WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE

REGULAR SESSION, 1997

ENROLLED

SENATE BILL NO. 84

(Originating in the Committee on
(By Senator Government Organization)

PASSED March 28, 1997

In Effect Ninety Days From Passage
AN ACT to amend and reenact section five, article four-c, chapter sixteen of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, as amended, relating to continuing the emergency medical services advisory council until the first day of July, one thousand nine hundred ninety-eight.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

That section five, article four-c, chapter sixteen of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, as amended, be amended and reenacted to read as follows:

ARTICLE 4C. EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES ACT.

§16-4C-5. Emergency medical services advisory council; duties, composition, appointment, meetings, compensation and expenses; continuation.
The emergency medical services advisory council, heretofore created and established by former section seven of this article, shall be continued for the purpose of developing, with the commissioner, standards for emergency medical service personnel and for the purpose of providing advice to the office of emergency medical services and the commissioner with respect to reviewing and making recommendations for and providing assistance to the establishment and maintenance of adequate emergency medical services for all portions of this state.

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

The council shall be composed of fifteen members appointed by the governor by and with the advice and consent of the Senate. The mountain state emergency medical services association shall submit to the governor a list of six names of representatives from their association and a list of three names shall be submitted to the governor of representatives of their respective organizations by the county commissioners' association of West Virginia, the West Virginia state firemen's association, the West Virginia hospital association, the West Virginia chapter of the American college of emergency physicians, the West Virginia emergency medical services administrators association, the West Virginia emergency medical services coalition, the ambulance association of West Virginia, the county commissioner's association and the state department of education. The governor shall appoint from the respective lists submitted, two persons who represent the mountain state emergency medical services association, one of whom shall be a paramedic and one of whom shall be an emergency medical technician-basic, and one person from the county commissioners' association of West Virginia, the West Virginia state firemen's association, the West Virginia hospital association, the West Virginia chapter of the American college of emergency physicians, the West Virginia emergency medical services administrators association, the West Virginia
emergency medical services coalition, the ambulance association of West Virginia and the state department of education. In addition the governor shall appoint one person to represent emergency medical service providers operating within the state, one person to represent small emergency medical service providers operating within this state and three persons to represent the general public. Not more than six of the members may be appointed from any one congressional district.

The current advisory council members' terms shall end on the thirtieth day of June, one thousand nine hundred ninety-six, and, pursuant to the provisions of this section, the governor shall appoint an advisory council on the first day of July, one thousand nine hundred ninety-six. Of those first appointed, one-third shall serve for one year, one-third shall serve for two years and one-third shall serve for three years. Each subsequent term is to be for three years and no member may serve more than four consecutive terms.

The council shall choose its own chairman and meet at the call of the commissioner at least twice a year.

The members of the council shall receive compensation and expense reimbursement in an amount not to exceed the same compensation and expense reimbursement as is paid to members of the Legislature for their interim duties as recommended by the citizens legislative compensation commission and authorized by law, for each day or substantial portion thereof engaged in the performance of official duties.

Pursuant to the provisions of article ten, chapter four of this code, the emergency medical services advisory council shall continue to exist until the first day of July, one thousand nine hundred ninety-eight.
That Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills hereby certifies that the foregoing bill is correctly enrolled.

Chairman Senate Committee

Chairman House Committee

Originated in the Senate.

In effect ninety days from passage.

Clerk of the Senate

Clerk of the House of Delegates

President of the Senate

Speaker House of Delegates

The within is approved this the ______ day of April, ________, 1997.

Governor