Assembly Bill No. 24–Committee on Health and Human Services

CHAPTER.....

AN ACT relating to emergency medical services; revising the membership of the Committee on Emergency Medical Services; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel's Digest:

Existing law establishes the Committee on Emergency Medical Services and requires the Committee to review and advise the Division of Public and Behavioral Health of the Department of Health and Human Services on matters related to emergency medical services. (NRS 450B.151, 450B.153) Under existing law, the Committee is comprised of nine members appointed by the State Board of Health. (NRS 450B.151) This bill adds to the Committee: (1) one member who is employed by or serves as a volunteer with a local governmental agency that provides emergency medical services but which is not a part of a fire-fighting agency or law enforcement agency; and (2) one member who is employed by or volunteers with an agency, organization or other operator that provides emergency medical services on tribal land.

EXPLANATION - Matter in **bolded italics** is new; matter between brackets formitted material is material to be omitted.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, REPRESENTED IN SENATE AND ASSEMBLY. DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. NRS 450B.151 is hereby amended to read as follows:

450B.151 1. The Committee on Emergency Medical Services, consisting of [nine] 11 members appointed by the State Board of Health, is hereby created.

- 2. Upon request of the State Board of Health, employee associations that represent persons that provide emergency medical services, including, without limitation, physicians and nurses that provide emergency medical services, emergency medical technicians, ambulance attendants, firefighters, fire chiefs and employees of rural hospitals, shall submit to the State Board of Health written nominations for appointments to the Committee.
- 3. After considering the nominations submitted pursuant to subsection 2, the State Board of Health shall appoint to the Committee:
- (a) One member who is a physician licensed pursuant to chapter 630 or 633 of NRS and who has experience providing emergency medical services:



- (b) One member who is a registered nurse and who has experience providing emergency medical services;
- (c) One member who is a volunteer for an organization that provides emergency medical services pursuant to this chapter;
- (d) One member who is employed by a fire-fighting agency at which some of the firefighters and persons who provide emergency medical services for the agency are employed and some serve as volunteers:
- (e) One member who is employed by an urban fire-fighting agency;
- (f) One member who is employed by or serves as a volunteer with a medical facility that is located in a rural area and that provides emergency medical services;
- (g) One member who is employed by an organization that provides emergency medical services in an air ambulance and whose duties are closely related to such emergency medical services:
- (h) One member who is employed by or serves as a volunteer with a local governmental agency that provides emergency medical services but which is not a part of a fire-fighting agency or law enforcement agency;
- (i) One member who is employed by a privately owned entity that provides emergency medical services; and
- **[(i)]** (j) One member who is employed by an operator of a service which is:
- (1) Provided for the benefit of the employees of an industry who become sick or are injured at the industrial site; and
- (2) Staffed by employees who are licensed attendants and perform emergency medical services primarily for the industry.
- 4. The Committee shall solicit and accept applications from persons who are employed by or volunteer with an agency, organization or other operator that provides emergency medical services on tribal land. After considering the applications submitted pursuant to this subsection, the Committee shall recommend and the State Board of Health shall appoint to the Committee one member who is employed by or volunteers with an agency, organization or other operator that provides emergency medical services on tribal land.
- 5. In addition to the members set forth in [subsection] subsections 3 [,] and 4, the following persons are ex officio members of the Committee:



- (a) An employee of the Division, appointed by the Administrator of the Division, whose duties relate to administration and enforcement of the provisions of this chapter;
- (b) The county health officer appointed pursuant to NRS 439.290 in each county whose population is 100,000 or more, or the county health officer's designee;
- (c) A physician who is a member of a committee which consists of directors of trauma centers in this State and who is nominated by that committee; and
- (d) A representative of a committee or group which focuses on the provision of emergency medical services to children in this State and who is nominated by that committee or group.
- [5.] 6. The term of each member appointed by the State Board of Health is 2 years. A member may not serve more than two consecutive terms but may serve more than two terms if there is a break in service of not less than 2 years.
- [6.] 7. The State Board of Health shall not appoint to the Committee two persons who are employed by or volunteer with the same organization, except the State Board of Health may appoint a person who is employed by or volunteers with the same organization of which a member who serves ex officio is an employee.
- [7.] 8. Each member of the Committee shall appoint an alternate to serve in the member's place if the member is temporarily unable to perform the duties required of him or her pursuant to NRS 450B.151 to 450B.154, inclusive.
- [8.] 9. A position on the Committee that becomes vacant before the end of the term of the member must be filled in the same manner as the original appointment.
 - **Sec. 2.** This act becomes effective on July 1, 2023.



