

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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1 SECOND REGULAR SESSION
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3 ONE HUNDRED AND ELEVENTH LEGISLATURE
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5 Legislative Document

No. 1841

7 S.P. 651

In Senate, January 4, 1984

8 Reference to the Committee on Health and Institutional Services.
9 Ordered printed and sent down for concurrence.

10 Approved for introduction by the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 26.

JOY J. O'BRIEN, Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator Bustin of Kennebec.

11 Cosponsor: Senator Gill of Cumberland.

12 STATE OF MAINE
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14 IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
15 NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-FOUR
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17 AN ACT to Clarify the Maine Emergency
18 Medical Services Treatment Act of 1982
19 with Respect to Transportation of Nursing
20 Home Residents.
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22 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as
23 follows:

24 Sec. 1. 32 MRSA §82, sub-§2, ¶¶E and F, as en-
25 acted by PL 1981, c. 661, §2, are amended to read:

26 E. A person serving as an industrial nurse or
27 safety officer, a school or camp nurse, a ~~life~~
28 ~~guard~~ lifeguard, a ski patrolman, a nurse or
29 technician in a hospital or a physician's office,
30 or other similar occupation in which the person
31 provides on-site emergency treatment at a single
32 facility to the patrons or employees of that fa-
33 cility; or

1 F. A person serving as a medical technician with
2 the United States Armed Forces, the Maine Army
3 National Guard or the Maine Air National Guard; i
4 or

5 Sec. 2. 32 MRSA §82, sub-§2, ¶G is enacted to
6 read:

7 G. A nursing home licensed pursuant to Title 22,
8 chapter 405, or any member of its staff, which
9 provides transportation to residents of the fa-
10 cility or another nursing home facility.

11 STATEMENT OF FACT

12 This bill makes clear that Maine nursing homes
13 may continue to transport their residents, in the
14 context of various group activities and trips to the
15 doctor's office, without the necessity of utilizing a
16 licensed ambulance. The Maine Emergency Medical Ser-
17 vices Act, as it is written, defines the term "ambu-
18 lance" broadly to include "any vehicle" utilized in
19 transporting "patients" unless a specific exemption
20 is provided.

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