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ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 1653

H. P. 1348

Approved for introduction by a Majority of the Committee on Reference of Bills pursuant to Joint Rule 10. On motion of Mr. Bustin of Augusta, referred to the Committee on Health and Institutional Services. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Spencer of Standish.

Cosponsors: Mr. Shute of Stockton Springs, Mr. Jackson of Yarmouth, Mr. Rolde of York.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED SEVENTY-FIVE

AN ACT to Establish Legislative Control over Licensing Standards for Ambulance Services and Personnel.

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

- 32 MRSA § 73, sub-§ 5, as enacted by PL 1971, c. 544, § 113, is amended to read:
- 5. Duties. The board shall advise the Commissioner of Health and Welfare who shall make recommendations to the Legislature on: Standards and procedures for the licensing of the operation of ambulance services, requirements for the training, experience and qualifications of ambulance personnel and procedures for the licensing of such personnel, standards and procedures for the licensing of ambulance vehicles, and standards and procedures for the issuance, revocation and suspension of licenses and for the investigation of complaints filed with the Department of Health and Welfare and establishment of licensure fees, except that no licensure fees shall be established for ambulance personnel. In advising and making recommendations to the Legislature on and setting said standards the board and commissioner shall, among other factors, take into consideration the various economic conditions existing in the diverse areas of the State of Maine and the fact that many ambulance services in rural areas rely wholly on volunteers to carry out their purposes.

STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this legislation is to give the Maine Legislature control over the standards and procedures for licensing ambulance services and personnel in Maine and to require that consideration be given to the fact that many ambulance services in rural areas must rely wholly on volunteers to carry out their purposes.