

By: Senator(s) Nunnelee

To: Public Health and Welfare

SENATE BILL NO. 2764

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 41-59-7, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO
2 ADD A REPRESENTATIVE FROM THE MISSISSIPPI FIREFIGHTERS MEMORIAL
3 BURN ASSOCIATION TO THE EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES ADVISORY
4 COUNCIL; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI:

6 **SECTION 1.** Section 41-59-7, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
7 amended as follows:

8 41-59-7. (1) There is hereby created an emergency medical
9 services advisory council to consist of the following members who
10 shall be appointed by the Governor:

11 (a) One (1) licensed physician to be appointed from a
12 list of nominees presented by the Mississippi Trauma Committee,
13 American College of Surgeons;

14 (b) One (1) licensed physician to be appointed from a
15 list of nominees who are actively engaged in rendering emergency
16 medical services presented by the Mississippi State Medical
17 Association;

18 (c) One (1) registered nurse whose employer renders
19 emergency medical services, to be appointed from a list of
20 nominees presented by the Mississippi Nurses Association;

21 (d) Two (2) hospital administrators who are employees
22 of hospitals which provide emergency medical services, to be
23 appointed from a list of nominees presented by the Mississippi
24 Hospital Association;

25 (e) Two (2) operators of ambulance services;

26 (f) Three (3) officials of county or municipal
27 government;



28 (g) One (1) licensed physician to be appointed from a
29 list of nominees presented by the Mississippi Chapter of the
30 American College of Emergency Physicians;

31 (h) One (1) representative from each designated trauma
32 care region, to be appointed from a list of nominees submitted by
33 each region;

34 (i) One (1) registered nurse to be appointed from a
35 list of nominees submitted by the Mississippi Emergency Nurses
36 Association;

37 (j) One (1) EMT-Paramedic whose employer renders
38 emergency medical services in a designated trauma care region;

39 (k) One (1) representative from the Mississippi
40 Department of Rehabilitation Services;

41 (l) One (1) member who shall be a person who has been a
42 recipient of trauma care in Mississippi or who has an immediate
43 family member who has been a recipient of trauma care in
44 Mississippi; * * *

45 (m) One (1) licensed neurosurgeon to be appointed from
46 a list of nominees presented by the Mississippi State Medical
47 Association; and

48 (n) One (1) representative from the Mississippi
49 Firefighters Memorial Burn Association, to be appointed by the
50 association's governing body.

51 The terms of the advisory council members shall begin on July
52 1, 1974. Four (4) members shall be appointed for a term of two
53 (2) years, three (3) members shall be appointed for a term of
54 three (3) years, and three (3) members shall be appointed for a
55 term of four (4) years. Thereafter, members shall be appointed
56 for a term of four (4) years. The executive officer or his
57 designated representative shall serve as ex officio chairman of
58 the advisory council.

59 The advisory council shall meet at the call of the chairman
60 at least annually. For attendance at such meetings, the members



61 of the advisory council shall be reimbursed for their actual and
62 necessary expenses including food, lodging and mileage as
63 authorized by law, and they shall be paid per diem compensation
64 authorized under Section 25-3-69.

65 The advisory council shall advise and make recommendations to
66 the board regarding rules and regulations promulgated pursuant to
67 this chapter.

68 (2) There is created a committee of the Emergency Medical
69 Services Advisory Council to be named the Mississippi Trauma
70 Advisory Committee (hereinafter "MTAC"). This committee shall act
71 as the advisory body for trauma care system development and
72 provide technical support to the department in all areas of trauma
73 care system design, trauma standards, data collection and
74 evaluation, continuous quality improvement, trauma care system
75 funding, and evaluation of the trauma care system and trauma care
76 programs. The membership of the Mississippi Trauma Advisory
77 Committee shall be comprised of Emergency Medical Services
78 Advisory Council members appointed by the chairman.

79 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
80 and after July 1, 2008.

