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11	The Committee on Governmental Oversight and Productivity		
12	recommended the following amendment:		
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14	Senate Amendment		
15	On page 1, line 18, through page 3, line 12, delete		
16	those lines		
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18	and insert: medical emergency when someone dials 911 or calls		
19	a medical dispatch agency directly, and dispatchers are being		
20	recognized nationally as the true first responders to the		
21	emergency scene, and		
22	WHEREAS, an emergency medical dispatcher has an		
23	immediate response time during which to offer basic		
24	instructions to the caller regardless of the emergency medical		
25	services response time and is crucial for the delivery and		
26	receipt of information to EMS units, and		
27	WHEREAS, an emergency medical dispatch program is a key		
28	component of a quality EMS system, and		
29	WHEREAS, organizations such as the American Heart		
30	Association (AHA), the American College of Emergency		
31	Physicians (ACEP), the National Association of Emergency		

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1 Medical Services Physicians (NAEMSP), the National Institute
2 of Health (NIH), the National Highway Traffic Safety
3 Administration (NHTSA), and the American Society of Testing
4 and Materials (ASTM) have endorsed the development and
5 adoption of standards for emergency medical dispatch, and
6 WHEREAS, a properly trained emergency medical
7 dispatcher significantly improves the quality of care provided
8 by an EMS system because the dispatcher is able to identify
9 the level of need of the caller, including resource
10 allocations and response modes, thus enabling more effective
11 and efficient dispatch of limited response resources; identify
12 situations that might require prearrival instructions; gather
13 information to be relayed to the responding crews to help them
14 better manage and respond to the emergency medical situation
15 upon arrival; and obtain information regarding emergency
16 medical scene safety for the patient, bystanders, and
17 responding personnel, and

18 WHEREAS, many states are now adopting a standard
19 emergency medical dispatch program, and

20 WHEREAS, the most successful EMS systems are those that
21 have strong field response times coupled with well-trained
22 emergency medical dispatchers, NOW,
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