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MEMORANDUM

TO: Jeanine Nicholson, Chief, Fire Department
Dr. Grant Colfax, Director, Department of Public Health

FROM: John Carroll, Assistant Clerk,
Public Safety and Neighborhood Services Committee,
Board of Supervisors

DATE: May 21, 2021

SUBJECT: LEGISLATION INTRODUCED

The Board of Supervisors' Public Safety and Neighborhood Services Committee has received the following proposed legislation, introduced by Supervisor Safai on May 11, 2021:

File No. 210539

Ordinance amending the Health Code to designate all certified and accredited paramedics employed by the Fire Department to initiate temporary psychiatric holds, subject to state law procedures and requirements adopted by the county behavioral health director; and require that the Fire Department and Department of Public Health ensure that designated Fire Department paramedics receive all appropriate training.

If you have any comments or reports to be included with the file, please forward them to me at the Board of Supervisors, City Hall, Room 244, 1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place, San Francisco, CA 94102.

c: Offices of Chair Mar and Supervisor Safai
Theresa Ludwig, Fire Department
Arielle Fleisher, Department of Public Health
Greg Wagner, Department of Public Health
Dr. Naveena Bobba, Department of Public Health
Sneha Patil, Department of Public Health

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3 **Ordinance amending the Health Code to designate all certified and accredited**
4 **paramedics employed by the Fire Department to initiate temporary psychiatric holds,**
5 **subject to state law procedures and requirements adopted by the county behavioral**
6 **health director; and require that the Fire Department and Department of Public Health**
7 **ensure that designated Fire Department paramedics receive all appropriate training.**

8 NOTE: **Unchanged Code text and uncodified text** are in plain Arial font.
9 **Additions to Codes** are in *single-underline italics Times New Roman font*.
10 **Deletions to Codes** are in *strikethrough italics Times New Roman font*.
11 **Board amendment additions** are in double-underlined Arial font.
12 **Board amendment deletions** are in ~~strikethrough Arial font~~.
13 **Asterisks (* * * *)** indicate the omission of unchanged Code
14 subsections or parts of tables.

15 Be it ordained by the People of the City and County of San Francisco:

16 Section 1. Division I of Article 41 of the Health Code is hereby amended by adding
17 Section 4103, to read as follows:

18 **SEC. 4103. DESIGNATION OF SAN FRANCISCO FIRE DEPARTMENT PARAMEDICS**
19 **TO INITIATE 5150 PSYCHIATRIC HOLDS.**

20 *(a) The City and County of San Francisco (the "City") designates all employees of the San*
21 *Francisco Fire Department (the "Fire Department") who (1) are certified by the state of California as*
22 *EMT-Ps or paramedics under Division 2.5 of the California Health and Safety Code, (2) are accredited*
23 *by the City's Local Emergency Medical Services Agency (LEMSA) as paramedics, and (3) meet all*
24 *applicable procedural requirements adopted by the county behavioral health director under Section*
25 *5121 of the California Welfare and Institutions Code, to initiate temporary psychiatric holds under*
Section 5150 of the California Welfare and Institutions Code upon a finding of probable cause to

1 initiate such holds under the criteria set forth in that section, and subject to all other requirements of
2 that section for initiating such holds.

3 (b) The Fire Department and the Department of Public Health shall ensure that all individuals
4 designated to initiate temporary psychiatric holds under subsection (a) receive all appropriate training,
5 consistent with state and City law, regarding proper procedures in the initiation of temporary
6 psychiatric holds under Section 5150 of the California Welfare and Institutions Code.

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8 Section 2. Effective Date. This ordinance shall become effective 30 days after
9 enactment. Enactment occurs when the Mayor signs the ordinance, the Mayor returns the
10 ordinance unsigned or does not sign the ordinance within ten days of receiving it, or the Board
11 of Supervisors overrides the Mayor’s veto of the ordinance.

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13 APPROVED AS TO FORM:
14 DENNIS J. HERRERA, City Attorney

15 By: /S/ Sarah A. Crowley
16 SARAH A. CROWLEY
Deputy City Attorney

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Introduction Form

By a Member of the Board of Supervisors or Mayor

Time stamp
or meeting date

I hereby submit the following item for introduction (select only one):

- 1. For reference to Committee. (An Ordinance, Resolution, Motion or Charter Amendment).
- 2. Request for next printed agenda Without Reference to Committee.
- 3. Request for hearing on a subject matter at Committee.
- 4. Request for letter beginning : "Supervisor [] inquiries"
- 5. City Attorney Request.
- 6. Call File No. [] from Committee.
- 7. Budget Analyst request (attached written motion).
- 8. Substitute Legislation File No. []
- 9. Reactivate File No. []
- 10. Topic submitted for Mayoral Appearance before the BOS on []

Please check the appropriate boxes. The proposed legislation should be forwarded to the following:

- Small Business Commission
- Youth Commission
- Ethics Commission
- Planning Commission
- Building Inspection Commission

Note: For the Imperative Agenda (a resolution not on the printed agenda), use the Imperative Form.

Sponsor(s):

Supervisor Ahsha Safai

Subject:

Health Code - Designating Fire Department Paramedics to Initiate 5150 Holds

The text is listed:

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Signature of Sponsoring Supervisor: [Signature]

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