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1 (New Draft of S.P. 651, L.D. 1841)
2 (New Title)

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

No. 2293

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9 S.P. 845

In Senate, March 16, 1984

10 Reported by Senator Gill of Cumberland from the Committee on Health
11 and Institutional Service and printed under Joint Rule 2.

12 Original bill presented by Senator Bustin of Kennebec. Cosponsored by
Senator Gill of Cumberland.

JOY J. O'BRIEN, Secretary of the Senate

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14 STATE OF MAINE
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16 IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
17 NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-FOUR
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19 AN ACT to Amend Certain Definitions in
20 the Maine Emergency Medical Services Treatment
21 Act of 1982.
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23 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as
24 follows:

25 Sec. 1. 32 MRSA §83, sub-§3, as enacted by PL
26 1981, c. 661, §2, is amended to read:

27 3. Ambulance. "Ambulance" means any vehicle,
28 whether an air, ground or water vehicle, that is de-
29 signed, constructed or routinely used or intended to
30 be used for the transportation of patients ill or in-
31 jured persons. The licensing of these vehicles is in
32 addition to any registration required by other au-
33 thorities. For the purposes of this chapter, vehi-
34 cles operated by the Maine Army National Guard, Maine

1 Air National Guard or the United States Armed Forces
2 shall not be considered ambulances.

3 Sec. 2. 32 MRSA §83, sub-§5, as enacted by PL
4 1981, c. 661, §2, is amended to read:

5 5. Ambulance service. "Ambulance service" means
6 any person, persons or organization which holds it-
7 self out to be a provider of transportation of ill or
8 injured persons or which routinely provides transpor-
9 tation for ill or injured persons. For the purposes
10 of this chapter, the Maine Army National Guard, Maine
11 Air National Guard and the United States Armed Forces
12 shall not be considered ambulance services. It does
13 not mean a person, persons or an organization which
14 transports ill or injured persons for reasons not
15 connected with their illness or injury. It does not
16 mean a nursing home licensed under chapter 405, a
17 boarding home licensed under chapter 1665, a chil-
18 dren's home licensed under chapter 1669, or similar
19 residential facility when transporting its own resi-
20 dents or those of another similarly licensed facility
21 when those residents do not require emergency medical
22 treatment.

23 STATEMENT OF FACT

24 Section 2 of the original bill had added nursing
25 homes to the group not required to obtain licensure
26 when transporting its residents or those of another
27 facility. This new draft retains that intent, but
28 broadens it to include children's homes and boarding
29 homes, by specifying that they are not ambulance ser-
30 vices when transporting people under the conditions
31 outlined. The definition of an ambulance is also
32 modified in section 1 of the new draft.

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