

Federal EMS Field Bill

HR 3144 – “EMS Field Bill” - Field EMS Quality, Innovation, and Cost-Effectiveness Improvement Act 2011

Pennsylvania House Bill - <http://www.legis.state.pa.us/>

HB 1344 – “Direct Pay Bill” - An Act amending Title 35 (Health and Safety) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, providing for emergency service system billing

HB 1400 - An Act establishing a Statewide stroke system of care by recognizing primary stroke centers and directing the creation of emergency medical services training and transport protocols; and providing for the powers and duties of the Department of Health

HR 315 – “EMS Systems Act” - A Resolution directing the Legislative Budget and Finance Committee to study the financial and administrative effectiveness of the emergency medical services system.

HB 1216 – “Municipal Fire and Emergency Services Organization Grant Program Funding Provisions” - An Act establishing a grant program for municipal fire and emergency services organizations; and providing for grant funding

Pennsylvania Senate Bill - <http://www.pasen.gov/index.cfm>

SB 351 – An Act amending Title 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in particular rights and immunities, further providing for Good Samaritan civil immunity for use of automated external defibrillator and for nonmedical Good Samaritan civil immunity.

SB 709 - An Act amending Title 35 (Health and Safety) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for funds of volunteer firefighters' relief associations

How to find who your elected officials are. <http://capwiz.com/naemt/dbq/officials/>

Communicating with Elected Officials

Tips On Telephoning Your Elected Representatives

To find your senators' and representative's phone numbers, you may use our searchable [online congressional directory](#) or call the U.S. Capitol Switchboard at (202)224-3121 and ask for your senators' and/or representative's office.

Remember that telephone calls are usually taken by a staff member, not the member of Congress. Ask to speak with the aide who handles the issue about which you wish to comment.

After identifying yourself, tell the aide you would like to leave a brief message, such as: "Please tell Senator/Representative (Name) that I support/oppose (S. ___/H.R. ___)."

You will also want to state reasons for your support or opposition to the bill. Ask for your senators' or representative's position on the bill. You may also request a written response to your telephone call.

Tips On Writing Congress

The letter is the most popular choice of communication with a congressional office. If you decide to write a letter, this list of helpful suggestions will improve the effectiveness of the letter:

1. Your purpose for writing should be stated in the first paragraph of the letter. If your letter pertains to a specific piece of legislation, identify it accordingly, e.g., House bill: H. R. ____, Senate bill: S. ____.
2. Be courteous, to the point, and include key information, using examples to support your position.
3. Address only one issue in each letter; and, if possible, keep the letter to one page.

Addressing Correspondence:

To a Senator:

The Honorable (full name)
__(Rm.#)__(name of)Senate Office Building
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator:

To a Representative:

The Honorable (full name)
__(Rm.#)__(name of)House Office Building
United States House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative:

Note: When writing to the Chair of a Committee or the Speaker of the House, it is proper to address them as:

Dear Mr. Chairman or Madam Chairwoman:

Dear Madam Speaker or Mr. Speaker:

Tips On E-mailing Congress

Generally, the same guidelines apply as with writing letters to Congress. You may find and e-mail your senators and representative directly from this Web site.