

URGENT REQUEST TO EDUCATE YOUR PA SENATOR - HOUSE BILL 1838

EMS Providers and Agencies -

Several pieces of legislation have been moving through the PA House and Senate and need the support of EMS professionals, like yourself to ensure passage. One of these bills, scheduled for Senate consideration starting on Monday, needs your action TODAY.

In particular, we are monitoring the companion bill to the recently passed mental health bill for first responders. This bill (House Bill (HB) 1838 by Representative Causer) provides the funding for the mental health bill, AND, it supports many facets of the EMS system by increasing the EMS Operating Fund revenue to improve availability of education programs in underserved areas and to assist with medical equipment purchases. This bill has already passed the House unanimously and now is in the Senate and is on the calendar for MONDAY.

Please take a moment of your time today to be heard by reaching out to your Senator, use this site to find your Senator's contact information https://www.legis.state.pa.us/cfdocs/legis/home/findyourlegislator/

With our partners, we continue to monitor additional bills that are in the system to address issues such as direct pay, treat no transport payments and reimbursement rates. As these bills are considered in Harrisburg, we will ask for your support to educate the legislature again.

Your action on HB 1838 is needed; please take a moment to educate the Senate TODAY with a simple email message asking them to support the passage of HB 1838 to assist in meeting the needs of PA's EMS System.

Thank you for uniting to educate our elected officials as we move forward to save our system.

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