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FOR
House Bill No. 2111

(By Delegates Beane and Michael)

Passed April 9, 2005

In Effect Ninety Days from Passage
AN ACT to amend and reenact §16-4C-14 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to allowing paramedics the right to practice in a hospital emergency rule setting; and authorizing the promulgation of legislative and emergency rules.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

That §16-4C-14 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, be amended and reenacted to read as follows:

ARTICLE 4C. EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES ACT.

§16-4C-14. Services that may be performed by emergency medical service personnel.

1 Notwithstanding any other provision of law, emergency medical service personnel may provide the services as determined by the commissioner by legislative rule pursuant to the
provisions of article three, chapter twenty-nine-a of this code. Legislative rules governing provision of these services in a hospital emergency room setting shall be developed by the commissioner and shall include provisions allowing paramedics to function under the direct supervision of a registered professional nurse in a hospital emergency room setting. Provision of these services in an emergency room hospital setting shall not be initiated until a legislative rule establishing training requirements, standards and requirements for these functions is in effect. The Legislature therefore directs the commissioner to propose this legislative rule on or before the first day of July, two thousand six. Further, the Commissioner may promulgate this rule as an emergency rule pursuant to the provisions of section fifteen, article three, chapter twenty-nine-a of this code. Any rule so promulgated shall provide that paramedics are under the jurisdiction of the commissioner. The West Virginia Board of Registered Professional Nurses may propose legislative rules, pursuant to article three, chapter twenty-nine-a of the code relating to the scope of practice for nurses as those practices relates to overseeing these paramedics. The provisions of this section and any rules promulgated thereunder may not be construed to alter in any manner the duties, role or responsibilities of attending physicians regarding the providing and oversight of patient care.
That Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills hereby certifies that the foregoing bill is correctly enrolled.

Chairman Senate Committee

Chairman House Committee

Originating in the House.

In effect ninety days from passage.

Clerk of the Senate

Clerk of the House of Delegates

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House of Delegates

The within is approved this the 

day of April, 2005.

Governor