

BY: Health and Government Operations Committee

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL 265

(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in the sponsor line, strike “and V. Turner” and substitute “V. Turner, Bohanan, Branch, Holmes, Malone, Weldon, Benson, Donoghue, Kullen, McDonough, Nathan-Pulliam, Pena-Melnyk, and Riley”; in line 2, strike “Public Safety” and substitute “Emergency Medical Services”; in the same line, strike “– Membership” and substitute “and Joint Oversight Committee on Emergency Medical Services”; in line 5, after “a” insert “Director of Operations who is a”; in line 6, strike “Division;” and substitute “Command; establishing the Joint Oversight Committee on Emergency Medical Services; providing for the membership, appointment, staff, and duties of the Committee; requiring the Committee to report to the General Assembly on or before a certain date each year; providing for the termination of certain provisions of this Act;”; in line 7, after “to” insert “emergency medical services,”; in the same line, after “Board” insert “, and the Joint Oversight Committee on Emergency Medical Services”; and after line 12, insert:

“BY adding to

Article - State Government

Section 2-10A-13

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2004 Replacement Volume and 2008 Supplement)”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 2, in line 18, after “A” insert “**DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS WHO IS A**”; and in line 19, strike “**DIVISION**” and substitute “**COMMAND**”.

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 3, after line 15, insert:

(Over)

“SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article – State Government

2-10A-13.

(A) THERE IS A JOINT OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE ON EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES.

(B) (1) THE COMMITTEE CONSISTS OF 12 MEMBERS.

(2) OF THE 12 MEMBERS:

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

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

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

(D) THE DEPARTMENT OF LEGISLATIVE SERVICES SHALL PROVIDE STAFF FOR THE COMMITTEE.

(E) THE COMMITTEE SHALL PROVIDE LEGISLATIVE OVERSIGHT OF EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES IN THE STATE.

(F) TO CARRY OUT ITS OVERSIGHT MISSION, THE COMMITTEE SHALL:

(1) MONITOR PROCUREMENT OF MARYLAND STATE POLICE MEDEVAC HELICOPTERS;

(2) (I) REVIEW PROTOCOL CHANGES FOR EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES FIELD PROVIDERS; AND

(II) ENSURE THAT TRAINING AND EXAMINATION REQUIREMENTS RELATED TO THE PROTOCOL CHANGES ARE ADEQUATE;

(3) REVIEW EFFORTS BY THE MARYLAND INSTITUTE FOR EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES SYSTEMS TO ADDRESS RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE EXPERT PANEL ON HELICOPTER UTILIZATION AND PROTOCOLS ASSEMBLED BY THE INSTITUTE IN NOVEMBER 2008;

(4) MONITOR ONGOING SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS FOR THE MARYLAND STATE POLICE MEDEVAC HELICOPTERS, INCLUDING:

(I) COMPLIANCE WITH 14 C.F.R PART 135 (FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION);

(II) ACCREDITATION BY THE COMMISSION FOR THE ACCREDITATION OF MEDICAL TRANSPORT SYSTEMS;

(III) EQUIPMENT UPGRADES;

(Over)

(IV) THE PHASE IN OF ADDITIONAL CO-PILOTS TO THE MEDEVAC HELICOPTER FLIGHT CREW; AND

(V) IMPROVEMENTS RECOMMENDED BY THE NATIONAL TRANSPORTATION SAFETY BOARD, INCLUDING FLIGHT RISK EVALUATION AND FLIGHT FOLLOWING PROCEDURES; AND

(5) REVIEW THE FOLLOWING UPDATES, STUDIES, AND REPORTS REQUESTED IN THE MARCH 2009 REPORT OF THE HOUSE EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES WORKGROUP:

(I) AN UPDATE FROM THE MARYLAND INSTITUTE OF EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES SYSTEMS AND THE MARYLAND STATE POLICE OF THE STUDY REPORTED IN FEBRUARY 2009 OF THE APPROPRIATE NUMBER AND DISTRIBUTION OF MEDEVAC HELICOPTERS AND BASES;

(II) A STUDY FROM THE MARYLAND STATE POLICE OF SERVICE DELIVERY OPTIONS FOR MEDEVAC HELICOPTER MAINTENANCE;

(III) A STUDY AND RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE MARYLAND HEALTH CARE COMMISSION, IN COOPERATION WITH THE MARYLAND INSTITUTE FOR EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES SYSTEMS, REGARDING THE CONFIGURATION OF THE STATE'S NETWORK OF TRAUMA AND SPECIALTY REFERRAL CENTERS;

(IV) A REPORT FROM THE MARYLAND INSTITUTE ON EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES SYSTEMS ON AMBULANCE INFORMATION SYSTEM FEATURES THAT PROMOTE ANALYSIS OF SYSTEM PERFORMANCE; AND

(V) THE ANNUAL REPORT REQUIRED UNDER § 13-509(B)(4) OF THE EDUCATION ARTICLE FROM THE EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES BOARD.

(G) IN COOPERATION WITH THE MARYLAND INSTITUTE OF EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES SYSTEMS, THE EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES BOARD, THE STATE EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES ADVISORY COUNCIL, AND THE MARYLAND STATE POLICE, THE COMMITTEE SHALL:

(1) EXAMINE THE LONG-TERM VIABILITY OF THE MARYLAND EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES OPERATING FUND; AND

(2) DEVELOP A LONG-TERM FINANCING PLAN FOR EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES.

(H) THE COMMITTEE SHALL REPORT ITS FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS, IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 2-1246 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE, TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 1 OF EACH YEAR.”;

in line 16, strike “2.” and substitute “3.”; and in line 17, after “2009.” insert “Section 2 of this Act shall remain effective for a period of 4 years and, at the end of September 30, 2013, with no further action required by the General Assembly, Section 2 of this Act shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.”.