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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 548

House Amendments in [] — January 30, 1997

Requesting the [~~Department~~ State Office] of Emergency Medical Services to study the operation of private ambulance services [and the State MEDIVAC System] .

Patrons—Davies; Senators: Couric and Houck

Referred to Committee on Rules

WHEREAS, both public rescue squads and private ambulance services [, and the State MEDIVAC System] are essential components in the provision of emergency medical services in the Commonwealth; and

WHEREAS, § 32.1-112 governs the provision of emergency medical services in the Commonwealth to coordinate such services for timely and effective emergency medical services; and

WHEREAS, in many localities both private for-profit and public emergency medical services authorities provide ambulance services; and

WHEREAS, the citizenry should have access to ambulance services that are timely, cost effective and of high quality, regardless of the identity of the provider of such services; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the [~~Department~~ State Office] of Emergency Medical Services be requested to study [the operation of private ambulance services and the State MEDIVAC System. The State Office shall examine] issues related to private ambulance services, to include (i) access to such services by the residents of Virginia; (ii) the cost and quality of such services when provided by private ambulance services as compared with public services; [and] (iii) whether existing regulation of private ambulance services is sufficient to ensure the public's health, safety and welfare [; and (iv) the status and needs of the State MEDIVAC System] .

The [~~Department~~ State Office] of Emergency Medical Services shall complete its work in time to submit its findings and recommendations to the Governor and the 1998 Session of the General Assembly as provided in the procedures of the Division of Legislative Automated Systems for the processing of legislative documents.

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