A Bill for an Act entitled: "An Act adding a volunteer emergency medical technician to the board of medical examiners; and amending section 2-15-1731, MCA."

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

Section 1. 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 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;
(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 licensed emergency medical technician; and
(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 emergency medical technician must provide emergency care on a volunteer basis, as defined in 27-1-714.

(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 care, 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 begins 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."