



This Bill Analysis reflects the contents of the bill as it was presented in committee.

# HOUSE BILL 327: Study EMS Safety/EMS Personnel Tech Changes.

2015-2016 General Assembly

<b>Committee:</b>	Senate Health Care	<b>Date:</b>	June 11, 2015
<b>Introduced by:</b>	Rep. Dobson	<b>Prepared by:</b>	Jennifer Mundt
<b>Analysis of:</b>	PCS to Second Edition H327-CSTA-10 [v.2]		Committee Staff

**SUMMARY:** *The Proposed Committee Substitute (PCS) for House Bill 327 would (i) direct an interagency study of how emergency medical service personnel can reduce the threat of bodily harm to them when performing duties necessary for the health and safety of the public and (ii) make technical and conforming changes to the statutes governing the regulation of emergency medical personnel services to reflect new national standards.*

**BILL ANALYSIS:** The PCS for House Bill 327 would:

**Sections 1 and 2** would direct the Division of Health Service Regulation (Division) in the Department of Health and Human Services, in consultation with the North Carolina Medical Care Commission (Commission), and the Division of Emergency Management in the Department of Public Safety to study how emergency medical service (EMS) personnel can reduce the threat of bodily harm to them when performing duties for the health and safety of the public. The study must address:

- Crisis intervention courses.
- Self-defense tactics.
- Use of protective body garments and vests.
- Non-lethal deterrents such as conducted electrical weapons, chemical irritants, mace, pepper spray, and tear gas.

The Division must report its findings to the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Health and Human Services by April 1, 2016.

**Sections 3 through 6** would make technical and conforming changes to the name of certain EMS personnel in Article 7 of Chapter 131E of the General Statutes (Regulation of Emergency Medical Services) to reflect and conform to EMS personnel licensure levels in the [National Emergency Medical Personnel Education Standards](#) of the National Highway Transportation Safety Administration.

**Section 7** would direct the Commission to amend its applicable rules consistent with the changes in the act by December 31, 2015.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** This act is effective when it becomes law.

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