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STATE OF MAINE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
107TH LEGISLATURE (Filing No. H-1091)  
FIRST SPECIAL SESSION

HOUSE AMENDMENT "A" to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to  
H.P. 1934, L. D. 2122, Bill, "AN ACT to Redefine the  
Administration of Medication in the Nursing Practice Act."

Amend said Amendment by striking out all of section 1  
and inserting in place thereof the following:

'Sec. 1. 32, §72, sub-§§3 and 4, as last amended by  
PL 1973, c. 319, are repealed and the following enacted in  
place thereof:

3. Ambulance personnel. "Ambulance personnel" means  
individuals responsible for the emergency care and protection  
of the patient in preparation for transportation or during  
transportation. All ambulances shall carry at least one  
licensed personnel or a physician or an osteopathic physician  
or a registered nurse or licensed practical nurse. The  
licensed personnel, physician, osteopathic physician, registered  
nurse or licensed practical nurse must at all times be  
physically present in that section of the ambulance where the  
patient is placed.

4. Ambulance service. "Ambulance service" means  
any organization or any person or persons who routinely provide  
emergency care or transportation for ill or injured persons.

Sec. 2. 32 MRSA §72, sub-§§6 to 8 are enacted to read:

6. Emergency treatment. "Emergency treatment" means care given to and directed at improving the vital signs and general condition of a sick or injured person, in order to prevent the deterioration of the person's condition. Any emergency treatment given to a sick or injured person shall be consistent with the training of the licensed person who gives the treatment.

7. Advanced emergency treatment. "Advanced emergency treatment" means emergency treatment given to a sick or injured person which is conducted:

A. Under the direction of a physician present at the site of the emergency; or

B. By verbal or standing order from a physician.

Any advanced emergency treatment given to a sick or injured person shall be consistent with the training of the licensed person who gives the treatment.

8. Emergency care. "Emergency care" means emergency treatment or advanced emergency treatment.

Sec. 3. 32 MRSA §73, sub-§6, as last amended by PL 1975, c. 417, §2, is repealed and the following enacted in place thereof:

6. Procedures. The Department of Human Services shall adopt such forms, rules, regulations, procedures and records as may be necessary to fulfill the purposes of this chapter. In the rules pursuant to this chapter, the department may define

and approve the level of emergency medical training required for a licensed person to administer emergency treatment procedures and advanced emergency treatment procedures. 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. Licenses shall be annual licenses based on the date of issuance, except that the department may issue conditional licenses for lesser periods of time.

Sec. 4. 32 MRSA §73, sub-§7, as last amended

← by PL 1975, c. 623, §49-B, is amended by inserting at the end the following new sentence:

Any licensed ambulance personnel is authorized to administer emergency treatment procedures.'

Further amend said Amendment by renumbering sections 2 and 3 to be sections 5 and 6.

Statement of Fact

The purpose of this amendment is to clarify that licensed ambulance personnel are authorized to administer emergency treatment.

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