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**Tallian bill protecting employee rights  
for EMS personnel passes through committee**

*A unanimous vote sends the bill to senate floor for full consideration*

INDIANAPOLIS— The Senate Pensions and Labor committee approved Senate Bill 87 authored by State Sen. Karen Tallian (D-Portage) today. The proposal would entitle EMS personnel to a hearing and an appeals process if a medical director refuses or fails to supervise that individual or suspends the individual without just cause.

“There have been several cases where an EMS professional has been suspended under questionable circumstances,” said Tallian. “This bill would help to alleviate these issues by giving the employee an opportunity for a hearing so the medical director can give reasons for his or her actions.”

SB 87 would also require the commission hearing the appeal to consult with an independent medical expert. Tallian said this would bring an outside perspective into the process to ensure a fair determination.

“This bill would ensure that these professionals get due process,” said Tallian. “It goes a long way to respect these emergency response workers that go out and protect us and our loved ones each and every day.”

This bill was enthusiastically sponsored by the Professional Fire Fighters Union of Indiana.

For more information on Sen. Tallian, her legislative agenda or other State Senate business call 1-800-382-9467 or visit [www.senatedemocrats.in.gov](http://www.senatedemocrats.in.gov).

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