

fund. No part of the grantee's matching fund may be provided, either directly or indirectly, from funds of the State, whether appropriated or unappropriated. No part of the fund may consist of real property, in kind contributions, or funds expended prior to the effective date of this Act. In case of any dispute as to the amount of the matching fund or what money or assets may qualify as matching funds, the Board of Public Works shall determine the matter and the Board's decision is final. The grantee has until June 1, 1999, to present evidence satisfactory to the Board of Public Works that a matching fund will be provided. If satisfactory evidence is presented, the Board shall certify this fact and the amount of the matching fund to the State Treasurer, and the proceeds of the loan equal to the amount of the matching fund shall be expended for the purposes provided in this Act. Any amount of the loan in excess of the amount of the matching fund certified by the Board of Public Works shall be canceled and be of no further effect.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1997.

Approved April 29, 1997.

CHAPTER 201

(Senate Bill 764)

AN ACT concerning

Emergency Medical Services - Licensure of Providers - Transfer of Authority

FOR the purpose of repealing the authority of the State Board of Physician Quality Assurance as it relates to persons providing certain emergency medical services and transferring that authority to the Emergency Medical Services Board (EMS Board); providing that a person shall be licensed or certified by the EMS Board before providing emergency medical services; providing exceptions to the licensing and certifying requirements of this Act; providing for licensing or certification fees, subject to certain exceptions; specifying the types of services under this Act that licensees or certificatees may perform; providing certain procedural due process provisions; authorizing the EMS Board to adopt certain regulations, take certain disciplinary actions, issue subpoenas, administer oaths, issue cease and desist orders, and seek injunctive relief; creating a provider review panel to be appointed by the EMS Board and specifying the duties of the panel; requiring the EMS Board to refer certain complaints regarding certain emergency medical services providers to the State Board of Nursing under certain circumstances; creating the Emergency Medical Services Board Provider Fund and specifying the purpose and funding of the Fund; providing that certain emergency medical services providers are not civilly liable for giving assistance in certain circumstances; defining terms; providing for a delayed effective date for certain provisions of this Act; and generally relating to the regulation and licensure or certification of certain emergency medical services providers.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,