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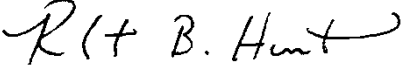
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H.P. 981

House of Representatives, April 13, 2017

An Act To Make Community Paramedicine Projects Permanent

Submitted by the Department of Public Safety pursuant to Joint Rule 204.
Reference to the Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety suggested and ordered printed.


ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

Presented by Representative GERRISH of Lebanon.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 32 MRSA §84, sub-§4**, as amended by PL 2015, c. 92, §1, is repealed and
3 the following enacted in its place:

4 **4. Establishment of community paramedicine projects.** The board may establish
5 community paramedicine projects. As used in this subsection, "community
6 paramedicine" means the practice by an emergency medical services provider primarily
7 in an out-of-hospital setting of providing episodic patient evaluation, advice and
8 treatment directed at preventing or improving a particular medical condition, within the
9 scope of practice of the emergency medical services provider as specifically requested or
10 directed by a physician.

11 The board shall establish by rule the requirements and application and approval process
12 of community paramedicine projects established pursuant to this subsection. At a
13 minimum, an emergency medical services provider, including, but not limited to, an
14 ambulance service or nontransporting emergency medical service, that conducts a
15 community paramedicine project shall work with an identified primary care medical
16 director, have an emergency medical services medical director and collect and submit
17 data and written reports to the board, in accordance with requirements established by the
18 board. Rules adopted pursuant to this subsection are routine technical rules as defined in
19 Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

20 **Sec. 2. State funds not to be used to fund community paramedicine**
21 **projects.** Notwithstanding any other provision of law, state funds may not be used to
22 fund a community paramedicine project under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 32,
23 section 84, subsection 4.

24 **SUMMARY**

25 This bill makes community paramedicine pilot projects established by the Emergency
26 Medical Services' Board permanent. The bill also prohibits the use of state funds to fund
27 community paramedicine projects.