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House Bill No. 5298

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The Committee on Public Safety and Security reported through REP. VERRENGIA of the 20th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the bill ought to pass.

AN ACT CONCERNING THE SAFETY OF EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS AND PATIENTS DURING EMERGENCIES.

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

1 Section 1. Subdivision (6) of section 19a-177 of the general statutes is
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*
3 *October 1, 2017*):

4 (6) Establish such minimum standards and adopt such regulations
5 in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54, as may be necessary to
6 develop the following components of an emergency medical service
7 system: (A) Communications, which shall include, but not be limited
8 to, equipment, radio frequencies and operational procedures; (B)
9 transportation services, which shall include, but not be limited to,
10 vehicle type, design, condition and maintenance, and operational
11 procedures; (C) training, which shall include, but not be limited to,
12 emergency medical technicians, communications personnel,
13 paraprofessionals associated with emergency medical services,

14 firefighters and state and local police; [and] (D) emergency medical
15 service facilities, which shall include, but not be limited to,
16 categorization of emergency departments as to their treatment
17 capabilities and ancillary services; and (E) safety, which shall include,
18 but not be limited to, guidelines to determine the point at which an
19 emergency medical service system may reduce or cease operations
20 during extreme weather conditions or a declared state of emergency
21 and guidelines to develop dispatch protocols when such operations are
22 reduced or have ceased;

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	October 1, 2017	19a-177(6)

PS *Joint Favorable*

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OFA Fiscal Note***State Impact:*** None***Municipal Impact:*** None***Explanation***

The bill requires the Department of Public Health to include certain safety guidelines in emergency medical services regulations, which does not result in a fiscal impact to the state or municipalities.

The Out Years***State Impact:*** None***Municipal Impact:*** None

OLR Bill Analysis**HB 5298****AN ACT CONCERNING THE SAFETY OF EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS AND PATIENTS DURING EMERGENCIES.****SUMMARY**

This bill requires the public health commissioner to include certain safety guidelines in the emergency medical service (EMS) system regulations, including guidelines to (1) determine when an EMS system may reduce or stop operations during extreme weather conditions or a declared state of emergency and (2) develop dispatch protocols when such operations are stopped or reduced.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2017

BACKGROUND***EMS Regulations***

By law, the commissioner must adopt regulations as may be necessary to develop the components of an EMS system, including training, communications, transportation services, and EMS facilities.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Public Safety and Security Committee

Joint Favorable

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