SENATE BILL 289

By: **Senator DeGrange**
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Assigned to: Finance

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Public Safety – Emergency Medical Services Board – Membership**

3 FOR the purpose of altering the membership of the State Emergency Medical Services
4   Board by increasing the number of members who are from the public at large
5   and by adding one member who is a helicopter pilot employed by the
6   Department of State Police within the Aviation Division; and generally relating
7   to the State Emergency Medical Services Board.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
9   Article – Education
10   Section 13–505
11   Annotated Code of Maryland
12   (2008 Replacement Volume)

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

15   **Article – Education**

16 13–505.

17   (a)   (1)   The EMS Board consists of [11] **13** members appointed by the
18 Governor.

19   (2)   Of the [11] **13** members:

20   (i)   One shall be the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene or
21 the Secretary's designee;

22   (ii)   One shall be a representative of the University of Maryland,
23 Baltimore, nominated by the Board of Regents;

1   (iii)   One shall be the chairperson of the Advisory Council;

2   (iv)   One shall be a physician knowledgeable in the delivery of
3   emergency medical services;

4   (v)   One shall be a physician experienced in the clinical care of
5   trauma patients;

6   (vi)   One shall be a nurse experienced in the clinical care of
7   emergency patients;

8   (vii)   One shall be a career firefighter, emergency medical
9   technician, or rescue squad person knowledgeable in the delivery of emergency
10   medical services;

11   (viii)   One shall be a volunteer firefighter, emergency medical
12   technician, or rescue squad person knowledgeable in the delivery of emergency
13   medical services;

14   (ix)   One shall be a hospital administrator knowledgeable in the
15   management and delivery of emergency medical services; **[**and**]**

16   **(X)   ONE SHALL BE A HELICOPTER PILOT EMPLOYED BY THE**
17   **DEPARTMENT OF STATE POLICE WITHIN THE AVIATION DIVISION; AND**

18   **[**(x)**] (XI)   [**Two**] THREE** shall be from the public at large, one of
19   whom shall reside in a county with a population of less than 175,000.

20   (b)   (1)   Each appointed member shall have demonstrated interest or
21   experience in the delivery of emergency medical services.

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

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

27   (i)   Recommended by the Advisory Council; or

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

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

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

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

4   (iii)   An officer or full–time employee of the Medical System
5 Corporation or the University.

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

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

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

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

12   (1)   The Governor shall appoint a chairperson; and

13   (2)   The chairperson shall appoint a vice chairperson.

14   SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
15 October 1, 2009.