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STATE OF MAINE
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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1230, L.D. 1794, Bill, "An Act to Amend the Minimum Requirements for Emergency Medical Technicians"

Amend the bill by inserting after the enacting clause the following:

'Sec. 1. 32 MRSA §85, sub-§2, as amended by PL 1985, c. 730, §§11 and 16, is further amended to read:

2. **Advanced emergency medical treatment.** With the advice and consultation noted in subsection 1, the board may provide, by rule, which advanced skills, techniques and judgments may be supervised by a physician by means of standing orders, by voice radio and by other means. Nothing in this section may preclude protocols in a particular region from imposing controls more strict than those permitted by the board's rules on the use of a skill, technique or judgment. In every case, advanced emergency medical treatment shall must be given in accordance with protocols.

The board may establish by rule appropriate licensure levels for advanced emergency medical technicians and fix the qualifications for persons to hold those licenses.

~~For those individuals licensed at the advanced level, the board shall establish through rules the criteria for licensure to include the requirements for renewal. Renewal at the advanced level shall not be contingent upon renewal of a basic emergency medical technician license, but may be as a result of demonstrated competence at the basic level and advanced levels. The demonstrated competence at the basic level for advanced license renewal may be any combination of requirements, as established by the board, to include continuing education requirements, passage of a written or practical test, or both, or the successful passage of a refresher course. A person licensed at the advanced level shall be considered as being licensed at the basic level.'~~

Further amend the bill in the first line after the enacting clause (page 1, line 3 in L.D.) by inserting at the beginning the following: 'Sec. 2.'

Further amend the bill in subsection 3 in the first line (page 1, line 6 in L.D.) by inserting after the following: "for" the following: 'initial' and in the 2nd line (page 1, line 7 in L.D.) by inserting after the following: "for the" the following 'initial'

Further amend the bill in subsection 3 by striking out the last 2 blocked paragraphs (page 1, lines 35 to 50 in L.D.) and inserting in their place the following:

~~'The board may set by rule intervals at which these qualifications must be renewed and appropriate courses and testing for that renewal.'~~

~~For those individuals who are licensed or who relicense as basic emergency medical technicians after September 1, 1986, and who are not licensed at the advanced level, the basic emergency medical technician license is for a 3-year period. Licensure includes, but is not limited to, annual verification, as determined by the board through rules. In addition, that licensure requires the successful passage of examinations not more than once every 3 years. To maintain a valid license, a basic emergency medical technician shall meet the criteria as set out in this subsection. If these criteria are not met, a person does not hold a valid license and must reapply for licensure.~~

For those individuals who are licensed or who relicense after September 1, 1986 the license is for a 3-year period.'

Further amend the bill by inserting before the statement of fact the following:

'Sec. 3. 32 MRSA §85, sub-§4 is enacted to read:

4. Minimum requirements for relicensing. The board shall set by rule the interval and relicensing requirements for emergency medical services persons. A person who is duly licensed in Maine as an emergency medical services person must be issued a renewal license provided that the following requirements are met:

A. The person must have satisfactorily completed relicensure training as defined in the rules; and

B. The person must have satisfactorily demonstrated competence in performing the skills required for the license level. Skill competence may be satisfied by a combination of run report reviews and continuing education training programs conducted in accordance with the rules or by

2 satisfactorily completing the state written and practical
3 tests.

4 If the person is not duly licensed at the time of application,
5 the person must demonstrate skill and knowledge competence by
6 satisfactorily completing the state written and practical tests
7 as defined in the rules.

8 To maintain a valid license, an emergency medical services person
9 must meet the criteria set out in this section. If those
10 criteria are not met, a person does not hold a valid license and
11 must reapply for licensure.

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13 **Sec. 4. Appropriation.** The following funds are appropriated
14 from the General Fund to carry out the purposes of this Act.

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40 This eliminates the relicensure testing for emergency
41 medical technicians, which would result in projected savings in
42 testing costs of approximately \$15,000 annually, which is
43 deappropriated in each year of the 1992-93 biennium.

44 These savings may not be realized depending on the current
45 services budget enacted. The Governor's proposed adjusted
46 current services budget affects the emergency medical services
47 program by eliminating local licensure testing services. In
48 addition, the budget proposes to eliminate the quality assurance
49 and data systems, which will affect the ability to assess
50 emergency medical services licensees' skills and knowledge in the

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2 absence of the testing requirement. A General Fund appropriation
may be necessary to ensure that the minimum requirements have
4 been met for relicensing.'

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STATEMENT OF FACT

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8 The original bill removed the requirement of passing the
basic emergency technician examination every 3 years. The
10 amendment makes certain refinements to the bill but accomplishes
the same purpose.

Reported by the Committee on Business Legislation
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