

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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S.P. 257

In Senate, February 26, 2013

An Act To Reduce Emergency Rescue Costs

Reference to the Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D M Grant'.

DAREK M. GRANT
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator DUTREMBLE of York.

Cosponsored by Senators: LACHOWICZ of Kennebec, PATRICK of Oxford, Representative: CHENETTE of Saco.

1 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:**

2 **CONCEPT DRAFT**

3 **SUMMARY**

4 This bill is a concept draft pursuant to Joint Rule 208.

5 This bill proposes to direct the Director of Maine Emergency Medical Services
6 within the Department of Public Safety to establish a pilot project designed to increase
7 response efficiency for emergency medical services personnel and reduce costs for both
8 patients and insurers. The bill would direct the Medical Direction and Practices Board to
9 establish a Maine Emergency Medical Services protocol that authorizes emergency
10 medical services personnel to identify those patients that need follow-up medical care but
11 do not have a condition serious enough to need an ambulance to the nearest hospital.
12 Under the pilot project, emergency medical services personnel would offer to patients
13 meeting this criterion a free voucher to cover the round trip to and from the medical
14 provider of the patient's choice. At the conclusion of the pilot project, the Director of
15 Maine Emergency Medical Services would be required to report to the Legislature
16 regarding the results of the pilot project and submit recommendations regarding
17 continuation and expansion of the pilot project and the funding of the vouchers.