
By: Chairman, Economic and Environmental Affairs Committee (Departmental - Md. Inst. of Emer. Medical Serv. Sys.)

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Emergency Medical Services - Emergency Medical Services Advisory Council**

3 FOR the purpose of altering the membership of the Emergency Medical Services
4 Advisory Council.

5 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

6 Article - Education

7 Section 13-511

8 Annotated Code of Maryland

9 (1997 Replacement Volume)

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

12 **Article - Education**

13 13-511.

14 (a) There is a statewide Emergency Medical Services Advisory Council to advise
15 and assist the EMS Board in performing its functions.

16 (b) (1) The Advisory Council consists of [28] 29 members. The members shall
17 be appointed by the Board from a list of three qualified nominees submitted to the Board
18 by their respective organizations or associations represented on the Council. The
19 appointments by the Board shall be subject to the approval of the Governor.

20 (2) Of the [28] 29 members:

21 (i) One shall be a representative of the Maryland Chapter of the
22 American College of Emergency Physicians;

23 (ii) One shall be a representative of the Medical and Chirurgical
24 Faculty of Maryland;

25 (iii) One shall be a representative of the Maryland Hospital
26 Association;

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1 (iv) One shall be a representative of the Maryland State Council of the
2 Emergency Nurses Association;

3 (v) One shall be a representative of the Maryland Fire and Rescue
4 Institute;

5 (vi) One shall be a representative of the Maryland State Firemen's
6 Association;

7 (vii) One shall be a representative of the Aviation Division of the
8 Department of State Police;

9 (viii) One shall be a representative of the Highway Safety Division of the
10 Maryland Department of Transportation;

11 (ix) One shall be a representative from each of the five regional
12 emergency medical services advisory councils;

13 (x) One shall be a representative of the Maryland trauma net;

14 (xi) One shall be a representative of a Maryland commercial
15 ambulance service;

16 (xii) One shall be a representative of the Board of Physician Quality
17 Assurance;

18 (xiii) One shall be a representative of the Maryland Chapter, American
19 College of Surgeons;

20 (xiv) One shall be a regional medical director;

21 (xv) One shall be a representative of the Maryland Chapter
22 (Chesapeake Bay), American Association of Critical Care Nurses;

23 (xvi) One shall be a representative of the Maryland/District of
24 Columbia International Association of Firefighters;

25 (xvii) One shall be a representative of the volunteer field providers;

26 (xviii) One shall be a representative of the Maryland Metropolitan Fire
27 Chiefs;

28 (xix) One shall be a representative of the State Emergency Numbers
29 Board (911);

30 (xx) One shall be the Director of the Center;

31 (xxi) One shall be the Director of the National Study Center;

32 (xxii) Two shall be members of the general public, one of whom shall
33 reside in a county with a population of less than 175,000; [and]

34 (xxiii) One shall be a representative of the Committee on Pediatric
35 Emergency Medicine of the American Academy of Pediatrics, Maryland Chapter; AND

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1 (XXIV) ONE SHALL BE A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE
2 MARYLAND-DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA SOCIETY OF ANESTHESIOLOGISTS.

3 (c) Each appointed member of the Council shall have demonstrated interest or
4 experience in the delivery of emergency medical services.

5 (d) The members of the Advisory Council shall annually elect the chairperson of
6 the Advisory Council, with the approval of the Governor. The Governor shall have 60
7 days to approve the elected chairperson. If the Governor has not acted within 60 days of
8 being notified of the election of the chairperson, the elected chairperson shall be deemed
9 approved.

10 (e) The Advisory Council shall:

11 (1) Serve as a principal advisory body to the EMS Board on matters
12 concerning finances, policies, guidelines, regulations, and procedures necessary for the
13 efficient and effective operation of the statewide Emergency Medical Services System and
14 the Institute;

15 (2) Provide a means by which regional emergency medical services interests
16 can be represented at a statewide level;

17 (3) Assist in the development of goals for and facilitate the implementation
18 of a comprehensive emergency medical services plan;

19 (4) Provide assistance in the resolution of interregional and interstate
20 emergency medical services system problems and concerns; and

21 (5) Perform any other duties as may be requested by the EMS Board or the
22 Governor.

23 (f) The staff for the Advisory Council will be provided by the Institute.

24 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
25 October 1, 1997.