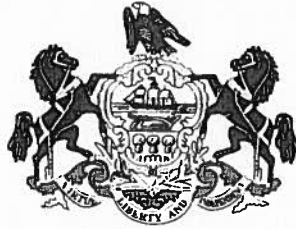


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MEMORANDUM

DATE: April 27, 2011
TO: All House Members
FROM: Representative Martin Causer *MTC*
67th Legislative District
SUBJECT: Resolution – (LBFC Study on EMS Delivery System)

In the near future, I plan to introduce a resolution directing the Legislative Budget and Finance Committee to conduct a study of the emergency medical services delivery system in Pennsylvania and to issue a report containing the Committee's findings and recommendations.

In 1985, some twenty-five years ago, the original EMS act was passed and was known as Act 45. The act provided for the creation and use of regional councils and subsequent to the passage of Act 45, the current 16 Regional EMS Councils were established. In 2009, the act was re-written and updated and is now known as Act 37 of 2009. The major change in the new act is the fact that provisions of Pennsylvania's EMS law are now based on national standards rather than on a strict state curriculum.

Changes in technology, systems management, infrastructure and communications capabilities do allow for the Commonwealth to explore more beneficial approaches for the provision of the highest quality system for the delivery of emergency medical services, training and planning, as well as all-hazard emergency preparedness and disaster response training and planning.

The Commonwealth's Regional Counterterrorism Task Force infrastructure has been and continues to be a model for the country and may serve as a model for streamlining the current Emergency Medical Services system within this Commonwealth.

Therefore, my resolution seeks to explore the feasibility of developing a more enhanced system for the delivery of the Commonwealth's Emergency Medical Services System through the use of existing government and private sector programs, institutions, facilities and infrastructure resources, such as the Commonwealth's many colleges, universities and Community College system. In addition, my resolution seeks to ascertain the benefits of incorporating the use of online courses as well as existing sources for required continuing education and recertification needs.

If you would like to become a co-sponsor of this legislation, please contact Jenise Wilfong at 787-5075 or via email at jwilfong@pahousegov.com.