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HOUSE AMENDMENT "A" to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 471,
L.D. 678, Bill, "An Act to Require Completion of an Ambulance Operator Course"

Amend the amendment by striking out all of section 2 and 20 inserting in its place the following:

22 'Sec. 2. Pilot project. The Department of Public Safety, Maine Emergency Medical Services shall conduct a pilot project to provide training for ambulance operators required under this Act 24 and explore alternative funding sources for that training. Maine Emergency Medical Services shall hire a consultant through a 26 competitive bidding process to set up, conduct and report on the 28 results of the pilot project. Maine Emergency Medical Services shall report on the results of the pilot project to the joint 30 standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over public safety matters by January 1, 2001. The report must 32 contain a plan for implementation of this Act and any necessary implementing legislation. Following review of the report, the 34 committee may introduce a bill regarding ambulance operator training to the First Regular Session of the 120th Legislature. 36

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

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Appropriates one-time funds for a consultant to conduct, evaluate and report on the pilot project on ambulance operator training and for training of ambulance operators during the pilot project.'

FISCAL NOTE

12 This amendment reduces the General Fund cost of the bill by \$16,839 in fiscal year 2000-01. As amended, this bill includes a one-time General Fund appropriation for the Emergency Medical Services program within the Department of Public Safety to conduct a pilot program to provide training for ambulance operators.

SUMMARY

This amendment directs the Department of Public Safety, Maine Emergency Medical Services to set up a pilot project to develop a plan for implementation of the ambulance operator training requirements and report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over public safety matters by January 1, 2001. The committee may introduce legislation following receipt of the study. The amendment replaces the appropriation with a one-time appropriation of funds for a consultant for the pilot project.

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