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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2014

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RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY - AMBULANCE SERVICE COORDINATING
ADVISORY BOARD

Introduced By: Senators Pearson, Ruggerio, and Goodwin

Date Introduced: February 27, 2014

Referred To: Senate Judiciary

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" is hereby amended to read as follows:
3 **23-4.1-2. Ambulance service coordinating advisory board.** -- (a) The ambulance
4 service coordinating advisory board is created consisting of ~~twenty-three (23)~~ twenty-five (25)
5 members appointed as set out in this section. The governor shall appoint the members of the
6 board as follows: Two (2) from the department of health; ~~five (5)~~ seven (7) practicing licensed
7 emergency medical technicians; three (3) from a full time paid department who shall be
8 recommended from the Rhode Island State Association of Fire Fighters, IAFF, AFL-CIO, and
9 two (2) who are active E.M.S. administrators, one recommended from the Rhode Island
10 Association of Fire Chiefs and one recommended from the Rhode Island State Firemen's League
11 from a volunteer fire department; one recommended by the senate president; one recommended
12 by the speaker of the house; one from the R.I. Hospital Association; one from the R.I. Medical
13 Society; one from the R.I. chapter of the American College of Surgeons, committee on trauma;
14 one from the R.I. chapter of the American College of Emergency Physicians; one from the Rhode
15 Island chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics; two (2) from a professional ambulance
16 service; two (2) from the general public; two (2) from Providence county who are active members
17 of a public ambulance service or fire department rescue squad unit, one from a full time paid
18 department and one from a volunteer department; four (4), one each from the counties of Kent,

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

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

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

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EXPLANATION
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1 This act would increase the membership of the ambulance service coordinating advisory
2 board from twenty-three (23) to twenty-five (25) members with the two new members being
3 recommended by the president of the senate and the speaker of the house of representatives.

4 This act would take effect upon passage.

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