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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

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RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- EMERGENCY MEDICAL TRANSPORTATION SERVICES

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

Date Introduced: June 05, 2019

Referred To: Senate Health & Human Services

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

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

3 **23-4.1-2. Ambulance service coordinating advisory board.**

4 (a) The ambulance service coordinating advisory board is hereby created and shall consist
5 of twenty-five (25) members appointed as set out in this section. The governor shall appoint the
6 members of the board as follows: (1) ~~Two (2) from the department of health~~ One municipal
7 official which shall include, but not be limited to, a mayor, town administrator, or town manager
8 whom shall be recommended by the president of the senate; (2) ~~Seven (7)~~ Eight (8) practicing,
9 licensed emergency medical technicians as follows: three (3) from a full-time, paid department,
10 who shall be recommended from the Rhode Island State Association of Fire Fighters, IAFF, AFL-
11 CIO; two (2) who are active E.M.S. administrators, one recommended by the Rhode Island
12 Association of Fire Chiefs and one recommended by the Rhode Island State Firemen's League
13 from a volunteer fire department; one recommended by the senate president; and ~~one~~ two (2)
14 recommended by the speaker of the house; (3) One from the R.I. Hospital Association; (4) One
15 from the R.I. Medical Society; (5) One from the R.I. chapter of the American College of
16 Surgeons, committee on trauma; (6) One from the R.I. chapter of the American College of
17 Emergency Physicians; (7) One from the Rhode Island chapter of the American Academy of
18 Pediatrics; (8) Two (2) from a professional ambulance service; (9) Two (2) from the general

1 public; (10) Two (2) from Providence county who are active members of a public ambulance
2 service or fire department rescue squad unit, one from a full-time paid department and one from a
3 volunteer department; (11) Four (4), one each from the counties of Kent, Newport, Bristol, and
4 Washington, who shall be members of a public ambulance service or a fire department rescue
5 squad; and (12) One certified, emergency nurse in current practice who is a member of the
6 Emergency Room Nurses Association. The members of the board shall be chosen and shall hold
7 office for five (5) years and until their respective successors are appointed and qualified. In the
8 month of February in each year, the governor shall appoint successors to the members of the
9 board whose terms shall expire in that year, to hold office until the first day of March in the fifth
10 (5th) year after their appointment and until their respective successors are appointed and
11 qualified. Any vacancy that may occur in the board shall be filled by appointment for the
12 remainder of the unexpired term in the same manner as the original appointment. Each member
13 may designate a representative to attend in his or her absence by notifying the chair prior to that
14 meeting of the board. The board shall meet at least quarterly and to elect its officers annually.

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

17 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage.

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

4 This act would take effect upon passage.

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