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3 ONE HUNDRED AND TWELFTH LEGISLATURE  
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No. 1233

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7 H.P. 876

House of Representatives, April 9, 1985

8 Reference to the Committee on Human Resources suggested and ordered  
9 printed.

10 EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative Swazey of Bucksport.

11 Cosponsored by Representative Carroll of Gray, Representative Rice of  
Stonington and Senator Diamond of Cumberland.

12 STATE OF MAINE  
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14 IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD  
15 NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-FIVE  
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17 AN ACT Relating to Retesting of Emergency  
18 Medical Technicians.  
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20 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as  
21 follows:

22 32 MRSA §85, sub-§3, as enacted by PL 1981, c.  
23 661, §2, is amended to read:

24 3. Minimum requirements for licensing. In set-  
25 ting regulations for the licensure of emergency medi-  
26 cal services' persons, the department shall insure  
27 that no person is licensed to care for patients un-  
28 less his qualifications are at least those specified  
29 in this subsection. Any person who meets these con-  
30 ditions shall be considered to have the credentials  
31 and skill demonstrations necessary for the licensed  
32 ambulance attendant level of licensure to provide ba-  
33 sic emergency medical treatment.

34 A. The person must have completed successfully  
35 the United States Department of Transportation

1 course for first responders or completed success-  
2 fully the American Red Cross Advanced First Aid  
3 and Emergency Care Course, with supplemental  
4 training in extrication, oxygen administration  
5 and airway care, patient evaluation and taking of  
6 vital signs.

7 B. The person must have successfully completed  
8 the American Heart Association basic rescuer  
9 course in cardiopulmonary resuscitation or its  
10 American Red Cross equivalent.

11 C. The person must have successfully completed a  
12 state written and practical test for basic emer-  
13 gency medical treatment.

14 D. The person must be sponsored by a Maine li-  
15 censed ambulance service or first responder ser-  
16 vice.

17 The department may set by regulation intervals at  
18 which these qualifications must be renewed and appro-  
19 priate courses and testing for that renewal, except  
20 that the intervals shall not be more frequent than  
21 once in every 5 years. Any person licensed as an  
22 emergency medical services person must, upon applica-  
23 tion for relicensure, provide documentation of suc-  
24 cessful completion of a minimum of 12 hours of con-  
25 tinuing education in each calendar year. Programs  
26 must be of a type approved by the department.

27 STATEMENT OF FACT

28 The purpose of this bill is to provide that  
29 retesting of emergency medical technician's shall not  
30 be more frequent than once in every 5 years. It also  
31 requires a minimum of 12 hours of continuing educa-  
32 tion each year.

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