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Senate Bill 255

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to the Committee on Government Organization]

1 A BILL to amend and reenact §16-4C-5 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating
 2 generally to the Emergency Medical Services Advisory Council; reconfiguring and
 3 increasing the membership of the council by adding three nonvoting citizen-members; and
 4 requiring three members to be representative of professional groups.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

ARTICLE 4C. EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES ACT.

§16-4C-5. Emergency Medical Services Advisory Council; duties; composition; appointment; meetings; compensation and expenses.

1 (a) The Emergency Medical Services Advisory Council, heretofore created and
 2 established by §16-4C-7 of this code, is continued for the purpose of developing, with the
 3 commissioner, standards for emergency medical service personnel and for the purpose of
 4 providing advice to the Office of Emergency Medical Services and the commissioner with respect
 5 to reviewing and making recommendations for, and providing assistance to, the establishment
 6 and maintenance of adequate emergency medical services for all portions of this state.

7 (b) The council shall have the duty to advise the commissioner in all matters pertaining to
 8 his or her duties and functions in relation to carrying out the purposes of this article.

9 (c) The council shall be composed of ~~fifteen~~ 18 members appointed by the Governor by
 10 and with the advice and consent of the Senate. The Mountain State Emergency Medical Services
 11 Association shall submit to the Governor a list of six names of representatives from its Association
 12 and a list of three names shall be submitted to the Governor of representatives of their respective
 13 organizations by the County Commissioners' Association of West Virginia, the West Virginia State
 14 Firemen's Association, the West Virginia Hospital Association, the West Virginia Chapter of the
 15 American College of Emergency Physicians, the West Virginia Emergency Medical Services
 16 Administrators Association, the West Virginia Emergency Medical Services Coalition, the
 17 Ambulance Association of West Virginia and the state Department of Education. The Governor
 18 shall appoint from the respective lists submitted two persons who represent the Mountain State

19 Emergency Medical Services Association, one of whom shall be a paramedic and one of whom
 20 shall be an emergency medical technician-basic; and one person from the County
 21 Commissioners' Association of West Virginia, the West Virginia State Firemen's Association, the
 22 West Virginia Hospital Association, the West Virginia Chapter of the American College of
 23 Emergency Physicians, the West Virginia Emergency Medical Services Administrators
 24 Association, the West Virginia Emergency Medical Services Coalition, the Ambulance Association
 25 of West Virginia and the state Department of Education. In addition, the Governor shall appoint:
 26 ~~one person to represent emergency medical service providers operating within the state, one~~
 27 ~~person to represent small emergency medical service providers operating within this state and~~
 28 ~~three persons to represent the general public. Not more than six of the members may be~~
 29 ~~appointed from any one congressional district~~

30 (1) One person to represent emergency medical services providers operating within the
 31 state;

32 (2) One person to represent small emergency medical services providers operating within
 33 this state;

34 (3) One person to represent emergency medical services training officers or
 35 representatives;

36 (4) Two people to represent emergency medical services supervisors or administrators;
 37 and

38 (5) Three persons to represent the general public who shall serve in an advisory capacity
 39 as nonvoting members.

40 (d) Not more than six of the members may be appointed from any one congressional
 41 district.

42 ~~(d)~~ (e) Each term is to be for three years, and no member may serve more than four
 43 consecutive terms.

44 ~~(e)~~ (f) The council shall choose its own chairman and meet at the call of the commissioner

45 at least twice a year.

46 ~~(f)~~ (g) The members of the council shall receive compensation and expense
47 reimbursement in an amount not to exceed the same compensation and expense reimbursement
48 as is paid to members of the Legislature for their interim duties as recommended by the Citizens
49 Legislative Compensation Commission and authorized by law for each day or substantial portion
50 thereof engaged in the performance of official duties.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to reconfigure and increasing the membership of the
Emergency Medical Services Advisory Council by adding three nonvoting citizen members
and requiring three members to be representative of professional groups.

Strike-throughs indicate language that would be stricken from a heading or the present law
and underscoring indicates new language that would be added.