

Legislation and Planning Committee Workgroup Meeting (HB581/SB355)
1001 Technology Park Drive, OEMS (Glen Allen)
Friday, April 18, 2014
10:00 a.m.

Members Present:	Members Absent:	Staff:	Others:
Chris Eudailey, Chair	Eddie Ferguson	Scott Winston	Jimmy Poindexter (phone)
Rob Logan, Vice-Chair	Mark Stroud	Michael Berg	Karen Wagner
Ed Rhodes	Anita Ashby (excused)	Wanda Street	Sarah Stanton, Div. of Leg. Services
Gary Dalton	Byron Andrews	George Lindbeck	David May, Div. of Leg. Services.
Art Lipscomb	Michael Player	Gary Brown	Gary Critzer (phone)
Jane Hornbeck			
Mohamed Abbamin			

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I. Welcome and Introductions:	Mr. Chris Eudailey called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. No introductions were necessary.	
II. Review of Revised Draft Bill Language – Sarah Stanton:	Sarah Stanton, Esq., Division of Legislative Services made the changes that were discussed at the last meeting such as the workmen’s compensation issues, changing everyone to “chief” and the abandonment issue of leaving children at fire stations. The previous session’s updates/changes won’t be in the system until July 1, so the draft will need to be reviewed again after that time.	
III. Review of Comments Related to Revised Draft Bill Language:	<p>Michael Berg had some line items to review beginning with line 1030-remove “holds a valid certification from the Office...” And on line 1032, the sentence that was stricken should be added back in.</p> <p>Mr. Lipscomb mentioned line 1108 – It was decided to leave as is with the existing changes.</p> <p>Line 1849 – This was already in the code per Sarah. It was added in 2001. Sarah moved it from 27-6.2. It was decided to put it back as it was.</p> <p>Scott mentioned line 1871 – He questioned whether it was legal to provide a copy of the findings to the applicant. Sarah said this is legal.</p>	

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	<p>Line 2322 – Michael feels that this would be an opportunity to change or upgrade the EMS definition to include non-emergency work. Jane shared this EMS definition with the group: “Emergency Medical Services” hereinafter referred to as EMS means the out-of-hospital services utilized in responding to the real or perceived needs for immediate medical assessment, care and/or transportation or continuing or preventative care in order to prevent loss of life or aggravation of illness or injury. This definition is from the Rhode Island Department of Health. Michael/Dr. Lindbeck also shared a definition from the National Association of State Emergency Medical Services Officials (NASEMSO) on the overhead projection. Michael suggested that a small workgroup be established to review the EMS definition.</p> <p>Line 2426 – Sarah asked what a disaster task force is and needed clarification. Gary Brown explained what they are and what they do. Are the task forces defined somewhere? They are included in the overall EMS Plan.</p> <p>Line 2335 - Remove the word “permit” and replace with “license”. Vehicles are “permitted” and agencies are “licensed”. Change in all instances.</p> <p>Line 2783 – The original intent was to keep EMS separate in 27-8, 27-9, and 27-10 per Ed. Michael questioned if this part needs to be included in the language. A workgroup will probably need to work on this.</p> <p>Ed Rhodes needed clarification on line 2745 – should the line include “or EMS chief”. Sarah said that she would clarify this.</p> <p>He also asked about line 2940 – This refers to the Four for Life Funds (Joe Flores). Sarah will find out more about the highlighted portion of this.</p> <p>Line 3058 – Ed was going to question something on this line, but Art mentioned that lines 3045-3104 should be removed. This is a duplication of 27.1. Sarah suggested that she and Art talk about this one on one. This is an item for the workgroup to discuss. Per Art item 27-23.9 will need to be duplicated in 32 and add EMS to this, it will fix the issue. The workgroup will no longer need to</p>	<p>A small workgroup will be formed to work on the EMS definition.</p> <p>The workgroup will work on this.</p>

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	<p>work on this. Sarah agreed that this would fix it.</p> <p>Art said all of 9.1 which include lines 732 through 861, should be removed. There was some opposition by the workgroup to removing all of these sections. Sarah advised to promote this bill as a housekeeping bill for cleanup language. It will be left as is, but if there are amendments, it will be stricken.</p> <p>Lines 4143 an 4148 should be “Chief of the Department of Mines, Minerals and Energy”.</p> <p>Line 4136 “personnel” should be changed to “provider”.</p> <p>Line 4263 “applicant to serve as a <u>member</u> of a volunteer emergency agency”. (Insert “member” and remove “volunteer”).</p> <p>Line 4650 will be left as is.</p> <p>Line 4549 deals with lettering of EMS vehicles. Scott asked if this is consistent with what is in regulation. Compare to 12VAC-31-770 (B.) of the Regulations. It is consistent.</p>	
<p>IV. Discuss and Develop Plan of Action to Complete Work and Seek Input from Key Stakeholder Groups and Interested Parties:</p>	<p>a. Scope and Breadth of Review (terminology and substantive changes)</p> <p>b. Establish time line to complete work</p> <p>The chair, Mr. Eudailey, asked if one additional meeting should be held to wrap up any other changes. Sarah said that would be good and if anyone has any other changes/questions/comments to email them to her. The chair also said that the workgroup should work on the items defined above and report at the next meeting. After that, we need to get this out to the stakeholders for review. Sarah is concerned that July 1 is the code update date. She would prefer that the stakeholders get a copy of what the actual bill would look like. She said that public comment should be in mid to late July. The next Advisory Board meeting will be in May. An update should be given to the Board about this project and let them know that it will be available in July for review and comment. By the November Advisory Board, it should be ready for approval to be introduced by a patron the first of December.</p>	

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	<p>c. Assignments and Responsible Persons The workgroup will consist of Rob, Ed and Art to work on the establishment of an EMS company, the emergency medical system and the EMS definition. They will report their recommendations at the next meeting.</p> <p>d. Future meeting dates The next meeting date will be Friday, May 30 at 10 a.m. at 1001 Technology Park Drive, Glen Allen, VA. The chair will not be able to attend this meeting.</p> <p>e. Other</p>	
V. Unfinished Business:	None.	
VI. New Business:	None.	
VII. Public Comment:	None.	
VIII. Adjournment	The meeting adjourned at approximately 12:00 p.m.	

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