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Senate Bill 671

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to the Committee on Health and Human Resources]

1 A BILL to amend and reenact §16-4C-4 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating
2 to providing for the appointment of a Director of the Office of Emergency Medical Services.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

ARTICLE 4C. EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES ACT.

§16-4C-4. Office of emergency medical services created; requiring appointment of a Director of the Office of Emergency Medical Services; staffing.

1 (a) There is hereby created within state government under the Commissioner of the
2 Bureau of Public Health an office to be known as the Office of Emergency Medical Services. A
3 director of the Office of Emergency Medical Services shall be appointed by the commissioner to
4 manage the office in a manner consistent with the purposes of this article. The director shall have
5 experience in the delivery and administration of emergency medical services and related pre-
6 hospital care. The director shall serve at the will and pleasure of the commissioner and shall not
7 be actively engaged or employed in any other business, vocation or employment, serving full time
8 as the director of the Office of Emergency Medical Services.

9 (b) The commissioner may employ any technical, clerical, stenographic and other
10 personnel as may be necessary to carry out the purposes of this article. The personnel may be
11 paid from funds appropriated therefor or from other funds as may be made available for carrying
12 out the purposes of this article.

13 (c) The Office of Emergency Medical Services as created by former §16-4D-4 of this code,
14 shall continue in existence as the Office of Emergency Medical Services established by this
15 section.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to provide for the appointment of a Director of the Office of Emergency Medical Services.

Strike-throughs indicate language that would be stricken from a heading or the present law and underscoring indicates new language that would be added.