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H.P. 987

House of Representatives, February 18, 1999

**An Act to Allow Emergency Medical Technicians to Draw Blood
Samples for Alcohol Analysis.**

Reference to the Committee on Transportation suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Joseph W. Mayo".

JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative COWGER of Hallowell.
Cosponsored by Senator: KILKELLY of Lincoln.

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

4 **Sec. 1. 29-A MRSA §2521, sub-§2,** as enacted by PL 1993, c.
683, Pt. A, §2 and affected by Pt. B, §5, is amended to read:

6 **2. Type of test.** A law enforcement officer shall
8 administer a breath test unless, in that officer's determination,
a breath test is unreasonable.

10 The law enforcement officer may determine which type of breath
12 test is to be administered.

14 Another chemical test must be administered in place of a breath
test.

16 For a blood test the operator may choose a physician, emergency
18 medical technician or other person trained to draw blood, if
reasonably available.

20 **SUMMARY**

22 This bill allows emergency medical technicians and other
24 qualified personnel to draw blood samples for alcohol analysis.