

Chapter 376

(House Bill 497)

AN ACT concerning

Public Safety – ~~Emergency Medical Services Board~~ Statewide Emergency Medical Services Advisory Council – Membership

FOR the purpose of altering the membership of the ~~State Emergency Medical Services Board~~ statewide Emergency Medical Services Advisory Council by increasing the number of members who are from the ~~public at large~~ general public and by adding one member who is a helicopter pilot ~~employed by the Department of State Police within the Aviation Division;~~ making corrections to the names of certain organizations; and generally relating to the ~~State Emergency Medical Services Board~~ statewide Emergency Medical Services Advisory Council.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article – Education

Section 13-511(a)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2008 Replacement Volume and 2009 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Education

Section ~~13-505~~ 13-511(b)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2008 Replacement Volume and 2009 Supplement)

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

Article – Education

~~13-505.~~

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

(2) ~~Of the [11] 13 members:~~

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

~~(x) ONE SHALL BE A HELICOPTER PILOT EMPLOYED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE POLICE WITHIN THE AVIATION DIVISION; AND~~

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

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

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

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

~~(i) Recommended by the Advisory Council; or~~

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

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

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

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

~~(iii) An officer or full-time employee of the Medical System Corporation or the University.~~

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

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

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

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

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

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

13-511.

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

(b) (1) The Advisory Council consists of [29] 31 members. The members shall be appointed by the Board from a list of three qualified nominees submitted to the Board by their respective organizations or associations represented on the Council. The appointments by the Board shall be subject to the approval of the Governor.

(2) Of the [29] 31 members:

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

(ii) One shall be a representative of [the Medical and Chirurgical Faculty of Maryland] MEDCHI, THE MARYLAND STATE MEDICAL SOCIETY;

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

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

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

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

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

(viii) One shall be a representative of the [Highway Safety Division] OFFICE OF TRAFFIC AND SAFETY of the Maryland Department of Transportation;

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

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

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

(xii) One shall be a representative of the Board of Physicians;

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

(xiv) One shall be a regional medical director;

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

(xvi) One shall be a representative of the [Maryland/District of Columbia International Association of Firefighters] PROFESSIONAL FIRE FIGHTERS OF MARYLAND;

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

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

(xix) One shall be a representative of the [State Emergency Numbers Board (911)] **EMERGENCY NUMBER SYSTEMS BOARD;**

(xx) One shall be the Director of the R Adams Cowley Shock Trauma Center;

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

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

(xxiii) One shall be a representative of the Committee on Pediatric Emergency Medicine of the American Academy of Pediatrics, Maryland Chapter; [and]

(xxiv) One shall be a representative of the [Maryland–District of Columbia] **MARYLAND** Society of Anesthesiologists; **AND**

(XXV) ONE SHALL BE A HELICOPTER PILOT.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2010.

Approved by the Governor, May 4, 2010.