

1 VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY — CHAPTER

2 *An Act to amend and reenact § 15.2-955 of the Code of Virginia, relating to emergency medical services*
3 *agencies; ordinances or resolutions; designation as emergency response agencies.*

4 [S 1246]

5 Approved

6 **Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**7 **1. That § 15.2-955 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:**8 **§ 15.2-955. Approval by local governing body for the establishment of volunteer emergency**
9 **medical services agencies and firefighting organizations.**10 A. No volunteer emergency medical services agency or volunteer firefighting organization shall be
11 established in any locality on or after July 1, 1984, without the prior approval by *ordinance or*
12 *resolution* of the governing body. *Such ordinance or resolution shall specify the geographic boundaries*
13 *of the agency's primary service area within the locality.*14 B. Each locality shall seek to ensure that *essential* emergency medical services are maintained
15 throughout the entire locality.16 C. *An emergency medical services agency that responds to medical emergencies for its primary*
17 *service area as defined by the local emergency medical response plan shall be a designated emergency*
18 *response agency and recognized as an integral and essential part of the official public safety program*
19 *of the county, city, or town with responsibility for providing emergency medical response.*

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