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AN ACT

1 Amending Title 35 (Health and Safety) of the Pennsylvania
2 Consolidated Statutes, in emergency medical services system,
3 further providing for definitions and for emergency medical
4 services agencies.

5 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
6 hereby enacts as follows:

7 Section 1. Section 8103 of Title 35 of the Pennsylvania
8 Consolidated Statutes is amended by adding definitions to read:

9 § 8103. Definitions.

10 The following words and phrases when used in this chapter
11 shall have the meanings given to them in this section unless the
12 context clearly indicates otherwise:

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14 "Qualified applicant." An emergency medical services agency
15 which provides advanced emergency medical services under section
16 8130 (relating to advanced life support ambulances), basic
17 emergency medical services under section 8133 (relating to basic
18 life support ambulances) or intermediate advanced emergency

1 medical services under 28 Pa. Code § 1027.34 (relating to
2 intermediate advanced life support ambulance service).

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4 "Regional medical advisory committee." A medical advisory
5 committee established by a regional emergency medical services
6 council under section 8109(c)(11) (relating to regional
7 emergency medical services councils).

8 "Regional quality improvement committee." A quality
9 improvement committee established by a regional emergency
10 medical services council under section 8109(c)(11).

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12 Section 2. Section 8129(1) of Title 35 is amended to read:
13 § 8129. Emergency medical services agencies.

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15 (1) Staffing.--

16 (1) The department may by regulation revise the staffing
17 standards for ambulances, squad vehicles and quick response
18 services set forth in sections 8130 (relating to advanced
19 life support ambulances), 8131 (relating to air ambulances),
20 8132 (relating to advanced life support squad vehicles), 8133
21 (relating to basic life support ambulances), 8134 (relating
22 to basic life support squad vehicles) and 8135 (relating to
23 quick response services).

24 (2) The following apply:

25 (i) At the request of one or more qualified
26 applicants which are licensed under the purview of the
27 regional emergency medical services council, a regional
28 emergency medical services council may submit an
29 application to the department to waive the requirements
30 of sections 8130(b) and 8133(b) in accordance with

1 subparagraph (iii) within the geographic area of the
2 regional emergency medical services council. Multiple
3 regional emergency medical services councils may submit a
4 joint application under this paragraph. The department
5 may only disapprove an application for reasons of
6 insufficiency.

7 (ii) Upon approval of an application for a waiver
8 under subparagraph (i), the following apply:

9 (A) The regional quality improvement committee
10 and the regional medical advisory committee for a
11 regional emergency medical services council that was
12 approved for a waiver under subparagraph (i) shall
13 enter into an agreement with the department to manage
14 the emergency medical services agencies' compliance
15 with the waiver on behalf of the department. The
16 agreement may establish reporting and quality control
17 requirements.

18 (B) A regional quality improvement committee
19 which has entered into an agreement under clause (A)
20 may enter into an agreement with an emergency medical
21 services agency to manage the emergency medical
22 services agency's compliance with the waiver.

23 (iii) The following apply:

24 (A) Notwithstanding the provisions of section
25 8130(b), an emergency medical services agency that
26 has entered into an agreement under subparagraph (ii)
27 (B) may field a transport-capable advanced life
28 support ambulance that is staffed by an emergency
29 medical services provider who is certified as a
30 paramedic or higher and an emergency medical services

1 vehicle operator.

2 (B) Notwithstanding the provisions of section
3 8133(b), an emergency medical services agency that
4 has entered into an agreement under subparagraph (ii)
5 (B) may field a transport-capable ambulance that is
6 staffed by an emergency medical services provider who
7 is certified as an emergency medical technician or
8 higher and an emergency medical services vehicle
9 operator.

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11 Section 3. This act shall take effect in 60 days.