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RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- EMERGENCY MEDICAL TRANSPORTATION SERVICES

Introduced By: Senators Conley, Lombardo, Ciccone, Lombardi, and Algiere

Date Introduced: June 05, 2019

Referred To: Senate Health & Human Services

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 23-4.1-2 of the General Laws in Chapter 23-4.1 entitled "Emergency Medical Transportation Services" are hereby amended to read as follows:


(a) The ambulance service coordinating advisory board is hereby created and shall consist of twenty-five (25) members appointed as set out in this section. The governor shall appoint the members of the board as follows: (1) Two (2) from the department of health; one mayor, town administrator, town manager or other municipal official recommended by the senate president; (2) Seven (7) practicing, licensed emergency medical technicians as follows: three (3) from a full-time, paid department, who shall be recommended from the Rhode Island State Association of Fire Fighters, IAFF, AFL-CIO; two (2) who are active E.M.S. administrators, one recommended by the Rhode Island Association of Fire Chiefs and one recommended by the Rhode Island State Firemen's League from a volunteer fire department; one recommended by the senate president; and one two (2) recommended by the speaker of the house and one recommended by the senate president; (3) One from the R.I. Hospital Association; (4) One from the R.I. Medical Society; (5) One from the R.I. chapter of the American College of Surgeons, committee on trauma; (6) One from the R.I. chapter of the American College of Emergency Physicians; (7) One from the Rhode Island chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics; (8) Two (2) from a professional ambulance service; (9) Two (2) from the general public; (10) Two
(2) from Providence county who are active members of a public ambulance service or fire department rescue squad unit, one from a full-time paid department and one from a volunteer department; (11) Four (4), one each from the counties of Kent, Newport, Bristol, and Washington, who shall be members of a public ambulance service or a fire department rescue squad; and (12) One certified, emergency nurse in current practice who is a member of the Emergency Room Nurses Association. The members of the board shall be chosen and shall hold office for five (5) years and until their respective successors are appointed and qualified. In the month of February in each year, the governor shall appoint successors to the members of the board whose terms shall expire in that year, to hold office until the first day of March in the fifth (5th) year after their appointment and until their respective successors are appointed and qualified. Any vacancy that may occur in the board shall be filled by appointment for the remainder of the unexpired term in the same manner as the original appointment. Each member may designate a representative to attend in his or her absence by notifying the chair prior to that meeting of the board. The board shall meet at least quarterly and to elect its officers annually.

(b) The division of emergency medical services of the department of health shall provide staff support to the board.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage.
EXPLANATION
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1 This act would replace two (2) employees from the department of health with one
municipal official and would add one practicing, licensed emergency medical technician to serve
on the ambulance service coordinating advisory board.

4 This act would take effect upon passage.

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