

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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FIRST REGULAR SESSION

ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTEENTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

NO. 758

H.P. 560 House of Representatives, March 13, 1987  
Reference to the Committee on Education suggested and  
ordered printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk  
Presented by Representative CARROLL of Gray.

Cosponsored by Representatives MATTHEWS of Caribou and  
BOST of Orono.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD  
NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-SEVEN

1 AN ACT to Establish Cardiopulmonary  
2 Resuscitation Education in High  
3 Schools.  
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5 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as  
6 follows:

7 Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §4723, as enacted by PL 1983,  
8 c. 859, Pt. C, §§5 and 7, is amended to read:

9 §4723. Health and physical education

10 The secondary course of study shall include in-  
11 struction in health, safety and physical education,  
12 as prescribed by the commissioner, and physiology and  
13 hygiene, with special reference to the effects of al-  
14 coholic drinks, stimulants and narcotics upon the hu-  
15 man system. Secondary schools shall offer instruc-

1 tion in cardiopulmonary resuscitation as part of a  
2 health curriculum. Where possible the schools should  
3 make use of local voluntary rescue services or hospi-  
4 tals to provide teaching aids and instructors. All  
5 secondary schools shall offer instruction in  
6 cardiopulmonary resuscitation starting in the school  
7 year 1988-89. All schools shall assure that at least  
8 50% of their graduating seniors have taken  
9 cardiopulmonary resuscitation by the end of the  
10 school year 1989-90, 75% by the end of the school  
11 year 1990-91 and 100% by the end of the school year  
12 1991-92 and each year thereafter.

13 Sec. 2. Effective date. This Act shall take ef-  
14 fect August 1, 1988.

15 STATEMENT OF FACT

16 The purpose of this bill is to phase in the re-  
17 quirement that students have instruction in  
18 cardiopulmonary resuscitation before graduation. It  
19 requires school units to offer instruction to at  
20 least some students in the school year 1988-89 and to  
21 assure all those graduating at the end of the school  
22 year 1991-92 have had instruction in cardiopulmonary  
23 resuscitation.

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