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House of Representatives, April 17, 2025

**Resolve, to Study Ways to Improve Recruitment and Retention of
Rural Emergency Medical Services Personnel Through Access to
Health Insurance**

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

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Robert B. Hunt".

ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

Presented by Representative EATON of Deer Isle.
Cosponsored by Senator TALBOT ROSS of Cumberland and
Representatives: BISHOP of Bucksport, CROCKETT of Portland, GOLEK of Harpswell,
GRAHAM of North Yarmouth, RAY of Lincolnville, WEBB of Durham, Senators:
GROHOSKI of Hancock, TEPLER of Sagadahoc.

Sec. 1. Establishment of commission. Resolved: That the Commissioner of Public Safety shall convene a commission to study ways to improve recruitment and retention of rural emergency medical services personnel through access to health insurance.

Sec. 2. Commission membership. Resolved: That the commission consists of the following members:

1. The following members appointed by the Commissioner of Public Safety:

A. Two members who are employed or volunteer in the field of emergency medical services, including one member who represents a community of 10,000 residents or more and one member who represents a community of fewer than 10,000 residents;

B. One member who represents a statewide association of emergency medical services providers;

C. One member who represents a statewide association of municipalities;

D. One member who represents a volunteer emergency medical service;

E. One member who represents a county government; and

F. Any other person the commissioner determines to be necessary to the success of the study; and

2. The following ex officio members:

A. The Commissioner of Health and Human Services or the commissioner's designee;

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

C. The Executive Director of the Office of Employee Health and Wellness within the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Bureau of Human Resources; and

D. The director of the office of health insurance marketplace within the Department of Health and Human Services.

Sec. 3. Duties. Resolved: That the commission shall study ways to improve recruitment and retention of emergency medical services personnel in rural areas of the State by providing access to health insurance. In its study, the commission may look at all aspects of emergency medical services.

Sec. 4. Report. Resolved: That, no later than December 3, 2025, the Commissioner of Public Safety shall submit a report that includes its findings and recommendations, including any suggested legislation, to the Joint Standing Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety. The joint standing committee may report out a bill related to the report to the Second Regular Session of the 132nd Legislature.

SUMMARY

This resolve requires the Commissioner of Public Safety to convene a commission to study ways to improve recruitment and retention of rural emergency medical services personnel through access to health insurance. By December 3, 2025, the commissioner must submit a report related to the study to the Joint Standing Committee on Criminal

1 Justice and Public Safety and the joint standing committee may report out a bill related to
2 the report to the Second Regular Session of the 132nd Legislature.