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SENATE FLOOR ALERT

AB 1603 (Ridley-Thomas) – Meyers-Milias-Brown Act: local public agencies

As Amended August 24, 2017

URGE “NO” VOTE

AB 1603 would authorize collective bargaining for employees of private companies that contract with public agencies **WITHOUT** the consent of either the affected private employer or the public agency. The bill and its recent amendments will adversely impact the ability for local EMS agencies to contract with experienced emergency medicine physicians to provide medical control oversight of EMS. Many of the 33 local EMS agency medical directors serve in clinical settings included within this bill such as public clinics and hospitals operated for the purpose of medical education. This is especially true of EMS medical directors that work for University of California medical centers and county hospitals.

EMSAAC represents the 33 local emergency medical services (EMS) agency administrators representing all of California’s 58 counties. The mission of the Emergency Medical Directors Association of California, Inc. (EMDAC) is to provide leadership and expert opinion in the medical oversight, direction and coordination of Emergency Medical Services for the people of the State of California.

If you should have any questions, please contact EMSAAC’s Legislative Chair Dan Burch at (209) 468-6818.

Sincerely,

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