

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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**Legislative Document**

**No. 1257**

H. P. 1024

House of Representatives, March 16, 1979

Referred to the Committee on Health and Institutional Services. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Miss Brown of Bethel.

Cosponsors: Mr. Kiesman of Fryeburg and Mr. Diamond of Windham.

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STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
SEVENTY-NINE

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**AN ACT Concerning Training of Ambulance Personnel and Providing for Review of Ambulance Funding by the Governor's Advisory Board on Ambulance Services.**

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

**Sec. 1.** 32 MRSA § 73, sub-§ 6, 2nd sentence, as last amended by PL 1977, c. 694, § 537, is further amended to read:

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 treatment procedures.

**Sec. 2.** 32 MRSA § 73, sub-§ 7, as amended by PL 1975, c. 698, § 4, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

**7. Minimum level of training.** The minimum level of training for licensure as licensed ambulance personnel shall be the American Red Cross Advanced First Aid and Emergency Care Course, supplemented by training in extracation, oxygen and suction, patient evaluation, and the taking of vital signs, or the Department of Transportation Crash Injury Management Course, First Responder Course, with accompanying examinations and tests, which shall be

recognized as valid for 3 years from date of completion, plus one of the cardiopulmonary resuscitator courses, with the accompanying examinations and tests, to be recognized as valid for 12 months from date of completion. All tests for satisfactory course completion shall be administered at the local training area where the training was conducted.

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

**Sec. 3. 32 MRSA § 73-B**, as enacted by PL 1977, c. 604, § 6, is amended by adding at the end the following new paragraph:

**In addition, the board shall review the budget for any federal grants or state appropriations, or both, that the commissioner, or his agent, has available for the training, equipping or support of emergency medical services and the board shall make recommendations to the commissioner to ensure equitable distribution of the funds to both urban and rural areas.**

#### STATEMENT OF FACT

This bill provides that the Governor's Advisory Board to the Department of Human Services assume an advisory role in reviewing and recommending the allocation of funds available to the department for training, equipping and supporting emergency medical services within the State to assure an equitable distribution to all areas and types of emergency services.

This bill will establish a minimum standard of training for licensure of ambulance attendants at the level that has been in effect by regulation and will provide stability in licensure requirements, thereby eliminating an annual problem that has caused difficulties in recruiting and retaining membership in rural volunteer units.