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In Senate, January 14, 2020

**An Act To Authorize Emergency Medical Services Personnel To
Provide Treatment within Their Scope of Practice in a Hospital
Setting with the Permission of the Hospital**

Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.

Reference to the Committee on Health Coverage, Insurance and Financial Services 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 President JACKSON of Aroostook.
Cosponsored by Representative TEPLER of Topsham and
Senators: CARPENTER of Aroostook, CLAXTON of Androscoggin, GRATWICK of
Penobscot, MOORE of Washington, Representatives: McCREA of Fort Fairfield, PERRY of
Calais, WHITE of Waterville.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §1833** is enacted to read:

3 **§1833. Emergency medical services persons working in a hospital setting**

4 A hospital licensed under this chapter may authorize an emergency medical services
5 person, as defined in Title 32, section 83, subsection 12, to provide to a patient of the
6 hospital in a hospital setting treatment that is within the scope of practice of the
7 emergency medical services person.

8 **Sec. 2. 32 MRSA §83, sub-§13**, as amended by PL 1985, c. 730, §§8 and 16, is
9 repealed and the following enacted in its place:

10 **13. Emergency medical treatment.** "Emergency medical treatment" means those
11 skills, techniques and judgments, as defined by the board, that are directed to
12 maintaining, improving or preventing the deterioration of the medical condition of the
13 patient and that are appropriate to be delivered by trained persons:

14 A. At the scene of a patient's illness or injury outside the hospital and during
15 transportation to the hospital; or

16 B. In a hospital setting if the hospital has authorized emergency medical services
17 persons to provide emergency medical treatment in the hospital under Title 22,
18 section 1833.

19 **SUMMARY**

20 This bill allows a hospital to authorize an emergency medical services person to
21 provide to a patient of the hospital in a hospital setting treatment that is within the scope
22 of practice of the emergency medical services person.

23 The bill repeals and replaces the definition of "emergency medical treatment" in the
24 Maine Emergency Medical Services Act of 1982 to allow that treatment to be provided
25 by emergency medical services persons in a hospital setting if the hospital has authorized
26 treatment in the hospital by emergency medical services persons.