



STATE OF CONNECTICUT

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH

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HOUSE BILL 5526 – AN ACT CONCERNING THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES ADVISORY BOARD AND AN EMERGENCY SERVICES POLICY COUNCIL.

The Department of Public Health supports House Bill 5526.

The Regional Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Councils are uniquely positioned to represent local and regional EMS service delivery needs to the Connecticut EMS Advisory Board. Through their Presidents, the Councils provide critical guidance and feedback as the board works to develop recommendations to the Department regarding the statewide delivery of EMS. The ex-officio appointment of the Regional EMS Council Presidents to the EMS Advisory Board assures that the representation to this board by the Regional EMS Councils continues uninterrupted.

The Department of Public Health is interested in continually refining the process for improving emergency medical services within Connecticut and supports a study of the potential formation of an emergency medical services policy council within the Department of Public Health.

Thank you for your consideration of the Department's views on this bill.

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