ENGROSSED HOUSE
BILL NO. 2235 By: Faught of the House

and

Aldridge of the Senate

An Act relating to sunset; amending 63 O.S. 2011, Section 1-2516, which relates to the Oklahoma Emergency Response Systems Development Advisory Council; re-creating the Council; and modifying the termination date.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 63 O.S. 2011, Section 1-2516, is amended to read as follows:

Section 1-2516. A. 1. There is hereby re-created the Oklahoma Emergency Response Systems Development Advisory Council until July 1, ~~2012~~ 2016, in accordance with the provisions of the Oklahoma Sunset Law, to be composed of physicians, health service providers, consumers of health care, other health care professionals, and persons involved in the education and training of emergency medical personnel.

2. The Council shall consist of nineteen (19) persons, eight of whom shall be persons representing rural areas of this state and counties with populations under fifty thousand (50,000), and one of

whom shall be a person specializing in pediatric services. Members of the Council shall be appointed as follows:

a. six members shall be appointed by the Governor,

b. five members shall be appointed by the State Commissioner of Health,

c. four members shall be appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and

d. four members shall be appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate.

3. Two of the appointees of each appointing authority shall represent rural areas of this state and counties with populations under fifty thousand (50,000). Initially, three of the appointees of the Governor, two appointees of the Commissioner, and one appointee each of the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the President Pro Tempore of the Senate shall be appointed for terms of one (1) year. The remaining appointees of the Council shall be appointed for terms of two (2) years. Thereafter, all appointees shall be appointed for terms of two (2) years. All appointees shall be eligible for reappointment, but in no case shall any appointee be appointed for more than six (6) consecutive years on the Council.

4. The current members of the Council shall continue to serve as members of the Council until a majority of the appointments are made under this section and such current members shall be eligible for reappointment.

B. Persons on the Council shall at all times serve without compensation, but shall be reimbursed for their actual and necessary travel expenses from funds available for the operation of the State Department of Health and in accordance with the provisions of the State Travel Reimbursement Act. The Council shall advise the Commissioner or the Commissioner's designee on the following:

1. Training program specifications for emergency medical personnel, the types of medical care procedures which may be performed by emergency medical personnel, and qualifications for licensure and certification of emergency medical personnel;

2. Patient care equipment for ambulances, ambulance specifications, criteria and standards for the classification of emergency medical services rendered by providers, including communications and reporting requirements, and operational procedures for providers of ambulance services;

3. Design of the statewide communications system, including procedures for summoning and dispatching emergency medical service, including 911;

4. Projects, programs, and legislation needed to improve emergency medical services in the state; and

5. Such other matters and activities as directed by the Commissioner or the Commissioner's designee.

Passed the House of Representatives the 7th day of March, 2012.

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Presiding Officer of the House of Representatives

Passed the Senate the ____ day of _____, 2012.

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Presiding Officer of the Senate