

**PRELIMINARY** STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

CARRIER:

Senate Committee on Senate Health Care

**REVENUE: No revenue impact****FISCAL: May have fiscal impact, statement not yet issued****Action:****Vote:****Yeas:****Nays:****Exc.:****Prepared By:** Zena Rockowitz, Administrator**Meeting Dates:** 4/15, 4/22

**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:** Creates Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Personnel Licensure Interstate Compact. Specifies purpose to facilitate movement of EMS personnel across state boundaries and authorize EMS offices to provide legal recognition to personnel licensed in member state. Authorizes practice in remote state if it has National Registry of EMT examination, mechanism for receiving and investigating complaints and notification of adverse actions and requires criminal background check within five years after compact activation. Specifies requirements for individual to receive privileges to practice in remote state. Subjects individual practicing in remote state to state's authority and laws. Creates conditions for practicing in remote state. Requires terms and conditions of compact to prevail under declaration of state emergency or disaster. Permits veterans, service members and spouses with certification as satisfying minimum training and examination requirements for licensure. Specifies home state power to impose adverse actions against license and authority to take actions against licensure. Establishes Interstate Commission for EMS Personnel Practice as joint public agency with delegates from each member state. Requires commission to maintain coordinated database and reporting system on licensure, adverse action and significant investigatory information on licensed individuals in member states. Allows committee to exercise rulemaking authority, provide oversight, dispute resolution and enforcement.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:****EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:**

**BACKGROUND:** Emergency Medical Services (EMS) personnel deliver emergency and life-saving services. States issue licenses to EMS personnel according to their own laws. The National Association of State EMS officials created model legislation for states to recognize EMS licensure across borders. This compact is known as "Recognition of the EMS Personnel Licensure Interstate Compact". It acknowledges the increased frequency in which EMS cross state borders and the desire to increase access to health care professionals. The Council of State Governments, in partnership with the National Associations of State EMS Officials and Department of Homeland Security, facilitated the compact.