

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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H. P. 594

House of Representatives, February 23, 1979

On Motion of Mrs. Prescott of Hampden referred to the Committee on Health and Institutional Services. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Diamond of Windham.

Cosponsors: Mr. Higgins of Scarborough, Mr. Nelson of Rogue Bluffs.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
SEVENTY-NINE

**AN ACT Concerning Rules and Regulations on the Licensing of Ambulances and Ambulance Personnel.**

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

**32 MRSA § 73, sub-§ 6**, as last amended by PL 1977, c. 694, §§ 537 and 538, are further amended to read:

**6. Rules and regulations.** 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 conformity with the requirements of the Maine Administrative Procedure Act, **Title 5, chapter 375, except that in addition to the requirements established by this Act with regard to the holding of public hearings, the board shall hold at least 2 public hearings in each county in the State at a time convenient to the working public, which shall be interpreted to mean at least one meeting in the evening, at a site in each county as centrally located as possible.**

In the rules pursuant to this chapter, the department may define and approve the level of emergency medical training required for licensed persons to administer emergency treatment procedures and advanced emergency resuscitation courses. Successful completion of the cardiopulmonary resuscitation courses offered by the American Red Cross or the Maine Heart Association shall be

considered as equivalent qualifications for purposes of fulfilling cardiopulmonary resuscitation training requirements as ambulance personnel. Licenses shall be annual licenses based on the date of issuance, except that the department may issue conditional licenses for lesser periods of time.

#### STATEMENT OF FACT

Currently, the Department of Human Services establishes rules and regulations after holding public hearings. Many rules and regulations which directly affect volunteers and other Maine citizens are made without a realistic opportunity to have input into these rules and regulations. One prime example is the negative effects made on volunteer rescue squads when recent rules and regulations were made without a realistic opportunity for all people affected to have input.