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3 By Senator Dial  
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8 SYNOPSIS: Under existing law, the State Board of  
9 Health licenses emergency medical personnel and  
10 adopts rules relating to emergency medical  
11 services. An advisory board recommends the  
12 establishment of rules and standards relating to  
13 emergency medical services and the licensing of  
14 emergency medical service personnel. Under existing  
15 law, the board meets at least once a year and at  
16 the call of the State Health Officer.

17 This bill would specify that one member of  
18 the advisory board would be designated by the  
19 Alabama Emergency Medical Services Association in  
20 lieu of the existing designation and would expand  
21 the membership of the advisory board by adding a  
22 member designated by the Alabama Council on EMS and  
23 a member designated by the Alabama Air Ambulance.  
24 This bill would also specify that only members of  
25 the advisory board who hold a current EMSP license  
26 would be able to vote on matters pertaining to the  
27 adoption of EMS rules, licensing of EMSPs

1 discipline, and education requirements. The  
2 advisory board would also be directed to meet twice  
3 a year.

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5 A BILL  
6 TO BE ENTITLED  
7 AN ACT

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9 Relating to emergency medical services; to amend  
10 Section 22-18-5, Code of Alabama 1975, to provide further for  
11 the membership, operation, and meetings of the EMS advisory  
12 board.

13 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

14 Section 1. Section 22-18-5, Code of Alabama 1975, is  
15 amended to read as follows:

16 "§22-18-5.

17 "(a) There shall be an advisory board ~~of 25 members~~  
18 to assist in the establishment of rules, ~~regulations~~ and  
19 standards regarding EMSP licensure, education requirements,  
20 discipline of EMSP, and EMS rules promulgation necessary to  
21 carry out the provisions of this article. Only licensed EMSP  
22 appointed by the Alabama Ambulance Association, Alabama  
23 Association of Rescue Squads, the Professional Firefighters  
24 Association of Alabama, the Alabama Association of Volunteer  
25 Fire Departments, the Alabama Association of Fire Chiefs, the  
26 Alabama Emergency Medical Services Education Committee, the  
27 Alabama Emergency Medical Services Association, the Alabama

1 Firefighters Association, and the members of the Association  
2 of Air Medical Services which provide service within Alabama  
3 may vote on matters pertaining to the adoption of EMS rules,  
4 EMS licensure, EMS education requirements, and discipline of  
5 EMSP licenses. Under this article, issues regarding EMSP  
6 licensure, EMS education, discipline of EMSP and rule adoption  
7 are required to be approved by both the Advisory Board and the  
8 State Board of Health in order to be effective. The board  
9 shall meet at least ~~once~~ twice each year and at the call of  
10 the State Health Officer or at the call of the chair. The  
11 State Health Officer shall be an ex officio member of the  
12 advisory board. The advisory board shall elect one from its  
13 membership to serve as chair for a two-year term. The chair  
14 shall not serve consecutive terms.

15 "(b) Composition of the advisory board shall be:

16 "(1) One member designated by the Alabama Ambulance  
17 Association.

18 "(2) One member designated by the Alabama  
19 Association of Rescue Squads.

20 "(3) One member designated by the Alabama Hospital  
21 Association.

22 "(4) One member designated by the State Committee on  
23 Trauma, American College of Surgeons.

24 "(5) One member designated by the Medical  
25 Association of the State of Alabama.

26 "(6) One member designated by the ~~Director of Public~~  
27 ~~Safety~~ Secretary of the Alabama State Law Enforcement Agency.

1           "(7) One member designated by the Director of the  
2 State Department of Transportation.

3           "(8) One member designated by the Department of  
4 Economic and Community Affairs, Highway Traffic and Safety  
5 Program.

6           "(9) State Health Officer, as ex officio member with  
7 voting privileges.

8           "(10) One member who shall be a paramedic  
9 firefighter designated by the Professional Firefighters  
10 Association of Alabama.

11           "(11) One member who shall be an EMT firefighter  
12 designated by the Alabama Association of Volunteer Fire  
13 Departments.

14           "(12) One member designated by the Alabama  
15 Association of Fire Chiefs.

16           "(13) Two members designated by the Alabama Council  
17 on EMS to represent the designated regional EMS agencies.

18           "(14) One member designated by the State Committee  
19 of Public Health.

20           "(15) One member designated by the Alabama Chapter  
21 of the American College of Emergency Physicians.

22           "(16) One member designated by the Alabama Chapter  
23 of the American Academy of Pediatrics.

24           "(17) One member from a state approved paramedic  
25 training school designated by the Alabama Emergency Medical  
26 Services Education Committee.

1           "(18) One member ~~who shall be an EMT~~ designated by  
2 the ~~professional EMT association if a professional EMT~~  
3 ~~association is designated by the Board of Health or pursuant~~  
4 ~~to other procedure established by law~~ Alabama Emergency  
5 Medical Services Association.

6           "(19) One member designated by the Alabama Chapter  
7 of the Emergency Nurses Association.

8           "(20) One member designated by the Alabama League of  
9 Municipalities.

10          "(21) One member designated by the Association of  
11 County Commissions of Alabama.

12          "(22) One member designated by the Alabama Emergency  
13 Management Council.

14          "(23) One member designated by the Alabama State  
15 Nurses' Association.

16          "(24) One member designated by the Alabama  
17 Firefighters Association.

18          "(25) One member designated by the Alabama Society  
19 of Hospital Pharmacists.

20          "(26) One member designated by those members of the  
21 Association of Air Medical Services which provide service  
22 within Alabama.

23          "(c) Each representative shall serve for a period of  
24 four years or until his successor is appointed, whichever is  
25 sooner.

26          "(d) Each ex officio member's term will be  
27 indefinite. In the case of vacancy, the new appointee shall

1 serve for the remainder of the unexpired term. Any vacancy  
2 shall be filled by the original organization selecting said  
3 member. Any member who fails to attend at least one-half of  
4 all meetings within a calendar year shall be deemed to have  
5 vacated his or her position and shall be replaced by the  
6 appointing organization. Members of the advisory board shall  
7 serve without compensation ~~but~~ and shall not be entitled to  
8 reimbursement for expenses ~~incurred in the performance of the~~  
9 ~~duties of their office as provided in Article 2 of Chapter 7~~  
10 ~~of Title 36 of this code.~~

11 "(e) With the consent of the majority of the members  
12 of the advisory board, the chair shall set requirements for  
13 proxy representation, voting, and the establishment of a  
14 quorum provided that no such rule is in conflict with any  
15 other provision of the law. For the purposes of voting on any  
16 matter pertaining to the adoption of EMS rules, EMS licensure,  
17 EMS education requirements and discipline of EMSP, it shall  
18 only be necessary to establish a quorum from among those  
19 advisory board members that are licensed EMSP."

20 Section 2. This act shall become effective on the  
21 first day of the third month following its passage and  
22 approval by the Governor, or its otherwise becoming law.