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ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

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

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Rolde of York.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-FIVE

**AN ACT Appropriating Funds to the Department of Health and Welfare for
Emergency Medical Training of Ambulance and Rescue Personnel.**

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

Department of Health and Welfare; appropriation. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of Health and Welfare the sum of \$75,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1976 to provide for emergency medical training of ambulance and rescue personnel.

The sum of money shall be expended so as to enable ambulance and rescue personnel to enroll in emergency medical technician programs recognized by the Department of Health and Welfare.

Any unexpended balance shall not lapse but shall remain a continuous carrying account until June 30, 1977. The breakdown shall be as follows:

HEALTH AND WELFARE, DEPARTMENT OF	1975-76
Emergency Medical Training	\$75,000

STATEMENT OF FACT

The lives of many persons, estimated at between 10-20% of all accidental deaths as well as deaths from coronaries, could be saved if the emergency personnel handling them had more advanced medical training. Most, 65%, ambulance and rescue personnel in Maine are volunteers who, though recog-

nizing the need for such training, find it economically difficult to attend such programs of instruction. The cost of such programs currently is \$75, which includes only tuition and text and does not include travel, time and effort, or meals. The funds would assist these individuals by providing reimbursement for the cost of the tuition.