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## **NCOIL ANNOUNCES AIR AMBULANCE TASK FORCE**

*Need to Protect Consumers, Find Solution to Federal Pre-emption*

Manasquan, NJ: Rep. Steve Riggs, NCOIL President, has announced the formation of an NCOIL Air Ambulance Task Force that will examine how best to protect consumers from excessive and often out-of-network billing as well as how it can be regulated on a state level.

“After discussing this issue and the numerous challenges facing air ambulances at multiple NCOIL meetings, including a general session last year, we have decided to form a task force to address the possible solutions” said KY Rep. Steve Riggs, NCOIL President.

The Air Ambulance Task Force will be chaired by KY Rep. Jeff Greer and Rep. Bill Botzow (VT), Asm. Kevin Cahill (NY), Rep. Greg Cromer (LA), Sen. Bob Hackett (OH), and Rep. George Keiser (ND) will serve as members.

“There has been an issue that has challenged state legislatures for many years” said KY Rep. Jeff Greer, Task Force Chairman. “Working with the interested parties and consumers, hopefully we can bring some fresh ideas and a positive resolution.”

The Task Force will hold its first meeting as an interim conference call between the Spring and Summer meetings and will meet in Chicago at the NCOIL Summer Meeting.

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