

Senate Bill No. 365—Senator Amodei

Joint Sponsor: Assemblyman Dini

CHAPTER.....

AN ACT relating to emergency medical services; creating a committee on emergency medical services; providing the method of appointment of members; establishing the powers and duties of the committee; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, REPRESENTED IN
SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Chapter 450B of NRS is hereby amended by adding thereto the provisions set forth as sections 2 to 6, inclusive, of this act.

Sec. 2. *“Committee” means the committee on emergency medical services.*

Sec. 3. 1. *The committee on emergency medical services, consisting of nine members appointed by the governor, is hereby created.*

2. *Upon request of the governor, employee associations that represent persons that provide emergency medical services, including, without limitation, physicians and nurses that provide emergency medical services, emergency medical technicians, ambulance attendants, firemen, fire chiefs and employees of rural hospitals, shall submit to the governor written nominations for appointments to the committee.*

3. *After considering the nominations submitted pursuant to subsection 2, the governor shall appoint to the committee:*

(a) One member who is a physician licensed pursuant to chapter 630 or 633 of NRS and who has experience providing emergency medical services;

(b) One member who is a registered nurse and who has experience providing emergency medical services;

(c) One member who is a volunteer fireman;

(d) One member who is employed by a fire-fighting agency at which some of the firemen are employed and some serve as volunteers;

(e) One member who is employed by an urban fire-fighting agency;

(f) One member who is employed by or serves as a volunteer with a medical facility that is located in a rural area and that provides emergency medical services;

(g) One member who is employed by an organization that provides emergency medical services in an air ambulance and whose duties are closely related to such emergency medical services;

(h) One member who is employed by a privately owned entity that provides emergency medical services; and

(i) One member who is employed by an operator of a service which is:

(1) Provided for the benefit of the employees of an industry who become sick or are injured at the industrial site; and

(2) Staffed by employees who are licensed attendants and perform emergency medical services primarily for the industry.

4. In addition to the members set forth in subsection 3, the following persons are ex officio members of the committee:

(a) An employee of the health division, appointed by the administrator of the health division, whose duties relate to administration and enforcement of the provisions of this chapter;

(b) The county health officer appointed pursuant to NRS 439.290 in each county whose population is 100,000 or more, or his designee; and

(c) A physician who is a member of a committee which consists of directors of trauma centers in this state and who is nominated by that committee.

5. The term of each member appointed by the governor is 2 years, and such a member may not serve more than two consecutive terms.

6. The governor shall not appoint to the committee two persons who are employed by or volunteer with the same organization, except the governor may appoint a person who is employed by or volunteers with the same organization of which a member who serves ex officio is an employee.

7. Each member of the committee shall appoint an alternate to serve in his place if he is temporarily unable to perform the duties required of him pursuant to sections 2 to 6, inclusive, of this act.

8. A position on the committee that becomes vacant before the end of the term of the member must be filled in the manner prescribed by this section for the remainder of the term.

Sec. 4. 1. The committee shall elect a chairman from among its members. The term of the chairman is 1 year.

2. The committee shall meet at the call of the chairman at least four times each year.

3. The committee shall adopt rules for its own management.

4. A member of the committee serves without compensation, except that, for each day or portion of a day during which he attends a meeting of the committee or is otherwise engaged in the business of the committee, a member of the committee is entitled to receive the per diem allowance and travel expenses provided for state officers and employees generally. The per diem allowance and travel expenses must be paid by the health division from money not allocated by specific statute for another use.

Sec. 5. The committee shall:

1. Review and advise the health division regarding the management and performance of emergency medical services in this state and regarding statewide emergency medical protocols;

2. Advise the health division on matters of policy relating to emergency care, including, without limitation, the qualifications of persons who provide emergency medical services;

3. *Advise the board and health division with respect to the preparation and adoption of regulations regarding emergency care;*
4. *Review periodically the budget of the health division that relates to emergency medical services;*
5. *Encourage the training and education of emergency medical service personnel to improve the system of public safety in this state; and*
6. *Perform such other duties as may be required by law or regulation.*

Sec. 6. *The health division shall provide administrative support and assistance to the committee.*

Sec. 7. NRS 450B.020 is hereby amended to read as follows:

450B.020 As used in this chapter, unless the context otherwise requires, the words and terms defined in NRS 450B.025 to 450B.110, inclusive, *and section 2 of this act*, have the meanings ascribed to them in those sections.

Sec. 8. This act becomes effective upon passage and approval for the purpose of appointing the members of the committee on emergency medical services and on October 1, 1999, for all other purposes.

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