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FIRST REGULAR SESSION

ONE HUNDRED AND NINTH LEGISLATURE

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H. P. 659 House of Representatives, February 28, 1979

On Motion of Mr. Connolly of Portland, referred to the Committee on Education. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Tuttle of Sanford.

Cosponsors: Mr. Connolly of Portland, Miss Brown of Bethel and Mrs. Prescott of Hampden.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED SEVENTY-NINE

AN ACT to Provide Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation and Basic Life Support as Voluntary Elective Courses in High Schools in Maine.

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

Sec. 1. 20 MRSA § 102, sub-§ 7, as last amended by PL 1977, c. 694, § 308, is further amended by adding after the first paragraph a new paragraph to read:

The commissioner shall require that all secondary schools provide a course of instruction in cardiopulmonary resuscitation and basic life support pursuant to standards of the American Red Cross. This course shall be open to all students in any secondary school who wish to take the course.

Sec. 2. Report. The Commissioner of Educational and Cultural Services shall report to the 110th Legislature, no later than 30 legislative days following the convening of the first regular session, on his method of implementing section 1 of this Act.

STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this bill is to require schools to offer a course in cardiopulmonary resuscitation and basic life support. The course will be a voluntary elective course open to all students in a high school. The Commissioner of Educational and Cultural Services will report to the 110th Legislature on the method used to implement these courses.