SENATE BILL NO. 281

(By Senator Bowman, et al.)

PASSED April 8, 2005

In Effect July 1, 2005
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(e) The Council shall choose its own chairman and meet at the call of the Commissioner at least twice a year.
(f) 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.

§16-4C-5a. Continuation of the Emergency Medical Services Advisory Council.

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 eight, unless sooner terminated, continued or reestablished.
AN ACT to amend and reenact §16-4C-5 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended; and to amend said code by adding thereto a new section, designated §16-4C-5a, all relating to continuation of the Emergency Medical Services Advisory Council.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

That §16-4C-5 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, be amended and reenacted; and that said code be amended by adding thereto a new section, designated §16-4C-5a, all 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.
(a) The Emergency Medical Services Advisory Council, heretofore created and established by former section seven of this article, is 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.

(b) 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.

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

Chairman Senate Committee

Chairman House Committee

Originated in the Senate.

To take effect July 1, 2005.

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 May, 2005.

Governor