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1 **HOUSE BILL NO. 1285**

2 Offered January 14, 2026

3 *A BILL to amend and reenact § 32.1-111.4:1 of the Code of Virginia, relating to State Emergency Medical*
4 *Services Advisory Board; membership; regional emergency medical services councils.*

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6 Committee Referral Pending

7 **Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**8 **1. That § 32.1-111.4:1 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:**9 **§ 32.1-111.4:1. State Emergency Medical Services Advisory Board; purpose; membership; duties;**
10 **reimbursement of expenses; staff support.**11 A. There is hereby created in the executive branch the State Emergency Medical Services Advisory Board
12 for the purpose of advising the Board concerning the administration of the statewide emergency medical
13 services system and emergency medical services vehicles maintained and operated to provide transportation
14 to persons requiring emergency medical treatment and for reviewing and making recommendations on the
15 Statewide Emergency Medical Services Plan. The Advisory Board shall be composed of 28 24 members
16 appointed by the Governor as follows: one representative each from the Virginia Municipal League, Virginia
17 Association of Counties, Virginia Hospital and Healthcare Association, and each of the 11 seven regional
18 emergency medical services councils; one member each from the Medical Society of Virginia, Virginia
19 Chapter of the American College of Emergency Physicians, Virginia Chapter of the American College of
20 Surgeons, Virginia Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics, Emergency Nurses Association or the
21 Virginia Nurses' Association, Virginia State Firefighters Association, Virginia Fire Chiefs Association,
22 Virginia Ambulance Association, Virginia Association of Governmental Emergency Medical Services
23 Administrators, and Virginia Association of Public Safety Communications Officials; two representatives of
24 the Virginia Association of Volunteer Rescue Squads, Inc.; one Virginia professional firefighter; and one
25 consumer who shall not be involved in or affiliated with emergency medical services in any capacity. Each
26 organization and group shall submit three nominees from among which the Governor may make
27 appointments. Of the three nominees submitted by each of the regional emergency medical services councils,
28 at least one nominee shall be a representative of providers of prehospital care. Any person appointed to the
29 Advisory Board shall be a member of the organization that he represents. To ensure diversity in the
30 organizations and groups represented on the Advisory Board, the Governor may request additional nominees
31 from the applicable organizations and groups. However, the Governor shall not be bound to make any
32 appointment from among any nominees recommended by such organizations and groups.33 The members of the Advisory Board shall not be eligible to receive compensation; however, the
34 Department shall provide funding for the reimbursement of expenses incurred by members of the Advisory
35 Board in the performance of their duties.36 B. Appointments shall be staggered in terms as follows: nine eight members for a term of two years, nine
37 eight members for a term of three years, and 10 eight members for a term of four years. Thereafter,
38 appointments shall be for terms of three years, except an appointment to fill a vacancy, which shall be for the
39 unexpired term. Appointments shall be in a manner to preserve insofar as possible the representation of the
40 specified groups. No member shall serve more than two successive terms. No person representing any
41 organization or group named in subsection A who has served as a member of the Advisory Board for two or
42 more successive terms for any period or for six or more consecutive years shall be nominated for appointment
43 or appointed to the Advisory Board unless at least three consecutive years have elapsed since the person has
44 served on the Advisory Board.45 The chairman shall be elected from the membership of the Advisory Board for a term of one year and
46 shall be eligible for reelection. The Advisory Board shall meet at least four times annually at the call of the
47 chairman or the Commissioner.

48 C. The Advisory Board shall:

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- 50 1. Advise the Board on the administration of this article;
- 51 2. Review and make recommendations for the Statewide Emergency Medical Services Plan and any
52 revisions thereto; and
- 53 3. Review, on a schedule as it may determine, reports on the status of all aspects of the statewide
54 emergency medical services system, including the Financial Assistance and Review Committee, the Rescue
55 Squad Assistance Fund, the regional emergency medical services councils, and the emergency medical
56 services vehicles, submitted by the Office of Emergency Medical Services.
- 57 4. The Advisory Board shall establish an Advisory Board Executive Committee to assist in the work of

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59 the Advisory Board. The Advisory Board Executive Committee shall, in addition to those duties of the
60 Advisory Board Executive Committee established by the Advisory Board, review the annual financial report
61 of the Virginia Association of Volunteer Rescue Squads, as required by § 32.1-111.13.
62 E. The Office of Emergency Medical Services shall provide staff support to the Advisory Board.