

WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE

2019 REGULAR SESSION

Enrolled

Committee Substitute

for

Senate Bill 255

SENATORS BOSO, BALDWIN, AND MARONEY, *original sponsors*

[Passed February 1, 2019; in effect 90 days from passage]

1 AN ACT 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 voting 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, created and established by former
2 §16-4C-7 of this code, is continued for the purpose of developing, with the commissioner,
3 standards for emergency medical services personnel and for the purpose of providing advice to
4 the Office of Emergency Medical Services and the commissioner with respect to reviewing and
5 making recommendations for, and providing assistance to, the establishment and maintenance
6 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 18 members appointed by the Governor by and with
10 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 the following:

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

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

31 (3) One person to represent emergency medical services training officers or
32 representatives;

33 (4) Two people to represent emergency medical services supervisors or administrators;
34 and

35 (5) Three persons to represent the general public who shall serve as voting members.

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

38 (e) Each term is to be for three years, and no member may serve more than four
39 consecutive terms.

40 (f) The council shall choose its own chairman and meet at the call of the commissioner at
41 least twice a year.

42 (g) The members of the council shall receive compensation and expense reimbursement
43 in an amount not to exceed the same compensation and expense reimbursement as is paid to
44 members of the Legislature for their interim duties as recommended by the Citizens Legislative

- 45 Compensation Commission and authorized by law for each day, or substantial portion thereof,
46 engaged in the performance of official duties.

The Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills hereby certifies that the foregoing bill is correctly enrolled.

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Chairman, Senate Committee

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Chairman, House Committee

Originated in the Senate.

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