

STATE OF MAINE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES (Filing No. H-481) 107TH LEGISLATURE

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT " A" to H.P. 1348, L.D. 1653, Bill, "AN ACT to Establish Legislative Control over Licensing Standards for Ambulance Services and Personnel."

Amend said Bill by inserting at the beginning of the first line after the enacting clause the following: 'Sec. 1.'

Further amend said Bill by striking out in the 2nd and 3rd lines of that part designated subsection 5 (2nd line of L.D.) the underlined words "who shall make recommendations to the Legislature"

Further amend said Bill by striking out in the 12th and 13th lines of that part designated subsection 5 (10th and 11th lines of L.D.) the underlined words "and making recommendations to the Legislature"

Further amend said Bill by adding at the end before the Statement of Fact the following:

'<u>Sec. 2. 32 MRSA §73, sub-§6,</u> as enacted by PL 1971, c. 544, §113, is amended by adding after the first sentence the following:

'Prior to the promulgation of or any change in such rules and regulations, the department shall hold a public hearing of which at least 7 days' notice has been given in the appropriate newspapers throughout the State. Any rules and regulations may be adopted only after a public review period of 60 days following the public hearing. COMMITTEE AMENDMENT " A " to H.P. 1348, L.D. 1653

Sec. 3. 32 MRSA §73, sub-§7 is enacted to read:

7. Limitation. Successful completion of an emergency medical training course shall not be required as a condition for licensure of volunteer ambulance personnel in any municipality with a population of less than 10,000 persons unless the department finds, after a public hearing in the municipality in which the ambulance service is located, that both of the following conditions have been satisfied:

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A. A course in emergency medical training has been offered within 10 miles of the municipality during the 3 years preceding the public hearing;
B. Local or state authorities have made adequate arrangements to provide for at least 2/3 of the costs of this course.'

Statement of Fact

The purpose of this amendment is to provide procedures of public hearing and review prior to administrative rulemaking and to require a public hearing and the satisfaction of 2 conditions before refusing to license volunteer ambulance personnel on the basis of failing to meet the emergency medical training requirement.

Reported by the Committee on Health and Institutional Services.

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