

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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STATE OF MAINE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
107TH LEGISLATURE

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HOUSE AMENDMENT " A " to H.P. 1648, L.D. 1910, Bill,  
"AN ACT to Provide Immunity to Persons who Voluntarily Render  
Emergency Care or Rescue Assistance."

Amend said Bill in section 1 by inserting before the last  
sentence a new sentence as follows:

'This section shall not be construed to require a person who  
is ill or injured to be administered first aid or emergency  
treatment if such person objects thereto on religious grounds.'

Statement of Fact

Christian Scientists rely on prayer and spiritual means  
alone for their health and physical well-being in accordance with  
the laws of this State. This amendment would exempt anyone  
rendering first aid, emergency treatment or rescue assistance  
from liability for damages as the result of emergency treatment  
given. But this legislation shouldn't authorize people to insist  
on providing such services to someone who doesn't want them. This  
amendment would free an accident victim from well-meaning  
infringement of his rights by those who might otherwise feel  
obligated to treat him.

Filed by Mr. Ault of Wayne.

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