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Continuing the Joint Subcommittee Studying Certain Emergency Medical Services Training and Governance Issues.

Patrons—Orrock, Abbitt and Jones, D.C.; Senators: Goode, Hawkins and Holland

Referred to Committee on Rules

WHEREAS, the Commonwealth's emergency medical services (EMS) system has received national recognition for excellence; and

WHEREAS, over the years, the funding, staffing, and training of emergency medical services have been important issues, and disagreement has continued concerning the constitution and size of the State Emergency Medical Services Advisory Board and on the proper and most appropriate use of these funds; and

WHEREAS, among emergency medical services personnel, there has been concern about the rigor and frequency of and access to necessary training; and

WHEREAS, high morale, good communications, reasonable compromise, and strong cooperation are vital ingredients for the maintenance of the quality and efficiency of Virginia's emergency medical services system; and

WHEREAS, the Joint Subcommittee Studying Certain Emergency Medical Services Training and Governance Issues has addressed the concerns that it was charged to review; and

WHEREAS, the joint subcommittee has offered legislation to implement several of its recommendations which are designed to ameliorate the problems previously noted, but further work remains to be completed to ensure the continuation of an excellent and efficient statewide emergency medical services system; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the Joint Subcommittee Studying Certain Emergency Medical Services Training and Governance Issues be continued. The joint subcommittee shall review the progress on the implementation of its recommendations; assess the impact of such recommendations on the emergency medical services system; and consider further changes as may be necessary to ensure the viability of the system. The membership of the joint subcommittee appointed pursuant to HJR 437 (1995) shall continue to serve; however, vacancies shall be filled in accordance with HJR 437 (1995). The joint subcommittee may hold no more than three meetings.

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 findings and recommendations to the Governor and the 1997 Session of the General Assembly as provided in the procedures of the Division of Legislative Automated Systems for the processing of legislative documents.

The direct costs of this study shall not exceed \$ 4,050.

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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