

SENATE BILL 1041

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Maryland Health Care Commission – State Police – Helicopter Emergency**
3 **Medical Services**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring the Maryland Health Care Commission, in conjunction
5 with the Maryland Institute of Emergency Medical Systems Services, to conduct
6 a certain study, examination, and comparison regarding helicopter emergency
7 medical services; requiring the Commission, in conjunction with the Maryland
8 Institute of Emergency Medical Systems Services, to report certain findings to
9 certain committees of the General Assembly on or before a certain date;
10 prohibiting the Department of State Police from purchasing new helicopters
11 before a certain report is submitted; providing for the termination of this Act;
12 and generally relating to helicopter emergency medical services.

13 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
14 MARYLAND, That:

15 (a) The Maryland Health Care Commission, in conjunction with the
16 Maryland Institute of Emergency Medical Systems Services, shall conduct:

17 (1) a study of national and State standards for helicopter emergency
18 medical services that includes:

19 (i) the critical care standards provided to trauma victims and
20 other victims at the scene of an accident or at another location;

21 (ii) a comparison of aircraft and crew configurations used for
22 helicopter emergency medical services; and

23 (iii) the professional qualifications of aircraft crews used for
24 helicopter emergency medical services;

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (2) an examination of typical capital and operating costs for helicopter
2 emergency services in other states by type of aircraft;

3 (3) a comparison of the methods by which helicopter emergency
4 medical services are funded in the State and in other states, including:

5 (i) patient billing;

6 (ii) insurance coverage by health insurers and property and
7 casualty insurers;

8 (iii) general public funding; and

9 (iv) dedicated public funding; and

10 (4) an examination of projected changes in the number of future
11 helicopter emergency medical services that would be provided in the State and the
12 future need for the services.

13 (b) On or before February 1, 2010, the Maryland Health Care Commission,
14 in conjunction with the Maryland Institute of Emergency Medical Systems Services,
15 shall report its findings to the Senate Finance Committee, the Senate Budget and
16 Taxation Committee, the House Appropriations Committee, the House Health and
17 Government Operations Committee, and the House Environmental Matters
18 Committee, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article.

19 (c) The Department of State Police may not purchase new helicopters before
20 the submission of the report required under paragraph (b).

21 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
22 October 1, 2009. It shall remain effective for a period of 6 months and, at the end of
23 March 31, 2010, with no further action required by the General Assembly, this Act
24 shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.