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EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative VIGUE of Winslow.  
Cosponsored by Representative FARNUM of South Berwick.

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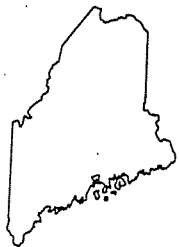
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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD  
NINETEEN HUNDRED AND NINETY-TWO

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**An Act to Amend the Laws Governing Emergency Medical Technicians.**

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

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4       **Sec. 1. 32 MRSA §85, sub-§2**, as amended by PL 1991, c. 588,  
§13, is further amended to read:

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

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

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

32       **Sec. 2. 32 MRSA §85, sub-§3**, as amended by PL 1991, c. 613, is  
34 further amended to read:

36       **3. Minimum requirements for initial licensing.** In setting  
rules for the initial licensure of emergency medical services  
38 persons, the board shall ensure that a person is not licensed to  
care for patients unless that person's qualifications are at  
40 least those specified in this subsection. Any person who meets  
these conditions is considered to have the credentials and skill  
42 demonstrations necessary for the ambulance attendant level of  
licensure to provide basic emergency medical treatment.

44       A. The person must have completed successfully the United  
46 States Department of Transportation course for first  
responders, with supplemental training specified in rules  
48 adopted by the board pursuant to the Maine Administrative  
Procedure Act, or completed successfully the American Red  
50 Cross Advanced First Aid and Emergency Care Course, with  
supplemental training specified in rules adopted by the  
52 board pursuant to the Maine Administrative Procedure Act.

2 B. The person must have successfully completed the American  
4 Heart Association basic rescuer course in cardiopulmonary  
resuscitation or its American Red Cross equivalent.

6 C. The person must have successfully completed a state  
8 written and practical test for basic emergency medical  
treatment.

10 D. The person must be sponsored by a Maine licensed  
12 ambulance service or first responder service.

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

16 For those individuals who are licensed or who relicense as basic  
18 emergency medical technicians after September 1, 1986, and who  
20 are not licensed at the advanced level, the basic emergency  
22 medical technician the license is for a 3-year period. Licensure  
24 includes, but is not limited to, annual verification, as  
26 determined by the board through rules. To maintain a valid  
license, a basic emergency medical technician must 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.

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

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

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

40 B. The person must have satisfactorily demonstrated  
42 competence in the skills required for the license level.  
44 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 satisfactorily  
completing the state written and practical tests.

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

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

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#### STATEMENT OF FACT

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10 This bill gives the Emergency Medical Services Board the  
11 authority to set by rule the interval license and relicensing  
12 requirements for emergency medical persons.