

# 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. 1955

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7 S.P. 709

In Senate, January 19, 1984

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

10 Reference to the Committee on Health and Institutional Service is  
suggested and ordered printed.

JOY J. O'BRIEN, Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator Diamond of Cumberland.

11 Cosponsors: Representative Greenlaw of Standish and Representative  
Carroll of Gray.

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 Amend Certain Rules of the  
18 Emergency Medical Services.  
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20 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as  
21 follows:

22 32 MRSA §84, sub-§1, ¶E is enacted to read:

23 E. Regulations promulgated pursuant to this  
24 chapter shall not require that a service licensed  
25 at the advanced life support level provide care  
26 to a minimum of 75% of the patients in its commu-  
27 nity who require that level of care.

1 STATEMENT OF FACT

2 There is no obligation for a town to provide res-  
3 cue emergency services. Once it does, however, the  
4 State currently mandates a certain level of service  
5 through departmental regulation. Certain services  
6 are, therefore, open to suit for negligence, since  
7 they may not have adequate resources to provide the  
8 required advanced life support level services. This  
9 bill provides that a service licensed at the advanced  
10 life support level, meeting all other requirements of  
11 the Revised Statutes, Title 32, chapter 2-B, shall  
12 not be required to provide care for a minimum of 75%  
13 of the patients in its community who require that  
14 level of care.

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