

MINUTES OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC HEALTH AND WELFARE.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Sandy Praeger at 10:00 a.m. on March 13, 2000 in Room 526-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Committee staff present: Norman Furse, Revisor of Statutes
 Lisa Montgomery, Revisor of Statutes
 Hank Avila, Legislative Research Department
 JoAnn Buntun, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

David Lake, Director, Emergency Medical Services Board

Others attending: See attached list

Hearing on HB 2696 - Emergency Medical Services Board, powers and duties, qualifications of attendants, instructors

David Lake, Director, Emergency Medical Services Board, testified before the Committee in support of **HB 2696** which would change the permit and certification renewal requirements for ambulance services, EMS attendants, instructor-coordinators and training officers. Mr. Lake offered an amendment that would allow the Emergency Medical Services Board to fix permits to operate an ambulance service not to exceed 18 months during the phase-in period going from one to two-year licenses as noted in his written testimony. (Attachment 1) During Committee discussion Mr. Lake pointed out that there are approximate 10,200 attendants at five levels of certification, 182 licensed ambulance services, 660 licensed vehicles within those 182 services, and five of them are aircraft. He also noted that 80% of the attendants are volunteers with some compensation, and 20% are full-time employees. It was also noted that another amendment needed to be adopted that would allow the EMS Board to prorate fees where applicable.

There were no opponents to the bill.

Action on HB 2696

Senator Salmans made a motion the Committee adopt the amendments that would add language to allow the EMS Board to fix permits to operate an ambulance service not to exceed 18 months during the phase-in period going from one to two-year licenses, and allow the EMS Board to prorate fees where applicable, seconded by Senator Hardenburger. The motion carried.

Senator Salmans made a motion that the Committee recommend **HB 2696 as amended** favorably for passage, seconded by Senator Hardenburger. The motion carried.

Approval of Committee Minutes

Senator Hardenburger made a motion to approve the Committee minutes of March 2, 6, 7, 8 and 9, 2000, seconded by Senator Langworthy. The motion carried.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for March 14, 2000.