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ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 425

S. P. 170

In Senate, January 30, 1973

Referred to Committee on Health and Institutional Services. Sent down for concurrence and ordered printed.

HARRY N. STARBRANCH, Secretary

Presented by Senator Conley of Cumberland.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-THREE

AN ACT to Amend Definitions in Ambulance Service Licensing.

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

R. S., T. 32, § 72, sub-§§ 1, 3 and 4, amended. Subsections 1, 3 and 4 of section 72 of Title 32 of the Revised Statutes, as enacted by section 113 of chapter 544 of the public laws of 1971, are amended to read as follows:

1. **Ambulance.** "Ambulance" means any vehicle that is ~~or constructed and equipped, and is, used or intended to be used for and is maintained or operated for~~ specially designed, for the transportation of patients. The licensing of such vehicles is in addition to the licensing by the Secretary of State.

3. **Ambulance personnel.** "Ambulance personnel" means individuals responsible for the protection of the patient in preparation for transportation and or during transportation ~~except that ambulance personnel shall not include those persons whose exclusive function is to drive an ambulance.~~ Ambulance personnel shall include the driver of an ambulance. ~~For emergency cases one trained licensed individual or physician, or an osteopathic physician or a registered nurse or licensed practical nurse must be present in the vehicle either as driver or attendant.~~ All ambulances shall carry at least 2 licensed personnel or one licensed individual in addition to a physician or an osteopathic physician or a registered nurse or licensed practical nurse.

4. **Ambulance service.** "Ambulance service" means any organization or any person or persons ~~setting themselves forth as~~ providing emergency first aid care or transportation for ill or injured persons.

STATEMENT OF FACT

It is the intent of this proposal to alter the law to include Rescue Personnel and Services so as to require adequate training for those rendering aid to the sick and injured, regardless of whether or not they engage in actual transportation and to insure that 2 trained personnel are on board the ambulance to render the most proficient care, according to their ability and training, to the people they service.