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STATE OF MAINE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 108TH LEGISLATURE FIRST REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 587, L.D. 714, Bill, "AN ACT Appropriating Funds to the Department of Human Services for Emergency Medical Training of Ambulance and Rescue Personnel."

Amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and inserting in its place the following:

'Department of Human Services; appropriation. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of Human Services the sum of \$40,000 for the biennium ending June 30, 1979, 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 training programs recognized by the Department of Human Services. For the purposes of this Act, ambulance and rescue personnel shall not include any personnel employed by proprietary agencies engaged in providing ambulance or rescue services. No personnel shall be reimbursed for more than 50% of the tuition costs of the emergency medical training program which has been completed.

The department shall expend the money provided in this Act so as to ensure an equitable distribution to all areas of the State. Prior to February 1, 1978, the department shall submit to the Legislature and the Governor a report which shall include a description of the distribution of the money, the number and location of personnel trained and the level of reimbursement to these personnel.

Any unexpended balance shall not lapse but shall remain a continuous carrying account until June 30, 1979. The breakdown shall be as follows:

	1977-78	1978-79
HUMAN SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF		
Emergency Medical Training		
All Other	\$20,000	\$20,000'

Statement of Fact

The purposes of this amendment are to:

- Delete money for extrication programs;
- 2. Specify that the money provided for emergency medical training programs will not be available to employees of proprietary ambulance or rescue units;
- 3. Require an equitable distribution of the money to all areas of the State:

- 4. Limit the reimbursement to 50% of the tuition cost to personnel completing emergency medical training programs; and
- 5. Require a report to the Legislature on the use of the money.

Reported by the Committee on Health and Institutional Services.

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