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COMMITTEE	MEASURES		SUBJECT MATTER	ACTION TAKEN/ DISCUSSION
	NO.	PRINCIPAL AUTHOR		
Health (Technical Working Group)	Substitute Bill to HBs 173, 295, 956, 3353, 3488, 3839, 3932 & 4828	Reps. Tan (A.), Yap (V.), Salo, Almario, Deputy Speaker Hernandez, Reps. Cabochan, Vargas, and Nieto	Institutionalizing an emergency medical services system (EMSS), creating for the purpose the National EMSS Council, and appropriating funds therefor	<p>The technical working group (TWG), chaired by Rep. Maricel Natividad-Nagaño (4th District, Nueva Ecija), will deliberate further on the substitute bill in its next meeting.</p> <p>Concerned government agencies and other stakeholders present expressed their support for the proposed law saying that it will establish a comprehensive and standardized system of emergency medical services and will enhance the delivery of emergency medical services in the country particularly in times of disaster.</p> <p>As defined in the bill, EMSS is the arrangement and coordination of personnel, facilities, and equipment for the effective management and delivery of emergency medical services.</p> <p>The bill institutionalizes the use of 911 as the Nationwide Emergency Hotline Number, the operation of which shall be under the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG).</p> <p>The bill also seeks to create the Emergency Medical Services Systems Council (EMSSC) which will be chaired by the DILG Secretary and co-chaired by the Secretary of the Department of Health (DOH).</p> <p>The members of the EMSSC are the following: the Secretary of the Department of Information and Communications Technology (DICT); the Chair of the Philippine National Red Cross (PNRC); the President of the Philippine Health Insurance Corporation (PhilHealth); the President of the Philippine College of Emergency Medicine (PCEM); and a representative of a national organization of emergency medical technicians (EMTs).</p> <p>The TWG agreed to include the Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA) and the Union of Local Authorities of the Philippines (ULAP) as additional members of the EMSSC.</p>