

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTH LEGISLATURE

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H. P. 1660

House of Representatives, January 2, 1974

Referred to Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

E. LOUISE LINCOLN, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Rolde of York.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-FOUR

**AN ACT to Provide Emergency Medical Training for Ambulance and
Rescue Personnel.**

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

Appropriation. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of Health and Welfare the sum of \$45,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1975 to provide for emergency medical training of ambulance and rescue personnel, to be expended as follows:

1. To enable ambulance and rescue personnel to enroll in emergency medical technician (EMT-A) programs recognized by the Department of Health and Welfare and not to exceed \$25,000.
2. To engage Extrication and Casualty Handling Instructors on a fee-for-service basis and not to exceed \$5,000.
3. To establish 40-hour workshops in techniques of teaching emergency medical care procedures to create a cadre of certified EMT-A instructors who will be utilized by vocational-technical institutes in teaching EMT-A programs and not to exceed \$15,000.

STATEMENT OF FACT

The lives of many persons could be saved if the emergency personnel handling them had more advanced medical training. Most ambulance and

rescue personnel in Maine are volunteers. At present, the sole criterion for licensing ambulance and rescue personnel is advanced first aid. The Department of Health and Welfare has sponsored programs at 6 vocational-technical institutes for basic emergency medical technician courses (EMT-A). However, the average cost of \$60 is too much of a burden for most volunteers and the courses are not being utilized as they need to be.