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## **HB 1324 -- Workgroup on Statewide Vehicle Crash Data Collection and Reporting**

### **MIEMSS Position: Support with Amendments**

**Rationale:** HB 1324 would establish a Workgroup on Statewide Vehicle Crash Data Collection and Reporting. The membership named in the legislation currently does not include the Maryland Institute for Emergency Medical Services Systems (MIEMSS). MIEMSS has been a long-standing participant in and contributor to Vehicle Crash data collection initiatives and crash prevention activities in Maryland. HB 1324 should be amended to include MIEMSS in the Workgroup to be established under HB 1324.

- The Maryland Institute for Emergency Medical Services Systems is an independent state agency responsible for the coordination of emergency medical services (EMS) in Maryland. MIEMSS is governed by the State EMS Board comprised of members appointed by the Governor.
- MIEMSS maintains the Maryland Trauma Registry and eMEDS®. Both databases include patient demographic and injury information from vehicle crashes that may be helpful to the Workgroup.
  - The Maryland Trauma Registry contains comprehensive injury data from each designated Maryland Trauma Center on injuries sustained by patients treated at these centers who have sustained injuries in vehicle crashes and through other injury mechanisms.
  - eMEDS® is the uniform statewide EMS patient care reporting form completed by EMS clinicians on each patient treated by EMS. eMEDS® data automatically uploads to the State's Health Information Exchange and is available to physicians and health care practitioners who receive patients transported by EMS.
- MIEMSS has been an active member and participant on the Maryland Traffic Records Coordinating Committee (TRCC) for many years. The TRCC's mission is to improve access to traffic records data to identify and resolve traffic safety issues to achieve zero traffic-related deaths.
- HB 1324 should be amended to include MIEMSS on the Statewide Vehicle Crash Data Collection and Reporting Workgroup.

**MIEMSS Supports HB 1324 with Amendments**

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL 1324  
(First Reading File Bill)

Amendment No. 1

On page 2, in line 10, strike “and”

Amendment No. 2

On page 2, in line 12, strike”.” and insert “and; (11) the Executive Director of the Maryland Institute for Emergency Medical Services Systems, or the Director’s designee.”