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STATE OF MAINE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 107TH LEGISLATURE

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 495, L.D. 613, Bill, "AN ACT to Provide for Continuity of Treatment by Ambulance Personnel."

Amend said Bill by striking out all of the amending clause and inserting in place thereof the following:

32 MRSA §74, as enacted by PL 1971, c. 544, §113, is amended by adding at the end 2 new sentences to read:

Amend said Bill in the 2nd line after the amending clause (first line of L.D.) by inserting after the underlined word "continue" the underlined words and punctuation ', if permitted by the hospital,'

Further amend said Bill in the 2nd line after the amending clause (first line of L.D.) by inserting after the underlined word "render" the underlined word 'emergency'

Further amend said Bill in the 3rd line after the amending clause (2nd and 3rd lines of L.D.) by inserting after the underlined word "physician" (2 times) the underlined words 'or professional nurse' (2 times)

Further amend said Bill by adding at the end before the Statement of Fact the following underlined sentence: 'No such emergency treatment shall be rendered at any time to any person or persons who object thereto on religious grounds.'

Statement of Fact

The purpose of this amendment is to clarify the liability of hospitals, include professional nurses under the provisions of the section and extend an existing exemption for persons objecting to emergency treatment on religious grounds. COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 495, L.D. 613, Bill, An Act to Provide for Continuity of Treatment by Ambulance Personnel.

Reported by the Committee on Health and Institutional Services.

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