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SENATE BILL NO. 361

(By Senator ...)

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(BY SENATORS BOWMAN, BAILEY, BALL, JACKSON, KESSLER, MCCABE, MINARD, PLYMALE, REDD, SNYDER, WALKER, BOLEY AND MINEAR)

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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.

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.

1 The emergency medical services advisory council,
2 heretofore created and established by former section seven
of this article, shall be continued for the purpose of
developing, with the commissioner, standards for emer-
gency 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 assis-
tance 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 commis-
sioner 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 gover-
nor 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 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 associa-
tion, 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 ambu-
ulance association of West Virginia and the state depart-
ment of education. In addition the governor shall appoint
one person to represent emergency medical service provid-
ers 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, two thousand five.
That Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills hereby certifies that the foregoing bill is correctly enrolled.

Chairman Senate Committee

Chairman House Committee

Originating 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 5th day of 1999

Governor