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House of Representatives, February 7, 1974

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

E. LOUISE LINCOLN, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Emery of Rockland.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-FOUR

**AN ACT Providing Professional Immunity to Red Cross First Aid
Personnel in Emergency Cases.**

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

R. S., T. 32, c. 60, additional. Title 32 of the Revised Statutes is amended by adding a new chapter 60 to read as follows:

CHAPTER 60

RED CROSS FIRST AID PERSONNEL

§ 4131. Immunity to Red Cross first aid personnel

Notwithstanding any inconsistent provision of any general, special or local law, any person who is currently authorized in Red Cross first aid in the State of Maine and who voluntarily without the expectation of monetary compensation from the person aided or treated renders first aid, initial emergency medical procedure or emergency treatment to a person who is unconscious, ill or injured shall not be liable for damages for injuries alleged to have been sustained by such person or for damages for the death of such person alleged to have occurred by reason of an act or omission in the rendering of such first aid, initial emergency medical aid procedure or emergency treatment unless it is established that such injuries were or such death was caused willfully, wantonly or by gross negligence on the part of such person. This section shall not exempt such a licensed person from negligence while operating a motor vehicle.

STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this bill is reflected in the title.