

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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House of Representatives, February 23, 1989

Reference to the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs suggested and ordered printed.

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EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative CARROLL of Gray.

Cosponsored by Representative LISNIK of Presque Isle, Representative ROLDE of York and Senator PERKINS of Hancock.

STATE OF MAINE

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

An Act to Assure an Emergency Medical Services System.



1 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:

3 Appropriation. The following funds are appropriated from the
5 General Fund to carry out the purposes of this Act.

	1989-90	1990-91
7 HUMAN SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF		
9 Office of Emergency Medical		
11 Services		
13 All Other	103,800	102,000
15 Capital Expenditures	30,000	30,000
17 Provides funds to implement a		
19 complete emergency medical		
21 services licensure testing		
23 program including the payment		
25 of examiners and automation		
27 of written tests.		
29 Positions	(1)	(1)
31 Personal Services	25,817	26,865
33 All Other	279,500	293,500
35 Capital Expenditures	18,500	
37 Provides funds to augment the		
39 operation of 6 regional		
41 offices to reduce dependence		
43 on hospitals and ambulance		
45 services for such funding and		
47 to augment the basic		
49 operation of the state office.		
51 Positions	(1)	(1)
Personal Services	32,815	34,509
All Other	9,100	9,350
Provides funds for a		
licensing coordinator to		
manage the licensing and		
quality assurance services of		
emergency medical services.		
All Other	205,600	213,100
Provides funds to enable the		
6 regional emergency medical		
services programs to hire		
quality assurance personnel		
to monitor patient care and		

1	provide training of emergency		
	medical services personnel;		
3	also provides funds to		
	enhance patient-run data		
5	system for quality assurance		
	activities.		
7			
	Positions	(1)	(1)
9	Personal Services	30,126	31,409
	All Other	33,500	33,750
11			
	Provides funds for a training		
13	agent to develop and		
	supervise speciality courses		
15	on a statewide basis, for		
	support of such courses and		
17	to provide other training in		
	underserved areas.		
19			
	All Other	74,800	74,800
21			
	Provides funds for grants to		
23	6 regional emergency medical		
	services programs for		
25	training equipment, primarily		
	to replace aging or outdated		
27	equipment annually, and to		
	support basic statewide		
29	training costs such as		
	instructor training and		
31	training committee meeting		
	travel by volunteer members.		
33			
	All Other	13,114	13,114
35			
	Provides funds to enable		
37	regional and state emergency		
	medical services support		
39	staff to represent Maine in		
	interstate meetings.		
41			
	All Other	4,100	4,100
43			
	Provide funds for the study		
45	of need for aeromedical		
	services in Maine.		
47			
	All Other	9,200	9,200
49			
	Provides funds for the annual		
51	revision and printing of		
	emergency medical services		

1	protocols manuals for		
3	personnel and for meetings of		
5	the volunteer members of the		
	State Physicians Advisory		
	Board.		
7	All Other	8,100	8,100
9	Provides funds to establish a		
	statewide trauma registry.		
11	All Other	15,000	2,000
13	Capital Expenditures	10,000	10,000
15	Provides funds to implement		
17	an organized system of mass		
	casualty incident scene		
	response.		
19			
21	DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES		
	TOTAL	<u>\$903,072</u>	<u>\$895,797</u>

STATEMENT OF FACT

25 Maine emergency medical services underwent extensive
27 organizational changes initiated by the Legislature 3 years ago.
29 Included in these changes were a more responsive, democratic
31 policy-making structure with a more facilitating, system support
33 service (and less regulating) emphasis. This structure has
35 worked reasonably well except for insufficient funding to staff
the committee-based decision-making process and to carry out
adequate new training, testing, licensing and quality assurance
services. It is anticipated that this bill will bring emergency
medical services coordination to level of funding appropriate for
the foreseeable future.