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R. 100

L.D. 678

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CRIMINAL JUSTICE

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**STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
119TH LEGISLATURE
SECOND REGULAR SESSION**

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

Amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and before the summary and inserting in its place the following:

Sec. 1. 32 MRSA §85, sub-§6 is enacted to read:

6. Ambulance operator course. By January 1, 2003, a person whose job description includes operating an ambulance in an emergency mode or transporting a patient must possess certification of successful completion of a basic ambulance vehicle operator course, or a course that has been approved by the board as an equivalent, in order to operate an ambulance in an emergency mode or to transport a patient. This requirement applies to all paid and volunteer ambulance operators and transporters. This requirement is in addition to vehicle operator requirements of Title 29-A or other law. A person whose job description includes operating an ambulance in an emergency mode or transporting a patient who successfully completes a basic ambulance vehicle operator course or a course that has been approved by the board as an equivalent may apply to the board for reimbursement for the cost of the course.

Sec. 2. Appropriation. The following funds are appropriated from the General Fund to carry out the purposes of this Act.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

2000-01

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PUBLIC SAFETY, DEPARTMENT OF

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Emergency Medical Services

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Positions - Legislative Count	(1,000)
Personal Services	\$39,239
All Other	27,600

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Appropriates funds for one Emergency Medical Services Training Agent position and funds for the reimbursement of certain training courses.

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**DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY
TOTAL**

\$66,839'

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Further amend the bill by inserting at the end before the summary the following:

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FISCAL NOTE

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2000-01

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APPROPRIATIONS/ALLOCATIONS

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General Fund	\$66,839
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This bill includes a General Fund appropriation of \$66,839 in fiscal year 2000-01 for Emergency Medical Services within the Department of Public Safety to cover the costs of one additional Emergency Medical Services Training Agent position and funds for reimbursing the costs of certain courses.'

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SUMMARY

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This amendment is the unanimous report of the Joint Standing Committee on Criminal Justice and replaces the bill. The amendment requires that by January 1, 2003, all persons whose job description includes operating an ambulance in an emergency mode or transporting a patient must possess certification of successful completion of a basic ambulance vehicle operator course or a course that has been approved by the Emergency Medical Services' Board as an equivalent. A person whose job description includes operating an ambulance in an emergency mode or transporting a patient who

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2 successfully completes a basic ambulance vehicle operator course
may apply to the Emergency Medical Services' Board for
reimbursement for the cost of the course.

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6 The amendment also adds an appropriation section and a
fiscal note to the bill.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT