

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 1055

S. P. 359

In Senate, February 26, 1971

Referred to Committee on Legal Affairs. Sent down for concurrence and ordered printed.

HARRY N. STARBRANCH, Secretary

Presented by Senator Wyman of Washington.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-ONE

AN ACT Relating to Ambulance Service for Injured or Ill Persons.

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

R. S., T. 32, § 65, additional. Title 32 of the Revised Statutes is amended by adding a new section 65 to read as follows:

§ 65. Application

This chapter shall not be construed to prohibit the transportation of an injured or ill person or persons in a vehicle or ambulance operated by an ambulance service which is not licensed under this chapter, in the event that there is no licensed ambulance service located nearer than 20 miles, measured over the most direct highway route, from the municipality where the injury or illness occurred or in the event that there are not a sufficient number of licensed ambulances to provide service for all injured persons at an accident involving 2 or more injured persons.

STATEMENT OF FACT

Many municipalities are, as a result of the enactment of the ambulance service law, without licensed ambulance service. For the most part these municipalities are located in rural or remote areas of Maine and this bill would provide exceptions to the law so that some ambulance service could be provided by voluntary organizations. Presently, the municipalities have no ambulance service since they cannot have unlicensed service. Additionally, there have been a number of occasions when there were not enough licensed ambulances to transport injured persons from scenes of accidents. This bill would allow use of such unlicensed ambulances in such circumstances.