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**SENATE BILL NO. 1318**

Senate Amendments in [ ] - February 3, 2025

A *BILL to amend and reenact § 54.1-3305 of the Code of Virginia and to direct the Board of Pharmacy to promulgate regulations authorizing emergency medical services agencies and regional emergency medical services councils to obtain a controlled substances registration, relating to Board of Pharmacy; membership.*

Patron Prior to Engrossment—Senator McPike

Referred to Committee on Education and Health

**Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**

**1. § 1.** *That the Board of Pharmacy (the Board) shall promulgate regulations authorizing emergency medical services (EMS) agencies and regional EMS councils to obtain a controlled substance registration under 18VAC110-20-690 and 18VAC110-20-710. Such authorization shall allow the Board to issue a controlled substance registration to an EMS agency or regional EMS council to receive controlled substances in Schedules II through VI from a wholesale distributor, manufacturer, third-party logistics provider, warehouse, or pharmacy. Such regulations shall specify that controlled substances may be stored at a properly registered fire station [ or a properly registered EMS station ], with around the clock staffing, in an automated dispensing device that is located in a locked room with an access control device and camera monitoring system.*

**2. That § 54.1-3305 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:**

**§ 54.1-3305. Board; membership; terms; meetings; quorum; officers; executive director.**

The Board of Pharmacy shall consist of ~~ten~~ 12 members, as follows: eight licensed pharmacists who are graduates of an approved school or college of pharmacy, *one career fire/EMS member [ ; and ] one volunteer fire/EMS member, [ both of whom shall be active advanced EMT providers, ]* and two nonlegislative citizen members. The terms of office of the members shall be four years.

The Board shall meet at least annually at such times and places; and upon such notice as the Board may determine and as its business may require. A majority of the members of the Board shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

The Board shall annually elect from its members a chairman.

There shall be an executive director for the Board of Pharmacy who shall be licensed or eligible for licensure in the Commonwealth as a pharmacist.

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