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Senate Bill 175

(Senator Middleton, *et al.*)

Finance

Health and Government Operations

**Emergency Medical Services - Emergency Medical Services Board -
Appointments**

This bill repeals the prohibition against the Governor appointing a member of the Board of Regents of the University System of Maryland, a member of the Board of Directors of the Medical System Corporation, or an officer or full-time employee of the Medical System Corporation or the University of Maryland, Baltimore Campus to the State Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Board. Instead, the bill prohibits the Governor from appointing to the EMS Board more than two persons in total from (1) the same health system; (2) a health system and medical school that are affiliated; or (3) medical schools under the same governing board.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None. The change is technical in nature and does not directly affect governmental finances.

Local Effect: The bill is not anticipated to impact local government finances or operations.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law/Background: The EMS Board was created by Chapter 592 of 1993 and consists of 11 members appointed by the Governor to serve four-year terms. The EMS Board is tasked with developing, adopting, and monitoring a statewide plan to ensure effective coordination and evaluation of emergency medical services. The EMS Board appoints the Executive Director of the Maryland Institute for Emergency Medical Services

Systems (MIEMSS), who serves as the administrative head of the State's EMS system and the operations of MIEMSS. MIEMSS implements the plan developed by the EMS Board.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: HB 371 (Delegate Bromwell, *et al.*) - Health and Government Operations.

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