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STATE OF MAINE

SENATE

132ND LEGISLATURE

FIRST SPECIAL SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 374, L.D. 841, "Resolve, to Study the Delivery of Emergency Medical Services to and Ferry Service Effects on Island Communities in the State"

Amend the resolve by striking out the title and substituting the following:

'Resolve, to Study the Delivery of Emergency Medical Services to and Ferry Service Effects on Unbridged Island Communities in the State'

Amend the resolve by striking out everything after the title and inserting the following:

'Emergency preamble. Whereas, acts and resolves of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

Whereas, emergency medical services are essential services and failing to provide these essential services adversely affects public health; and

Whereas, addressing the delivery of emergency medical services to unbridged island communities will require input and collaboration from several stakeholders; and

Whereas, this legislation must take effect before the expiration of the 90-day period in order to address these issues; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore, be it

Sec. 1. Department of Public Safety, Maine Emergency Medical Services to convene working group. Resolved: That the Department of Public Safety, Maine Emergency Medical Services shall convene a working group to study the delivery of emergency medical services to and ferry service implications on unbridged island communities in the State. The study must include an evaluation of the long-term sustainability of emergency medical services to unbridged islands, legal and regulatory

requirements related to such services and a cost comparison to emergency medical services needs and costs statewide.

Sec. 2. Membership. Resolved: That the working group under section 1 consists of the following members:

1. The Director of Maine Emergency Medical Services within the Department of Public Safety, or the director's designee;

2. A representative of a municipal government of an unbridged island community that is served by the Department of Transportation, Maine State Ferry Service;

3. A representative of a municipal government of an unbridged island community that is not served by the Department of Transportation, Maine State Ferry Service;

4. A representative who provides emergency medical services on an unbridged island community served by the Department of Transportation, Maine State Ferry Service;

5. A representative of the Department of Transportation, Maine State Ferry Service;

6. A representative of an organization with experience in providing air ambulance critical care transport services in the State;

7. A representative of a statewide association representing ambulance services; and

8. A representative of a municipal fire department that provides marine emergency medical services that are not primarily facilitated through a ferry service to an unbridged island community.

Sec. 3. Report. Resolved: That, by January 1, 2026, the Department of Public Safety, Maine Emergency Medical Services shall submit a report that includes the findings and recommendations of the working group under section 1, including suggested legislation, for presentation to the Joint Standing Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety and to the Joint Standing Committee on Transportation. Both committees may submit legislation based on the report to the Second Regular Session of the 132nd Legislature.

Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this legislation takes effect when approved.'

Amend the resolve by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or section number to read consecutively.

SUMMARY

This amendment replaces the resolve and adds an emergency preamble and emergency clause. The amendment requires the working group to study the long-term sustainability of emergency medical services to unbridged island communities, legal and regulatory requirements related to such services and a cost comparison to emergency medical services needs and costs statewide.

The amendment changes the working group in the following ways.

1. The Department of Public Safety, Maine Emergency Medical Services is to convene the working group instead of the Maine Office of Community Affairs.

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1 2. The resolve requires a representative of an unbridged island community that is
2 served by the Department of Transportation, Maine State Ferry Service and an unbridged
3 island community that is not. The amendment clarifies that these representatives represent
4 a municipal government on the unbridged island communities.

5 3. It requires, to serve as a member, the Director of Maine Emergency Medical Services
6 within the Department of Public Safety instead of the director of the Maine Office of
7 Community Affairs.

8 4. It removes a representative of emergency medical services of an island community
9 and replaces it with a representative providing emergency medical services on an unbridged
10 island community served by the Department of Transportation, Maine State Ferry Service.

11 5. It adds a representative of a statewide association representing ambulance services.

12 6. It adds a representative of a municipal fire department that provides marine
13 emergency medical services that are not primarily facilitated through a ferry service to an
14 unbridged island community.

15 The amendment requires that the report also be sent to the Joint Standing Committee
16 on Transportation in addition to the Joint Standing Committee on Criminal Justice and
17 Public Safety. Both committees have the authority to submit legislation based on the report
18 to the Second Regular Session of the 132nd Legislature. The amendment makes other
19 technical changes.

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED

(See attached)



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Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment "A"(S-414)
Committee: Criminal Justice and Public Safety
Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

Minor cost increase - General Fund
Minor cost increase - Highway Fund

Fiscal Detail and Notes

Any additional costs to the Department of Public Safety from convening the working group and reporting the results are expected to be minor and can be absorbed within existing budgeted resources.

Any additional costs to the Department of Transportation to serve on the working group are expected to be minor and can be absorbed within existing budgeted resources.