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**HEALTH AND SAFETY CODE - HSC**

**DIVISION 2.5. EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES [1797 - 1863]** ( *Division 2.5 added by Stats. 1980, Ch. 1260.*  )

**CHAPTER 8. The Commission on Emergency Medical Services [1799 - 1799.56]** ( *Chapter 8 added by Stats. 1980, Ch. 1260.*  )

**ARTICLE 1. The Commission [1799 - 1799.8]** ( *Article 1 added by Stats. 1980, Ch. 1260.*  )

**1799.** The Commission on Emergency Medical Services is hereby created in the California Health and Human Services Agency.  
(Amended by Stats. 2008, Ch. 275, Sec. 3. Effective January 1, 2009.)

**1799.2.** The commission shall consist of 19 members appointed as follows:

- (a) One full-time physician and surgeon, whose primary practice is emergency medicine, appointed by the Senate Committee on Rules from a list of three names submitted by the California Chapter of the American College of Emergency Physicians.
- (b) One physician and surgeon, who is a trauma surgeon, appointed by the Speaker of the Assembly from a list of three names submitted by the California Chapter of the American College of Surgeons.
- (c) One physician and surgeon appointed by the Senate Committee on Rules from a list of three names submitted by the California Medical Association.
- (d) One county health officer appointed by the Governor from a list of three names submitted by the California Conference of Local Health Officers.
- (e) One registered nurse, who is currently, or has been previously, authorized as a mobile intensive care nurse and who is knowledgeable in state emergency medical services programs and issues, appointed by the Governor from a pool of candidates submitted by the California Labor Federation and a pool of candidates submitted by the Emergency Nurses Association.
- (f) One full-time paramedic or EMT-II, who is not employed as a full-time peace officer, appointed by the Senate Committee on Rules from a pool of candidates submitted by the California Labor Federation and a pool of candidates submitted by the California Rescue and Paramedic Association.
- (g) One prehospital emergency medical service provider from the private sector, appointed by the Speaker of the Assembly from a list of three names submitted by the California Ambulance Association.
- (h) One management member of an entity providing fire protection and prevention services appointed by the Governor from a list of three names submitted by the California Fire Chiefs Association.
- (i) One physician and surgeon who is board prepared or board certified in the specialty of emergency medicine by the American Board of Emergency Medicine and who is knowledgeable in state emergency medical services programs and issues appointed by the Speaker of the Assembly.
- (j) One hospital administrator of a base hospital who is appointed by the Governor from a list of three names submitted by the California Hospital Association.
- (k) One full-time peace officer, who is either an EMT-II or a paramedic, who is appointed by the Governor from a list of three names submitted by the California Peace Officers Association.
- (l) Two public members who have experience in local EMS policy issues, at least one of whom resides in a rural area as defined by the authority, and who are appointed by the Governor.
- (m) One administrator from a local EMS agency appointed by the Governor from a list of four names submitted by the Emergency Medical Services Administrator's Association of California.
- (n) One medical director of a local EMS agency who is an active member of the Emergency Medical Directors Association of California and who is appointed by the Governor.

- (o) One person appointed by the Governor, who is an active member of the California State Firemen's Association.
- (p) One person who is employed by the Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL-FIRE) appointed by the Governor from a list of three names submitted by the California Professional Firefighters.
- (q) One person who is employed by a city, county, or special district that provides fire protection appointed by the Governor from a list of three names submitted by the California Professional Firefighters.
- (r) One medical director of a public fire protection agency in the state appointed by the Governor from a list of three names submitted by the California Professional Firefighters.

*(Amended by Stats. 2020, Ch. 138, Sec. 3. (AB 1544) Effective January 1, 2021.)*

**1799.3.** At the discretion of the appointing power or body, a member of the commission may be reappointed or may continue to serve if he or she no longer continues to function in the capacity which originally qualified him or her for appointment. However, where Section 1799.2 requires that an appropriate organization submit names to the appointing power or body, a person shall not be reappointed pursuant to this section unless his or her name is submitted by that appropriate organization.

*(Added by Stats. 1985, Ch. 42, Sec. 2. Effective May 15, 1985.)*

**1799.4.** (a) Except as otherwise provided in this section, the terms of the members of the commission shall be three calendar years, commencing January 1 of the year of appointment. No member shall serve more than two consecutive full terms; provided, however, that a term or part of a term served pursuant to paragraph (1) or (2) of subdivision (b) shall not be included in this limitation.

(b) (1) The first members appointed on or after January 1, 1985, pursuant to subdivisions (a), (b), (c), and (d) of Section 1799.2 shall serve from the date of appointment to the end of that calendar year, plus one additional year.

(2) The first members appointed on or after January 1, 1985, pursuant to subdivisions (e), (f), (g), (h), and (i) of Section 1799.2 shall serve from the date of appointment to the end of that calendar year, plus two additional years.

(3) The first members appointed on or after January 1, 1985, pursuant to subdivisions (j), (k), and (m) of Section 1799.2 shall be from the date of appointment to the end of that calendar year, plus three additional years.

(4) The first member appointed on or after January 1, 1985, pursuant to subdivision (l) of Section 1799.2 shall serve from the date of appointment to the end of that calendar year, plus one additional year, and the second member shall serve from the date of appointment to the end of that calendar year, plus two additional years.

(5) The first member appointed pursuant to subdivision (n) of Section 1799.2 shall serve from the date of appointment to the end of the 1991 calendar year.

(6) It is the purpose of this subdivision to provide for staggered terms for the members of the commission.

*(Amended by Stats. 1987, Ch. 1102, Sec. 3.)*

**1799.6.** The members of the commission shall receive no compensation for their services, but shall be reimbursed for their actual, necessary, traveling and other expenses incurred in the discharge of their duties.

*(Added by Stats. 1980, Ch. 1260.)*

**1799.8.** The commission shall select a chairperson from its members and shall meet at least quarterly on the call of the director, the chairperson, or three members of the commission.

*(Added by Stats. 1980, Ch. 1260.)*