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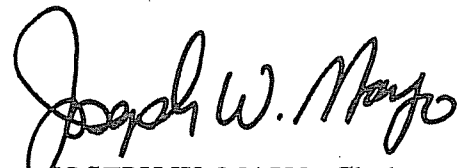
No. 912

H.P. 674

House of Representatives, March 15, 1993

An Act to Amend Certain Provisions of the Maine Emergency Medical Services Act of 1982.

Submitted by the Department of Public Safety pursuant to Joint Rule 24.
Reference to the Committee on Business Legislation suggested and ordered printed.


JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative VIGUE of Winslow.
Cosponsored by Representatives: CARROLL of Gray, PENDEXTER of Scarborough, TRACY of Rome.

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

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3 **Sec. 1. 32 MRSA §85, sub-§4**, as enacted by PL 1991, c. 742,
4 §3, is amended to read:

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

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

14 B. The person must have satisfactorily demonstrated
15 competence in the skills required for the license level.
16 Skill competence may be satisfied by a combination of run
17 report reviews and continuing education training programs
18 conducted in accordance with the rules or by satisfactorily
19 completing the state written and practical tests.

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

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

32 **Sec. 2. 32 MRSA §86, sub-§2-A, ¶A**, as amended by PL 1991, c.
33 588, §14, is further amended to read:

34 A. When a patient is already under the supervision of a
35 personal physician or ~~of~~ a physician's assistant or nurse
36 practitioner supervised by that physician and the physician
37 ~~or~~ physician's assistant or nurse practitioner assumes the
38 care of the patient, then for as long as the physician ~~or~~
39 physician's assistant or nurse practitioner remains with the
40 patient, the patient shall ~~shall~~ must be cared for as the
41 physician ~~or~~ physician's assistant or nurse practitioner
42 directs. The emergency medical services persons shall
43 assist to the extent that their licenses and protocol allow;
44 and

STATEMENT OF FACT

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4 This bill allows the Maine Emergency Medical Services' Board
to eliminate an arbitrary cutoff date by which licensees may no
longer use an alternative to relicensure testing.

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8 The bill also provides equal treatment of physician's
assistants and nurse practitioners in their ability to provide
emergency care to the patients of their supervising physicians.

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