



General Assembly

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**AN ACT CONCERNING THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE EMERGENCY
MEDICAL SERVICES ADVISORY BOARD AND AN EMERGENCY
SERVICES POLICY COUNCIL.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Subsections (a) and (b) of section 19a-178a of the 2012
2 supplement to the general statutes are repealed and the following is
3 substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

4 (a) There is established within the Department of Public Health an
5 Emergency Medical Services Advisory Board.

6 (b) [The] (1) Prior to October 1, 2012, the advisory board shall
7 consist of members appointed in accordance with the provisions of this
8 [subsection] subdivision and shall include the Commissioner of Public
9 Health and the department's emergency medical services medical
10 director, or their designees. The Governor shall appoint the following
11 members: One person from each of the regional emergency medical
12 services councils; one person from the Connecticut Association of
13 Directors of Health; three persons from the Connecticut College of
14 Emergency Physicians; one person from the Connecticut Committee on
15 Trauma of the American College of Surgeons; one person from the
16 Connecticut Medical Advisory Committee; one person from the
17 Emergency Department Nurses Association; one person from the
18 Connecticut Association of Emergency Medical Services Instructors;

19 one person from the Connecticut Hospital Association; two persons
20 representing commercial ambulance providers; one person from the
21 Connecticut Firefighters Association; one person from the Connecticut
22 Fire Chiefs Association; one person from the Connecticut Chiefs of
23 Police Association; one person from the Connecticut State Police; and
24 one person from the Connecticut Commission on Fire Prevention and
25 Control. An additional eighteen members shall be appointed as
26 follows: Three by the president pro tempore of the Senate; three by the
27 majority leader of the Senate; four by the minority leader of the Senate;
28 three by the speaker of the House of Representatives; two by the
29 majority leader of the House of Representatives and three by the
30 minority leader of the House of Representatives. The appointees shall
31 include a person with experience in municipal ambulance services; a
32 person with experience in for-profit ambulance services; three persons
33 with experience in volunteer ambulance services; a paramedic; an
34 emergency medical technician; an advanced emergency medical
35 technician; three consumers and four persons from state-wide
36 organizations with interests in emergency medical services as well as
37 any other areas of expertise that may be deemed necessary for the
38 proper functioning of the advisory board.

39 (2) On and after October 1, 2012, the advisory board shall consist of
40 members appointed in accordance with the provisions of this
41 subdivision and shall include the director of the Department of Public
42 Health's Office of Emergency Medical Services. The Governor shall
43 appoint the following members: One person from the Connecticut
44 College of Emergency Physicians; one person from the Emergency
45 Nurses Association; one person from the Connecticut Society of EMS
46 Instructors; one person from the Connecticut Fire Chiefs Association;
47 one person from the Connecticut Police Chiefs Association; one person
48 with experience in volunteer ambulance services; one person from the
49 Association of Connecticut Ambulance Providers; one Connecticut
50 representative of the American College of Surgeons' Regional
51 Committees on Trauma; one person from the American Academy of
52 Pediatrics Connecticut chapter; one person from a regional emergency

53 communications center; one person employed in a quality assurance
 54 position at a hospital with not more than one hundred beds; and one
 55 person employed in a quality assurance position at a hospital with
 56 more than one hundred beds.

57 Sec. 2. (*Effective from passage*) The Office of Emergency Medical
 58 Services, established pursuant to section 19a-178 of the general
 59 statutes, shall study the establishment of an emergency services policy
 60 council. Not later than January 1, 2013, the office shall report, in
 61 accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes,
 62 to the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having
 63 cognizance of matters relating to public health concerning the results
 64 of such study. Such report shall include, but not be limited to,
 65 recommendations concerning the emergency services policy council's
 66 potential role in (1) training and certification of emergency medical
 67 technicians, and (2) the development of emergency services policies,
 68 procedures and clinical protocols.

69 Sec. 3. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) Notwithstanding the provisions
 70 of section 19a-178a of the general statutes, as amended by this act, and
 71 section 2 of this act, said sections shall not be construed to limit the
 72 requirement that a receiving hospital develop and implement a process
 73 for patients being presented to the hospital through the emergency
 74 medical service system.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	19a-178a(a) and (b)
Sec. 2	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 3	<i>from passage</i>	New section

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