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In Senate, January 17, 2019

An Act To Require Cameras in Ambulances When a Patient Is Being Transported

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 MIRAMANT of Knox.
Cosponsored by Representative BEEBE-CENTER of Rockland and
Senators: CHIPMAN of Cumberland, DILL of Penobscot, GRATWICK of Penobscot,
Representatives: DOORE of Augusta, DOUDERA of Camden, RYKERSON of Kittery.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 32 MRSA §86, sub-§4** is enacted to read:

3 **4. Video recording required.** An ambulance that is or may be used to transport a
4 patient from the scene of an emergency or from a hospital or other health care facility to
5 another place must be equipped with video recording equipment capable of creating a
6 clear video record of the care provided to the patient during the transport. Whenever an
7 ambulance transports a patient from the scene of an emergency or from a hospital or other
8 health care facility to another place, the video recording equipment required under this
9 subsection must be in operation for the duration of the transport and must be producing a
10 clear video record of the care provided to the patient.

11 A. A licensee that operates an ambulance service required under this subsection to be
12 equipped with video recording equipment shall maintain each video record required
13 to be produced under this subsection for 90 days from the date of the recording, after
14 which time the licensee shall ensure that the video record is destroyed.

15 B. In accordance with federal health information privacy laws and regulations and
16 Title 22, section 1711-C, a video record produced under this subsection must be
17 maintained as confidential. A licensee shall provide a copy of a video record
18 produced under this subsection to the board or the department upon request, and the
19 board or the department shall maintain the confidentiality of the video record in
20 accordance with the requirements of section 91-B.

21 **SUMMARY**

22 This bill requires that, whenever an ambulance transports a patient from the scene of
23 an emergency or from a hospital or other health care facility to another place, the
24 ambulance must be equipped with video recording equipment that is in operation for the
25 duration of the transport and that is producing a clear video record of the care provided to
26 the patient. In accordance with applicable federal and state law, the video records are to
27 be maintained as confidential by the ambulance service operator and, if applicable, by the
28 Emergency Medical Services' Board and the Department of Public Safety.