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Addition of One Paramedic to the State Medical Board

WHEREAS there are 388 Mobile Intensive Care Paramedic licensees of the State Medical Board and Mobile Intensive Care Paramedics have been licensees for more than thirty years.

WHEREAS there is currently no representation of Mobile Intensive Care Paramedic licensees to the State Medical Board.

WHEREAS consideration of Mobile Intensive Care Paramedic licensure, regulation and discipline are frequent topics of the State Medical Board and Mobile Intensive Care Paramedic participation would strengthen, enhance and support the State Medical Board decision-making process.

WHEREAS Mobile Intensive Care Paramedics care for tens of thousands of patients every year in a wide variety of circumstances, situations, in all parts of Alaska and would therefore provide good representation of their patients towards matters before the State Medical Board.

WHEREAS pre-hospital, emergency medicine has been identified as an aspect of the healthcare safety net and future demand for pre-hospital, emergency medicine providers is expected to rise dramatically in the coming months and years.

WHEREAS the addition of a Mobile Intensive Care Paramedic to the State Medical Board would not only add representation of a not-inconsequential number of medical practitioners, but would also bring the number of seated medical board members to an odd number, facilitating the tie-breaking of voting without abstention of Chair.

WHEREAS Mobile Intensive Care Paramedics as licensees of the State Medical Board will contribute valuable opinions and important insights into pre-hospital, emergency medicine which will represent a wider spectrum of medical practitioners in Alaska.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Paramedic Association of Alaska wishes to amend Article I State Medical Board, Section 08.64.010, Creation and Membership of State Medical Board, to state "The Governor shall appoint a board of medical examiners, to be known as the State Medical Board, consisting of five physicians licensed in the State and residing in as many and separate geographical areas of the State as possible, one physician assistant AND ONE MOBILE INTENSIVE CARE PARAMEDIC licensed under AS 08.64.107, and two persons with no direct financial interest in the healthcare industry."

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The purpose of the Paramedic Association of Alaska is to promote high standards of pre-hospital emergency care, to promote professional and educational advancement of paramedics, to advocate for paramedics in regards to legislation and governmental programs and to assume an active role as patient advocate in pre-hospital healthcare concerns.