

Bills being monitored by the OEMS during 2015 Session of the NC General Assembly

- SB 99** **Definition of Firefighter**
Involves modifications to Chapter 58 statutes regarding firefighter and rescue squad workers' pension fund, firefighter's relief funds and death benefits, and filing of certified rosters with the NC State Fireman's Association.
- HB 142/SB144** **Require Safety Helmets / Under 21**
Provides for exemption from the helmet mandate for motorcycle or mopeds for persons over 21 under certain circumstances.
- SB 154** **Clarifying the Good Samaritan Law**
Involves modifications to GS 90-96.2, 18B-302.2, and 90-106.2 regarding immunity or limited immunity for drug-related overdose treatment for administration of opioid antagonist medications.
- HB 327** **Allow Use of Pepper Spray by EMS Workers**
Involves modifications to GS 143-508(d) and 131E-157(a) to require the Medical Care Commission to adopt rules to establish standards for vehicles and equipment used within EMS systems that do not prohibit the carrying and use of pepper spray by EMS personnel for self-defense purposes.
- SB 377** **Appropriate Funds for Drug Overdose Meds.**
Appropriation of funds to DHHS Division of Disabilities and Substance Abuse Services the sum of \$50,000 and \$25,000 for the purchase and distribution of opioid antagonists for certain organizations and law enforcement agencies providing services to individuals at risk of opioid-related drug overdose, or to the friends or family members of at-risk individuals.
- SB 531** **Study Need for Pulse Oximeters in Schools**
Directs the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee to study the need for ensuring every public school has a pulse oximeter and report its findings together with any legislation to the General Assembly when it convenes in 2016.
- SB 571** **Expand Uses of 911 Fee**
Addresses appeal of distribution denials and instructs the 9-1-1 Board to establish appeal rights.
- HB 472/SB 381** **Community Paramedicine Pilot Project/Funds**
Appropriation of funds to DHHS for FY 2015-2016 the sum of \$210,000 for the purpose of implementing a community paramedicine pilot project.
- HB 429** **Amend Med. Mal. Health Care Provider Defin.**
Involves modification to GS 90-21.11 adding (1)(e) Any emergency medical services personnel as defined in GS 131E-155 (Definitions – of the EMS laws). Article 1B of Chapter 90 of the general statutes is where good Samaritan laws address areas such as First Aid Emergency Treatment (GS 90-21.14); Emergencies using AEDs (GS 90-21.15); Volunteer Healthcare Providers (GS 90-21.16); DNR and MOST forms (GS 90-21.17); and Medical Directors (GS 90-21.18).