
SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 5567

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By Senate Committee on Government Operations (originally sponsored by Senators Barr, Owen and Erwin)

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1 AN ACT Relating to emergency medical service district volunteer
2 benefits; amending RCW 41.24.010; and adding new sections to chapter
3 41.24 RCW.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

5 **Sec. 1.** RCW 41.24.010 and 1989 c 91 s 8 are each amended to read
6 as follows:

7 As used in this chapter:

8 "Municipal corporation" or "municipality" includes any city or
9 town, fire protection district, or any water, irrigation, or other
10 district, authorized by law to afford emergency medical services or
11 protection to life and property within its boundaries from fire.

12 "Fire department" means any regularly organized fire department or
13 emergency medical service district consisting wholly of volunteer fire
14 fighters, or any part-paid and part-volunteer fire department duly
15 organized and maintained by any municipality: PROVIDED, That any such
16 municipality wherein a part-paid fire department is maintained may by
17 appropriate legislation permit the full-paid members of its department
18 to come under the provisions of chapter 41.16 RCW.

1 "Fire fighter" includes any fire fighter or emergency worker who is
2 a member of any fire department of any municipality but shall not
3 include full time, paid fire fighters who are members of the Washington
4 law enforcement officers' and fire fighters' retirement system, with
5 respect to periods of service rendered in such capacity.

6 "Emergency worker" means any emergency medical service personnel,
7 regulated by chapters 18.71 and 18.73 RCW, who is a member of an
8 emergency medical service district but shall not include full-time,
9 paid emergency medical service personnel who are members of the
10 Washington public employees' retirement system, with respect to periods
11 of service rendered in such capacity.

12 "Performance of duty" shall be construed to mean and include any
13 work in and about company quarters or any fire station or any other
14 place under the direction or general orders of the chief or other
15 officer having authority to order such member to perform such work;
16 responding to, working at, or returning from an alarm of fire; drill;
17 or any work performed of an emergency nature in accordance with the
18 rules and regulations of the fire department.

19 "State board" means the state board for volunteer fire fighters
20 created herein.

21 "Board of trustees" means a board of trustees created under RCW
22 41.24.060 or, for matters affecting an emergency worker, an emergency
23 medical service district board of trustees created under section 2 of
24 this act.

25 "Appropriate legislation" means an ordinance when an ordinance is
26 the means of legislating by any municipality, and resolution in all
27 other cases.

28 NEW SECTION. Sec. 2. In every county maintaining a regularly
29 organized emergency medical service district there is hereby created an
30 emergency medical service district board of trustees for the
31 administration of this chapter. The emergency medical service district
32 board shall consist of the three county commissioners or their
33 designees, the county clerk, the head of the emergency medical service
34 district, and one member of the emergency medical service district to
35 be elected by the members of the emergency medical service district for
36 a term of one year and annually thereafter.

1 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** The chair of the board of county
2 commissioners shall be chair of the emergency medical service district
3 board of trustees, and the county clerk shall be the secretary-
4 treasurer of the emergency medical service district board of trustees.
5 The secretary shall keep a public record of all proceedings, of all
6 receipts and disbursements made by the emergency medical service
7 district board of trustees and shall make an annual report of its
8 expenses and disbursements with a full list of the beneficiaries of
9 said fund in the county, the record to be placed on file in the county.
10 Such forms as shall be necessary for the proper administration of this
11 fund and of making the reports required hereunder shall be provided by
12 the state board.

13 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** The state board shall set the amount
14 consistent with the most recent valuation of the volunteer fire
15 fighters relief and pension fund to be paid for the purposes of this
16 chapter by emergency medical service districts for emergency worker
17 relief and pension fees and by emergency workers for emergency worker
18 pensions. The fees set under this section are subject to the other
19 provisions of this chapter.

20 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 5.** Sections 2 through 4 of this act are each
21 added to chapter 41.24 RCW.

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