

Committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security

Bill Summary

Bill Number: H2587

Name: An Act establishing a commission on municipal emergency medical service staffing levels and workforce development

Sponsor(s): Representative Marjorie C. Decker

Hearing Date: July 24th at 1:00 PM in room A2

Prior History: N/A

Summary: Section 1 (a): Establishing a commission to study municipal emergency medical service staffing levels and workforce development.(b) The commission shall be made up of 15 members: the chairs of the joint committee on public safety and homeland security or their designees, who shall serve as co-chairs; the chairs of the joint committee on public service or their designees; the state fire marshal or a designee; the director of the office of emergency medical services or a designee; 2 members appointed by the Professional Fire Fighters of Massachusetts; 2 members appointed by the Fire Chiefs Association of Massachusetts; 2 members appointed by the Massachusetts Health and Hospital Association, Inc; 1 member representing the Massachusetts Health Care Workforce Center; 1 member representing the State Office of Rural Health; and 1 member appointed by the Massachusetts Municipal Association.(c) Set standards (i) evaluating the effectiveness and efficiency of municipal-based emergency medical services; (ii) explore current challenges; (iii) review current emergency medical service and fire service workforce development programs; and (iv) recommend changes to improve and enhance the workforce, deliver, set standards, identify best practices in workforce development, and promote engagement, retention, and training. (d) The commission shall submit a report no later than March 1, 2026, with their study, recommendations, and any proposed legislation, to chasers of the joint committee on public safety and homeland security and the clerks house of Representatives and senate.