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**** Bill No. ****

Introduced By **********

By Request of the Children, Families, Health, and Human Services Interim Committee

A Bill for an Act entitled: "An Act adding a volunteer emergency medical technician to the board of medical examiners; requiring one physician member of the board to have experience in emergency medicine; amending section 2-15-1731, MCA; and providing an immediate effective date."

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Montana:

NEW SECTION. Section 1. Definitions. "Volunteer emergency medical technician" means an individual who is licensed pursuant to 50-6-202 and provides emergency medical care:

(1) on the days and the times of the day chosen by the individual; and

(2) for an emergency medical service other than:

(a) a private ambulance company, unless the care is provided without compensation and outside of the individual's regular work schedule; or

(b) a private business or a public agency, as defined in 7-1-4121, that employs the individual on a regular basis with a regular, hourly wage to provide emergency medical care as part of the individual's job duties.

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Section 2. Section 2-15-1731, MCA, is amended to read:
 "2-15-1731. Board of medical examiners. (1) There is a
Montana state board of medical examiners.

(2) The board consists of $\frac{11}{(12)}$ members appointed by the governor with the consent of the senate. Appointments made when the legislature is not in session may be confirmed at the next session.

(3) The members are:

(a) five members having the degree of doctor of medicine, including one member with experience in emergency medicine;

(b) one member having the degree of doctor of osteopathy;

(c) one member who is a licensed podiatrist;

(d) one member who is a licensed nutritionist;

(e) one member who is a licensed physician assistant;

(f) one member who is a volunteer emergency medical technician as defined in [section 1]; and

(f)(g) two members of the general public who are not medical practitioners.

(4) (a) The members having the degree of doctor of medicine may not be from the same county.

(b) The volunteer emergency medical technician must have a demonstrated interest in and knowledge of state and national issues involving emergency medical service.

(c) Each member must be a citizen of the United States.

(d) Each member, except for public members, must have been licensed and must have practiced medicine, emergency medical

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<u>care</u>, or dietetics-nutrition in this state for at least 5 years and must have been a resident of this state for at least 5 years.

(5) Members shall serve staggered 4-year terms. A term commences <u>begins</u> on September 1 of each year of appointment. A member may be removed by the governor for neglect of duty, incompetence, or unprofessional or dishonorable conduct.

(6) The board is allocated to the department for administrative purposes only as prescribed in 2-15-121."

{Internal References to 2-15-1731: 37-3-102x 37-6-101x 37-20-401x 50-6-202x }

NEW SECTION. Section 3. {standard} Codification

instruction. [Section 1] is intended to be codified as an integral part of Title 50, chapter 6, part 2, and the provisions of Title 50, chapter 6, apply to [section 1].

NEW SECTION. Section 4. {standard} Effective date. [This act] is effective on passage and approval.

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