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**HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 604**

House Amendments in [ ] — February 6, 2001

*Establishing a joint subcommittee to study the feasibility and appropriateness of streamlining the various regulations governing fire companies and EMS services.*

Patron Prior to Engrossment—Delegate Landes

Referred to Committee on Rules

WHEREAS, fire departments are subject to the regulations of Department of Fire Programs; and

WHEREAS, emergency medical services personnel are subject to the regulations of the Department of Health; and

WHEREAS, fire departments that also provide emergency medical services are subject to the regulations of two different departments of state government; and

WHEREAS, as a result of dual regulation, these fire/EMS departments spend valuable time completing the paperwork necessary to satisfy the reporting requirements of both agencies; and

WHEREAS, fire/EMS departments perform vital services to ensure the health, safety and welfare of Virginia's citizens; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That a joint subcommittee be established to study the feasibility and appropriateness of streamlining the various regulations governing fire companies and EMS services. The joint subcommittee shall consist of 5 members, which shall include 3 legislative members and 2 ex officio members as follows: 2 members of the House of Delegates to be appointed by the Speaker of the House of Delegates, in accordance with the principles of Rule 16 of the Rules of the House of Delegates; 1 member of the Senate to be appointed by the Senate Committee on Privileges and Elections; and the directors of the Departments of Health and Fire Programs or their designees to serve ex officio with full voting privileges.

In conducting its study, the joint subcommittee shall explore ways to consolidate the reporting requirements of the Department of Fire Programs and the Department of Health into a single report that would satisfy the regulations of both agencies.

The direct costs of this study shall not exceed \$1,800.

The Division of Legislative Services shall provide staff support for the study. All agencies of the Commonwealth shall provide assistance to the joint subcommittee, upon request.

The joint subcommittee shall complete its work in time to submit its written findings and recommendations [ by November 30, 2001, ] to the Governor and the 2002 Session of the General Assembly as provided in the procedures of the Division of Legislative Automated Systems for the processing of legislative documents.

Implementation of this resolution is subject to subsequent approval and certification by the Joint Rules Committee. The Committee may withhold expenditures or delay the period for the conduct of the study.

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