

HB 2665 -- REGIONAL EMS MEDICAL DIRECTORS

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This bill specifies that the state EMS medical director shall be the chair of the State EMS Medical Director's Advisory Committee. This bill also specifies that:

(1) Elected regional EMS medical directors shall be considered public officials for the purposes of sovereign immunity, official immunity, and the Missouri public duty doctrine defenses;

(2) The State EMS Medical Director's Advisory Committee shall be considered a peer review committee and regional EMS medical directors shall be eligible to participate in the Missouri Patient Safety Organization as provided under Patient Safety and Quality Improvement Act of 2005;

(3) Regional EMS medical directors may act to provide on-line telecommunication medical direction to EMT-Bs, EMT-Is, EMT-Ps, and community paramedics and provide off-line medical direction per standardized treatment, triage, and transport protocols when EMS personnel, including EMT-Bs, EMT-Is, EMT-Ps, or community paramedics, are providing care to special needs patients or at the request of a local EMS agency or medical director;

(4) When developing treatment protocols for special needs patients, regional EMS medical directors may promulgate such protocols on a regional basis across multiple political subdivisions' jurisdictional boundaries;

(5) Multiple EMS agencies shall take necessary steps to follow established regional EMS protocols in cases of mass casualty or state-declared disaster incidents;

(6) When regional EMS medical directors develop and implement treatment protocols for patients or provide on-line medical direction for such patients, such activity shall not be construed as having usurped local medical direction authority in any manner; and

(7) When regional EMS medical directors are providing either on-line telecommunication medical direction to EMT-Bs, EMT-Is, EMT-Ps, and community paramedics, or off-line medical direction per standardized EMS treatment, triage, and transport protocols for patients, those medical directions or treatment protocols may include the administration of the patient's own prescription medications.