

BY: Budget and Taxation Committee

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL NO. 292

(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 2, after “Surcharge” insert “- Maryland Emergency Medical System Operations Fund”; in line 4, after the semicolon insert “stating certain findings of the General Assembly; establishing a Panel to conduct a study of the potential funding needs of the network of trauma centers that participate in the State’s Emergency Medical Services System but do not receive funding under the Emergency Medical System Operations Fund (EMSOF); establishing the membership of the Panel; providing for the staff of the Panel; requiring Panel members to receive certain briefings; requiring the Panel to submit certain reports to the Governor and certain committees of the General Assembly on or before certain dates; clarifying the intent of the General Assembly in establishing the Panel;”; and in line 5, after “registration” insert “and funding for participants in the State’s Emergency Medical Services System”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 3, after line 12, insert:

“SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That:

(a) The General Assembly finds that:

1. the State of Maryland has been a national pioneer in the development of emergency medical services, and has developed one of the premier emergency medical services systems in the world through the cooperation of prehospital care providers, including police department personnel and volunteer and career firefighters and emergency medical service providers, hospital administrators, physicians, nurses, government officials, and other emergency personnel;

2. a necessary component of Maryland’s Emergency Medical Services System is the network of regional trauma centers that participate in the system but do not receive funding under

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the Emergency Medical System Operations Fund (EMSOF); and

3. while other components of the State's Emergency Medical Services System have been studied by the General Assembly in the past, the General Assembly has not studied the potential funding needs of the network of trauma centers participating in the State's Emergency Medical Services System that do not receive funding under EMSOF.

(b) It is the intent of the General Assembly to establish a Panel to study the potential funding needs of the network of trauma centers participating in the State's Emergency Medical Services System that do not receive funding under EMSOF.

(c) There is a Panel to study the potential funding needs of the network of trauma centers participating in the State's Emergency Medical Services System that do not receive funding under EMSOF.

(d) The Panel shall consist of the following 15 members:

1. three members of the Senate, appointed by the President of the Senate as follows:

(i) one member from the Budget and Taxation Committee;

(ii) one member from the Finance Committee; and

(iii) one member from the Judicial Proceedings Committee;

2. three members of the House of Delegates, appointed by the Speaker of the House as follows:

(i) one member from the Appropriations Committee;

(ii) one member from the Commerce and Government Matters Committee;

and

(iii) one member from the Environmental Matters Committee;

3. the Secretary of the Department of Budget and Management, or the Secretary's designee;

4. the Secretary of the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, or the Secretary's designee;

5. the Executive Director of the Maryland Institute of Emergency Medical Services System, or the Executive Director's designee;

6. the Chairperson of the Emergency Medical Services Board, or the Chairperson's designee; and

7. five members of the general public who do not have an interest in the State's Emergency Medical Services System, appointed as follows:

(i) one by the Governor;

(ii) two by the President of the Senate; and

(iii) two by the Speaker of the House of Delegates.

(e) The President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House jointly shall appoint co-chairs from among the Senate and the House members appointed to the Panel.

(f) The Panel shall be staffed by the Department of Legislative Services, in consultation with the Maryland Health Services Cost Review Commission and the Maryland Health Care Commission.

(g) In conducting its study of the potential funding needs of the network of trauma centers participating in the State's Emergency Medical Services System that do not receive funding under EMSOF, the Panel shall:

(i) examine the costs associated with the operation of adult and pediatric trauma centers, each of the level I through level III trauma centers, and any other trauma centers that participate in the State's Emergency Medical Services System;

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(ii) evaluate the amount, extent, source, and contributing factors of any financial gain or loss attributable to each of the State's designated trauma centers that are not already recovered under the hospital rate setting system under the Health Services Cost Review Commission; and

(iii) consider potential funding sources or other approaches to address any funding needs identified by the study.

(h) To enable Panel members to understand the frame of reference of the State's Emergency Medical Services System and its related entities, the Panel shall be briefed on any studies of the components of the Emergency Medical Services System conducted in the past 4 years.

(i) 1. The Panel shall submit reports in accordance with paragraph 2 of this subsection on its findings and recommendations to the Governor and, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, to the Senate Budget and Taxation Committee, Finance Committee, and Judicial Proceedings Committee, and the House Appropriations Committee, Commerce and Government Matters Committee, and Environmental Matters Committee.

2. The Panel shall submit an interim report on or before January 1, 2002 and a final report on or before December 1, 2002.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That in establishing the Panel to study the potential funding needs of the network of trauma centers under Section 2 of this Act, the General Assembly does not intend to provide funding to these trauma centers from the increase in the motor vehicle registration surcharge enacted under Section 1 of this Act.”;

and in line 13, strike “2.” and substitute “4.”.