

HCS HB 2125 -- EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

SPONSOR: Dinkins

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass with HCS" by the Standing Committee on Professional Registration and Licensing by a vote of 12 to 0. Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on Rules-Administrative Oversight by a vote of 7 to 0.

The following is a summary of the House Committee Substitute for HCS HB 2125.

This bill adds physician assistants and assistant physicians to statutes related to staffing ambulances. The bill also provides that duly licensed physician assistants are exempt from mileage requirements and are not required to hold an emergency medical technician's license. The bill also adds physician assistants to those who may supervise someone with a temporary emergency medical technician license.

The following is a summary of the public testimony from the committee hearing. The testimony was based on the introduced version of the bill.

PROPONENTS: Supporters say that this bill is a technical fix. Physician assistants are qualified to provide care in an ambulance but the current mileage requirements for collaborative practice arrangements prevent it.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Dinkins and Gamble And Schlemeier.

OPPONENTS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.