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To provide better Federal interagency coordination and support for emergency medical services.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. FEINGOLD (for himself and Ms. COLLINS) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Governmental Affairs

A BILL

To provide better Federal interagency coordination and support for emergency medical services.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Emergency Medical
5 Services Support Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. DEFINITION.**

7 In this Act, the term “community-based emergency
8 medical services” means any regional, State, or local emer-
9 gency medical services system.

1 **SEC. 3. FEDERAL INTERAGENCY COMMITTEE ON EMER-**
2 **GENCY MEDICAL SERVICES.**

3 (a) **IN GENERAL.**—There is established a Federal
4 Interagency Committee on Emergency Medical Services
5 (in this Act referred to as the “Interagency Committee
6 on EMS”) which shall—

7 (1) assure coordination between the Federal
8 agencies involved with State, local, and community-
9 based emergency medical services;

10 (2) identify community-based emergency med-
11 ical services’ needs;

12 (3) create, or recommend, new or expanded
13 grant programs for the purposes of improving com-
14 munity-based emergency medical services;

15 (4) identify other ways to streamline the proc-
16 ess through which Federal agencies support commu-
17 nity-based emergency medical services; and

18 (5) assist in priority setting based on discovered
19 needs.

20 (b) **MEMBERSHIP.**—The membership of the Inter-
21 agency Committee on EMS shall consist of—

22 (1) a representative from the National Highway
23 Transportation Administration of the Department of
24 Transportation;

1 (2) a representative of the Health Resources
2 and Services Administration of the Department of
3 Health and Human Services;

4 (3) a representative of the Centers for Disease
5 Control and Prevention of the Department of Health
6 and Human Services;

7 (4) a representative of the United States Fire
8 Administration of the Federal Emergency Manage-
9 ment Agency;

10 (5) a representative of the Center for Medicare
11 and Medicaid Services;

12 (6) a representative of the Department of De-
13 fense;

14 (7) a representative of the Office of Emergency
15 Preparedness of the Department of Health and
16 Human Services;

17 (8) a representative from the Wireless Telecom
18 Bureau of the Federal Communications Commission;

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20 (9) representatives of any other Federal agen-
21 cies identified by the President as having a signifi-
22 cant role in the purposes of the Interagency Com-
23 mittee on EMS.

24 (c) ADMINISTRATION.—The National Highway Traf-
25 fic Safety Administration shall provide administrative sup-

1 port to the Interagency Committee on EMS and the Advi-
2 sory Council which shall include the scheduling of meet-
3 ings, construction of an agenda, maintenance of minutes
4 and records, report production, and reimbursement of ad-
5 visory council members.

6 (d) LEADERSHIP.—A chairperson of the Interagency
7 Committee on EMS shall be selected annually by the mem-
8 bers of the Interagency Committee on EMS.

9 (e) MEETINGS.—The Interagency Committee on
10 EMS shall meet as frequently as is determined by the Ad-
11 ministrator of the National Highway Transportation Ad-
12 ministration or on a quarter annual basis with the Advi-
13 sory Council.

14 **SEC. 4. FEDERAL INTERAGENCY COMMITTEE ON EMER-**
15 **GENCY MEDICAL SERVICES ADVISORY COUN-**
16 **CIL.**

17 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—There is established a Fed-
18 eral Interagency Committee on Emergency Medical Serv-
19 ices Advisory Council (in this Act referred to as the “Advi-
20 sory Council”) which shall consist of not more than 13
21 individuals with an interest or expertise in emergency
22 medical services selected by the Interagency Committee on
23 EMS.

24 (b) MEMBERSHIP.—The Interagency Committee on
25 EMS shall assure representation from both urban and

1 rural settings, and assure diverse representation from all
2 sectors of the emergency medical services community on
3 the panel.

4 (c) LEADERSHIP.—A chairperson of the Advisory
5 Council shall be selected annually by the Advisory Council
6 members.

7 (d) COMPENSATION AND REIMBURSEMENT.—The
8 members of the Advisory Council shall serve without com-
9 pensation except for the reimbursement of necessary ex-
10 penses.

11 (e) MEETINGS.—The Advisory Council shall meet on
12 a quarter annual basis with the Interagency Committee
13 on EMS.

14 **SEC. 5. ANNUAL REPORTS.**

15 The Interagency Committee on EMS and the Advi-
16 sory Council shall each prepare an annual report to each
17 House of Congress which shall include—

18 (1) a description of support currently being pro-
19 vided by the Committee or Council to community-
20 based emergency medical services providers;

21 (2) a description of how emergency medical
22 services programs are being coordinated between the
23 Federal agencies;

1 (3) a needs assessment for improving commu-
2 nity-based emergency medical services systems at
3 State and local levels;

4 (4) recommendations to Congress regarding the
5 creation of new or the expansion of existing grants
6 or other programs for improving community-based
7 emergency medical services; and

8 (5) recommendations about other measures that
9 Congress can take to support community-based
10 emergency medical services.

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