

VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY — CHAPTER

An Act to amend and reenact § 32.1-111.10 of the Code of Virginia, relating to the State Emergency Medical Services Advisory Board.

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Approved

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**1. That § 32.1-111.10 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:**

§ 32.1-111.10. State Emergency Medical Services Advisory Board; purpose; membership; duties.

A. For the purpose of advising the State Board of Health concerning the administration of the statewide emergency medical care system and emergency medical services vehicles maintained and operated to provide transportation to persons requiring emergency medical treatment, and reviewing and making recommendations on the Statewide Emergency Medical Services Plan, there is hereby created the State Emergency Medical Services Advisory Board which shall be composed of twenty-four members. The membership of the Advisory Board shall be appointed by the Governor and shall include one representative of each of the following groups: Virginia Municipal League, Virginia Association of Counties, Medical Society of Virginia, Virginia Chapter of the American College of Emergency Physicians, Virginia Chapter of the American College of Surgeons, Virginia Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics, one member of either the Emergency Nurses Association or the Virginia Nurses' Association, Virginia Hospital Association, Virginia State Firefighters Association, State Fire Chiefs Association of Virginia, Virginia Ambulance Association, Virginia Association of Governmental Emergency Medical Services Administrators, and Virginia Association of Public Safety Communications Officials; a consumer who shall not be involved in or affiliated with emergency medical services in any capacity; one representative from each of the eight regional emergency medical services councils; and two members of the Virginia Association of Volunteer Rescue Squads, Inc. Appointments may be made, *at the discretion of the Governor*, from lists of *three* nominees submitted by such organizations and groups, where applicable. *To ensure diversity in representation, the Governor may request additional nominees from the applicable organizations and groups. In no case shall the Governor be bound to make any appointment from among any list of nominees.* Each regional emergency medical services advisory council shall submit three nominations, at least one of which shall be a representative of providers of prehospital care. *Each member shall be designated as serving as the representative of one of the aforementioned groups.*

B. Members serving on the State Emergency Medical Services Advisory Board on January 1, 1996, shall complete their current terms of office. Thereafter, appointments shall be made to accomplish the restructuring of the Advisory Board according to the membership in effect on July 1, 1996, and shall be for terms of three years or the unexpired portions thereof in a manner to preserve insofar as possible the representation of the specified groups. No member shall serve more than two successive terms. *Effective July 1, 1997, no individual representing any one or more of the groups named in subsection A who has served as a member of the State Emergency Medical Services Advisory Board for two or more successive terms for any period or for six or more consecutive years shall be nominated for appointment or appointed to the Advisory Board unless at least three consecutive years have elapsed since such individual has served on the Advisory Board.*

The chairman shall be elected from the membership of the Advisory Board for a term of one year and shall be eligible for reelection. The Advisory Board shall meet at least four times annually at the call of the chairman or the Commissioner.

C. The State Emergency Medical Services Advisory Board shall:

1. Advise the State Board of Health on the administration of this article;

2. Review and make recommendations for the Statewide Emergency Medical Services Plan and any revisions thereto;

3. Review the annual financial report of the Virginia Association of Volunteer Rescue Squads, as required by § 32.1-111.13; and

4. Review, on a schedule as it may determine, reports on the status of all aspects of the statewide emergency medical care system, including the Financial Assistance and Review Committee, the Rescue Squad Assistance Fund, the regional emergency medical services councils, and the emergency medical services vehicles, submitted by the State Office of Emergency Medical Services.

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