

Required Report on EMS Waivers Pursuant to HF 4065

This report is filed by the Emergency Medical Services Regulatory Board (EMSRB) to fulfill requirements outlined under Subdivision 6 of Section 23 of HF4065, which was signed into law on June 2, 2022. This report is being transmitted to the Chairs and Ranking minority member of the respective Health and Human Services Finance and Policy Committees as required by law. It is also being transmitted to the legislative ex-officio members of the EMSRB.

All information contained in this report is true and correct as of 10:00 A.M. on March 28, 2023. The next required report is due June 30, 2023

Process to Date

HF 4065 was signed into law on June 2, 2022, a portion of this bill provided EMS agencies across Minnesota with more flexible options from a regulatory perspective in the areas of minimum staffing, the use of expired medications and equipment, and the ability to on a temporary basis utilize expired personnel to meet minimum staffing requirements. Utilization of any such waiver required notification to the EMSRB, and subsequent reporting to specific members of the legislature.

On June 3, 2022, the effective date of the legislation the EMSRB emailed a memo to all ambulance agencies in the state information on the implementation of these waivers, including all forms that would need to be completed and sent to the EMSRB.

Usage of Minimum Staffing Waiver

There were no new applications for this waiver during this reporting period. The EMSRB did offer this process to multiple ambulance services who had been struggling with staffing. However, they did not feel comfortable in implementing the concept of EMS drivers.

Usage of Medication/Equipment Waiver

There were no new applications for this waiver during the reporting period.

Usage of Expired Personnel

There were no new applications for this waiver during the reporting period.

Summary

The legislative waivers have been in effect for approximately for (10) months as of the date of this report. As time has elapsed the number of EMS agencies requesting a waiver under this part has peaked. To date approximately 6% of the PSAs/EMS licenses in Minnesota have indicated utilization of a staffing waiver. Please direct any inquires related to the content of this report to Dylan Ferguson Executive Director of the Emergency Medical Services Regulatory Board.

Respectfully Submitted,



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