

1 **LOCAL EMERGENCY RESPONSE AMENDMENTS**

2 2017 GENERAL SESSION

3 STATE OF UTAH

4 **Chief Sponsor: Douglas V. Sagers**

5 Senate Sponsor: Evan J. Vickers

7 **LONG TITLE**

8 **General Description:**

9 This bill amends the Emergency Medical Services Assistance Act.

10 **Highlighted Provisions:**

11 This bill:

- 12 ▶ amends the membership of the Emergency Medical Services Committee.

13 **Money Appropriated in this Bill:**

14 None

15 **Other Special Clauses:**

16 None

17 **Utah Code Sections Affected:**

18 AMENDS:

19 **26-8a-103**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2011, Chapters 51 and 297

21 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:*

22 Section 1. Section **26-8a-103** is amended to read:

23 **26-8a-103. State Emergency Medical Services Committee -- Membership --**

24 **Expenses.**

25 (1) The State Emergency Medical Services Committee created by Section **26-1-7** shall
26 be composed of the following [~~16~~] 17 members appointed by the governor, at least [~~five~~] six of
27 whom shall reside in a county of the third, fourth, fifth, or sixth class:

28 (a) five physicians licensed under Title 58, Chapter 67, Utah Medical Practice Act, or
29 Title 58, Chapter 68, Utah Osteopathic Medical Practice Act, as follows:

- 30 (i) one surgeon who actively provides trauma care at a hospital;
- 31 (ii) one rural physician involved in emergency medical care;
- 32 (iii) two physicians who practice in the emergency department of a general acute
33 hospital; and
- 34 (iv) one pediatrician who practices in the emergency department or critical care unit of
35 a general acute hospital or a children's specialty hospital;
- 36 (b) [~~one representative~~] two representatives from [a] private ambulance [~~provider~~]
37 providers;
- 38 (c) one representative from an ambulance provider that is neither privately owned nor
39 operated by a fire department;
- 40 (d) two chief officers from fire agencies operated by the following classes of licensed
41 or designated emergency medical services providers: municipality, county, and fire district,
42 provided that no class of medical services providers may have more than one representative
43 under this Subsection (1)(d);
- 44 (e) one director of a law enforcement agency that provides emergency medical
45 services;
- 46 (f) one hospital administrator;
- 47 (g) one emergency care nurse;
- 48 (h) one paramedic in active field practice;
- 49 (i) one emergency medical technician in active field practice;
- 50 (j) one certified emergency medical dispatcher affiliated with an emergency medical
51 dispatch center; and
- 52 (k) one consumer.
- 53 (2) (a) Except as provided in Subsection (2)(b), members shall be appointed to a
54 four-year term beginning July 1.
- 55 (b) Notwithstanding Subsection (2)(a), the governor;
- 56 (i) shall, at the time of appointment or reappointment, adjust the length of terms to
57 ensure that the terms of committee members are staggered so that approximately half of the

58 committee is appointed every two years[-];

59 (ii) may not reappoint a member for more than two consecutive terms; and

60 (iii) shall:

61 (A) initially appoint the second member under Subsection (1)(b) from a different
62 private provider than the private provider currently serving under Subsection (1)(b); and

63 (B) thereafter stagger each replacement of a member in Subsection (1)(b) so that the
64 member positions under Subsection (1)(b) are not held by representatives of the same private
65 provider.

66 (c) When a vacancy occurs in the membership for any reason, the replacement shall be
67 appointed by the governor for the unexpired term.

68 (3) (a) Each January, the committee shall organize and select one of its members as
69 chair and one member as vice chair. The committee may organize standing or ad hoc
70 subcommittees, which shall operate in accordance with guidelines established by the
71 committee.

72 (b) The chair shall convene a minimum of four meetings per year. The chair may call
73 special meetings. The chair shall call a meeting upon request of five or more members of the
74 committee.

75 (c) Nine members of the committee constitute a quorum for the transaction of business
76 and the action of a majority of the members present is the action of the committee.

77 (4) A member may not receive compensation or benefits for the member's service, but
78 may receive per diem and travel expenses in accordance with:

79 (a) Section 63A-3-106;

80 (b) Section 63A-3-107; and

81 (c) rules made by the Division of Finance pursuant to Sections 63A-3-106 and
82 63A-3-107.

83 (5) Administrative services for the committee shall be provided by the department.