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House of Representatives, February 1, 1991

Reference to the Committee on Business Legislation suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ed Pert".

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative HASTINGS of Fryeburg.
Cosponsored by Senator TITCOMB of Cumberland.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
NINETEEN HUNDRED AND NINETY-ONE

An Act Regarding Emergency Medical Services Personnel.

(EMERGENCY)

2 **Emergency preamble.** Whereas, Acts of the Legislature do not
become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted
as emergencies; and

4 Whereas, the Emergency Medical Services' Board is presently
6 considering adopting rules that would eliminate certain classes
of licensed emergency personnel; and

8 Whereas, the rules would diminish the availability of
10 emergency services personnel in rural areas; and

12 Whereas, the lives of people requiring emergency services
would be jeopardized; and

14 Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts
16 create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of
Maine and require the following legislation as immediately
18 necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and
safety; now, therefore,

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

22 **32 MRSA §84, sub-§1, ¶D,** as amended by PL 1987, c. 273, §4,
24 is further amended to read:

26 D. Rules promulgated pursuant to this chapter shall must
include, but not be limited to, the following:

28 (1) The composition of regional councils and the
30 process by which they come to be recognized as
representing their regions;

32 (2) The manner in which regional councils shall report
34 their activities and finances, and the manner in which
those activities shall be are carried out under this
36 chapter;

38 (3) The designation of regions within the State;

40 (4) The requirements for licensure for all vehicles,
persons and services subject to this chapter, and
42 including training and testing of personnel; and

44 (5) Fees to be charged for licenses under this
46 section, except that no fee may be charged for the
licensing of emergency medical services' services
48 persons under this chapter.

50 In adopting any rule under subparagraph (4) which requires
services which deliver advanced care to meet a specified
percentage level of performance, the regulation shall may

2 not take effect unless the level is specified after study,
in cooperation with regional councils and local service
4 units.

6 The board shall adopt rules under subparagraph (4) that
provide for at least the following classes of licensed
8 emergency personnel: ambulance attendant, as defined in
section 83, subsection 3-A; critical care attendant; and
10 junior attendant. "Junior attendant" means a person who is
at least 15 years of age but who is less than 18 years of
12 age and who has, at a minimum, met the requirements for
licensure as an ambulance attendant.

14 **Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited in the
preamble, this Act takes effect when approved.
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18 STATEMENT OF FACT

20 The bill preserves 3 classifications of licensed emergency
personnel which the Emergency Medical Services' Board has
22 considered abolishing by rule.