



State of Tennessee
PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 719

SENATE BILL NO. 2309

By Bell

Substituted for: House Bill No. 2525

By Cobb, Shipley, Rich

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4, Chapter 29 and Title 68, Chapter 140, Part 3, relative to the emergency medical services board.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 4-29-232(a), is amended by deleting subdivision (67) in its entirety.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 4-29-237(a), is amended by adding the following as a new, appropriately designated subdivision:

() Emergency medical services board, created by § 68-140-303;

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 68-140-303, is amended by deleting subsection (b) and by substituting instead the following:

(b) The members of the board shall be appointed by the governor, who may appoint such members in the following manner:

(1) Two (2) licensed physicians, who may be selected from lists of qualified persons submitted by interested medical groups including, but not limited to, the Tennessee Medical Association;

(2) One (1) registered nurse, who may be selected from lists of qualified persons submitted by interested nursing groups including, but not limited to, the Tennessee Nurses Association;

(3) One (1) hospital administrator, who may be selected from lists of qualified persons submitted by interested hospital groups including, but not limited to, the Tennessee Hospital Association;

(4) One (1) member who maintains certification or licensure as an EMT, EMT-P, registered nurse, or physician and who is also affiliated with a volunteer nonprofit ambulance service;

(5) Two (2) operators of ambulance services, each of whom maintains certification as EMT or EMT-P, who may be selected from lists of qualified persons submitted by interested ambulance services groups including, but not limited to, the Tennessee Ambulance Services Association;

(6) One (1) rescue squad member who maintains certification as an EMT or EMT-P. The rescue squad member may be selected from lists of qualified persons submitted by interested rescue squad groups including, but not limited to, the Tennessee Association of Rescue Squads;

(7) One (1) professional firefighter member who maintains certification as an EMT-P, EMT, or registered nurse. The professional firefighter member may be selected from lists of qualified persons submitted by interested firefighter groups including, but not limited to, the Tennessee Professional Firefighters Association;

(8) One (1) member who maintains certification as an EMT or EMT-P. Such member may be selected from lists of qualified persons submitted by interested civil

defense groups including, but not limited to, the Tennessee Civil Defense Association;

(9) Two (2) officials of county, municipal or metropolitan governments which operate ambulance services; and

(10) One (1) paramedic instructor from an accredited paramedic program licensed in this state.

SECTION 4. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 68-140-303(c)(1), is amended by deleting the second sentence in its entirety and by substituting instead the following:

Vacancies shall be filled through appointment by the governor, giving consideration to the recommendations of the board or interested emergency medical services groups listed in subsection (b).

SECTION 5. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 68-140-303(c)(2), is amended by deleting subdivision (B) in its entirety and by substituting instead the following:

(B) The interested emergency medical services groups shall submit names that satisfy the residency criteria of subdivision (c)(2)(A).

SECTION 6. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 68-140-303, is further amended by adding the following language immediately preceding subsection (c) and by redesignating the subsequent subsections accordingly:

(c) The governor shall consult with interested emergency medical services groups including, but not limited to, the professional organizations listed in subsection (b) to determine qualified persons to fill the positions on the board.

SECTION 7. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.

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PASSED: March 26, 2012



RON RAMSEY
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE



BETH HARWELL, SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APPROVED this 11th day of April 2012



BILL HASLAM, GOVERNOR