

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND WELFARE, JUNE 12, 1991

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of July 3, 1985 (P.L.164, No.45), entitled "An
2 act relating to the prevention and reduction of premature
3 death and disability in this Commonwealth; providing for
4 assistance, coordination and support of the development and
5 maintenance of a comprehensive emergency medical services
6 system and for qualifications, eligibility and certification
7 of emergency medical services personnel and licensing
8 ambulance services; imposing powers and duties on the
9 Department of Health; and making repeals," providing for
10 citizen review and evaluation of emergency medical service
11 programs.

12 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
13 hereby enacts as follows:

14 Section 1. Section 7 of the act of July 3, 1985 (P.L.164,
15 No.45), known as the Emergency Medical Services Act, is amended
16 by adding a subsection to read:

17 Section 7. State Advisory Council.

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19 (c.1) Citizen review and evaluation.--

20 (1) The citizens of any municipality in this
21 Commonwealth shall have the authority to review and evaluate
22 their municipality's emergency medical service programs.

1 (2) Citizen complaints regarding emergency medical
2 services shall be forwarded to the council for review if at
3 least 25 citizens of the municipality sign a petition
4 requesting such a review.

5 (3) The council shall have the authority to review
6 citizen complaints and make recommendations regarding
7 emergency medical services in the municipality.

8 (4) In a city of the first class, the council shall have
9 the authority to review and approve any changes in ambulance
10 service which would reduce or negatively affect the manpower
11 or response time in an ambulance company's service area. No
12 changes in a service area may be made by a city of the first
13 class without first obtaining the approval of the council.

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15 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.