HB 907 -- PARAMEDIC PRACTITIONERS

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This bill allows licensure of paramedic practitioners. An
applicant for a paramedic practitioner license must be an emergency
medical technician-paramedic. A paramedic practitioner must
practice under a supervision agreement with a supervising
physician.

A paramedic practitioner's scope of practice can only consist of:
taking patient histories; performing physical examinations;
performing or assisting routine laboratory and patient screening
procedures; performing routine therapeutic procedures; recording
diagnostic impressions; counseling patients regarding mental and
physical health using procedures approved by a licensed physician;
assisting a supervising physician in institutional settings;
assisting in surgery; and performing other tasks the paramedic
practitioner has been trained in and is proficient to perform. A
paramedic practitioner cannot perform abortions.

A paramedic practitioner can prescribe some drugs, including some
controlled substances listed in Schedule II, III, IV, or V,
pursuant to a physician supervision agreement, as outlined in the
bill.

The supervising physician will be responsible for health care
services rendered by the paramedic practitioner. The supervising
physician must document the completion of a one-month period of
continuously present practice before the paramedic practitioner can
practice without the physician being continuously present.

The Board of Registration of Healing Arts, within the Department of
Insurance, Financial Institutions and Professional Registration,
can issue a temporary license to a paramedic practitioner before
the results of the paramedic practitioner exam is announced.

The bill allows a certifying agency to register with the board to
certify or register individuals who have completed academic and
training requirements to be a paramedic practitioner.

The bill establishes an Advisory Commission for Paramedic
Practitioners, which shall guide, advise, and make recommendations,
to the board regarding paramedic practitioner licensure.