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House Bill 497

(Delegate G. Clagett, *et al.*)

Health and Government Operations

Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

Public Safety - Statewide Emergency Medical Services Advisory Council -
Membership

This bill increases the membership of the statewide Emergency Medical Services Advisory Council to 31 by adding a helicopter pilot and an additional member from the public at large.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: The additional costs associated with two more members can be absorbed within existing budgeted resources.

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law/Background: The Emergency Medical Services Advisory Council is responsible for:

- serving as a principal advisory body to the Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Board on matters concerning finances, policies, guidelines, regulations, and procedures necessary for the efficient and effective operation of the statewide Emergency Medical Services System and the Maryland Institute for Emergency Medical Services Systems (MIEMSS);

- providing a means by which regional emergency medical services interests can be represented at a statewide level;
- assisting in the development of goals for and facilitating the implementation of a comprehensive emergency medical services plan;
- providing assistance in the resolution of interregional and interstate emergency medical services system problems and concerns; and
- performing any other duties as may be requested by the EMS Board or the Governor.

Advisory council members are appointed by the EMS Board, subject to the approval of the Governor.

The EMS Board governs MIEMSS. Its responsibilities include developing and adopting an EMS plan, adopting regulations for ambulance service licensing, approving EMS provider training courses, examining and certifying EMS personnel, appointing the Provider Review Panel, taking disciplinary action against EMS personnel, administering the Public Access Automated External Defibrillator Program, and with the approval of the Governor, appointing the executive director of MIEMSS, who serves at the pleasure of the EMS Board.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: None.

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