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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND WELFARE, MAY 16, 1988

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," extending the
10 period to comply with certain minimum standards.

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

13 Section 1. Section 12(d) and (e)(4) of the act of July 3,
14 1985 (P.L.164, No.45), known as the Emergency Medical Services
15 Act, are amended to read:

16 Section 12. Minimum standards for ambulance service.

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18 (d) Rules and regulations.--[Within one year of the
19 effective date of this act, the secretary shall promulgate rules

1 and regulations setting forth] Not later than June 30, 1989, the
2 secretary shall promulgate such rules and regulations as may be
3 necessary for the effective administration of this act,
4 including, but not limited to, the minimum essential equipment
5 for ambulances used to provide basic or advanced life support
6 services in this Commonwealth and [shall prescribe] design
7 criteria for any vehicle used or intended to be used as an
8 ambulance. Equipment listed shall include the minimum essential
9 equipment required for effective operation and rendering of
10 appropriate emergency medical care in accordance with current
11 national standards.

12 (e) Minimum standards for staffing.--Minimum staffing
13 standards for ambulance services which operate at the basic life
14 support level of care shall be as follows:

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16 (4) [Three] Four years after the effective date of this
17 act, all ambulances, when transporting a patient or patients,
18 except for routine transfer of convalescent or other
19 nonemergency cases, shall be staffed by at least two persons,
20 one of whom shall be an emergency medical technician, EMT-
21 paramedic or health professional, and one of whom shall, at
22 least, qualify as an ambulance attendant. The emergency
23 medical technician, EMT-paramedic or health professional
24 shall accompany the patient in the patient compartment.

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