

Senate Bill 81

By: Senators Jackson of the 50th, Mullis of the 53rd, Thomas of the 54th, Smith of the 25th, Blich of the 7th and others

**AS PASSED**

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend Chapter 11 of Title 31 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to  
2 emergency medical services, so as to create the Georgia Emergency Medical Services  
3 Medical Directors Advisory Council; to provide for duties of such council; to provide for  
4 appointment of members of such council; to provide for rules and regulations or policies  
5 governing such council; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for  
6 other purposes.

7 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:**

8 **SECTION 1.**

9 Chapter 11 of Title 31 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to emergency  
10 medical services, is amended by adding a new Code Section 31-11-51.1 to read as follows:

11 "31-11-51.1.

12 (a) There is created the Georgia Emergency Medical Services Medical Directors Advisory  
13 Council which shall:

14 (1) Acting as a liaison with the medical community, medical facilities, and appropriate  
15 governmental entities, advise and provide consultation to the Office of Emergency  
16 Medical Services of the Department of Human Resources on practice issues related to the  
17 care delivered by emergency medical technicians, cardiac technicians, and paramedics;

18 (2) Advise on and review matters of medical direction and training in conformity with  
19 acceptable emergency medical practices and procedures;

20 (3) Recommend and review policies and procedures affecting emergency patient care;

21 (4) Advise on the scope and extent of emergency medical practice for the emergency  
22 medical services of this state;

23 (5) Advise on the formulation of medical, communication, and emergency transportation  
24 protocols; and

25 (6) Advise on quality improvement issues related to emergency patient care.

1 (b) (1) The following councilmembers shall be licensed physicians and shall be appointed  
2 by the commissioner: one member from the Medical Association of Georgia; one member  
3 from the Emergency Medical Services Directors Association of Georgia; one member from  
4 the Georgia Hospital Association; one member from the Georgia Alliance of Community  
5 Hospitals; one member from the Georgia College of Emergency Physicians; one member  
6 of the Georgia Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics; and one member from  
7 each of the state's emergency medical services regions;

8 (2) Two councilmembers shall be appointed by the Speaker of the House of  
9 Representatives; and

10 (3) Two councilmembers shall be appointed by the President of the Senate.

11 (c) The council shall be governed by rules and regulations or policies of the department  
12 consistent with this Code section."

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## **SECTION 2.**

14 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.