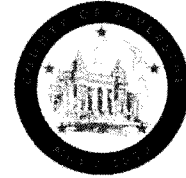


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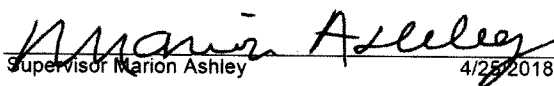
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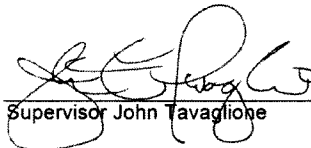
FROM : SUPERVISOR JOHN TAVAGLIONE AND SUPERVISOR MARION ASHLEY :

SUBJECT: SUPERVISOR JOHN TAVAGLIONE AND SUPERVISOR MARION ASHLEY:
Support of the Emergency Ambulance Employee Safety and Preparedness Act.
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RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Supervisors support the Emergency Ambulance Employee Safety and Preparedness Act.

ACTION: Policy



Supervisor Marion Ashley 4/25/2018


Supervisor John Tavaglione 4/25/2018

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

On motion of Supervisor Perez, seconded by Supervisor Ashley and duly carried, IT WAS ORDERED that the above matter is approved as recommended.

Ayes: Jeffries, Tavaglione, Perez and Ashley
Nays: None
Absent: Washington
Date: May 1, 2018
xc: Supvr. Tavaglione, Supvr. Ashley

Kecia Harper-Ihem
Clerk of the Board
By: 
Deputy

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BACKGROUND: Emergency Medical Technicians (EMT's) and Paramedics are essential to California's public safety. In California, they provide 81% of the emergency ambulances and are operated by private companies who provide the primary 911 EMT (Emergency Medical Technician) and paramedic service for the majority of the state. Our state depends on private EMT's and paramedics to treat and transport critically injured patients and to respond to mass disasters.

The Emergency Ambulance Employee Safety and Preparedness Act provides many aspects to ensure EMT's and paramedics are trained and prepared to provide vital services. Under the provisions of the Act, EMT's and paramedics will receive yearly employer-paid training for responding to active shooter and mass casualty incidents as well as natural disasters.

It takes a special person to be an EMT or paramedic and they often witness traumatic events that can cause severe stress. It is important that they receive adequate mental health resources in addition to meal and rest breaks to insure they remain at their peak performance. Provisions of this Act provide that:

- Employers provide long-term mental health coverage and 10 mental health treatments per issue in their employer-provided health insurance;
- Requires private EMT's and paramedics to be paid for their readiness to respond to emergencies during meal and rest breaks
- Requires employers to compensate private EMT's and paramedics if a meal or rest break is missed;
- Requires that multiple meal periods be spaced apart by a minimum of two hours, and that a meal period not be provided during the first or last hour of a work shift.

We believe that it is in the best interest of Californians to support the Emergency Ambulance Employee Safety and Preparedness Act to ensure private EMT's and paramedics obtain emergency readiness training and are provided reasonable workforce protections to ensure their mental and physical health and ability to serve our most vulnerable citizens.