICAL SCHOOLS UNDER THE SAME GOVERNING BOARD.¶

(c) (1) The term of an appointed member is 4 years.

(2) At the end of a term, an appointed member continues to serve until a successor is appointed and qualifies.

(3) A member who is appointed after a term has begun serves only for the rest of the term and until a successor is appointed and qualifies.

(d) Annually, from among the members of the EMS Board:

(1) The Governor shall appoint a chairperson; and

(2) The chairperson shall appoint a vice chairperson.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2018.

Approved by the Governor, April 24, 2018.