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ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTH LEGISLATURE

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**Legislative Document**

**No. 787**

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H. P. 592 House of Representatives, February 11, 1971  
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BERTHA W. JOHNSON, Clerk  
Presented by Mr. Marsteller of Freeport.

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STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
SEVENTY-ONE

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**AN ACT Relating to Out-of-state Ambulance Services and Eliminating Fees  
for Ambulance Personnel.**

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

Whereas, many municipalities in Maine are without ambulance service because out-of-state ambulance services have to be licensed in Maine and therefore refuse to provide such services to Maine; and

Whereas, many volunteer ambulance personnel have to pay a license fee; and

Whereas, the following legislation is vitally necessary to protect the health and well-being of many Maine people; 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 enacted by the People of the State of Maine, as follows:

**Sec. 1. R. S., T. 32, § 61, amended.** Section 61 of Title 32 of the Revised Statutes, as enacted by chapter 359 of the public laws of 1969 and as amended, is further amended to read as follows:

**§ 61. Requirement for license**

No ambulance service shall operate after December 31, 1970 unless it has been duly licensed by the Department of Health and Welfare pursuant to this

chapter, **except that no license shall be required of any ambulance service located outside of Maine.**

**Sec. 2. R. S., T. 32, § 63, sub-§ 5, amended.** The first sentence of subsection 5 of section 63 of Title 32 of the Revised Statutes, as enacted by chapter 359 of the public laws of 1969, is amended to read as follows:

The board shall advise the Commissioner of Health and Welfare on: Standards and procedures for the licensing of the operation of ambulance services, requirements for the training, experience and qualifications of ambulance personnel and procedures for the licensing of such personnel, standards and procedures for the licensing of ambulance vehicles, and standards and procedures for the issuance, revocation and suspension of licenses and for the investigation of complaints filed with the Department of Health and Welfare and establishment of licensure fees, **except that no licensure fees shall be established for ambulance personnel.**

**Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this Act shall take effect when approved.

#### STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this bill is reflected in the emergency preamble.