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

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1197, L.D. 1707, Bill, "An Act to Extend Certain Survivor Benefits to the Spouses of Emergency Medical Services Providers"

Amend the bill by striking out the title and substituting the following:

'An Act to Extend Certain Survivor Benefits to the Spouses and Children of Emergency Medical Services Providers'

Further amend the bill by inserting after section 1 the following:

'Sec. 2. 20-A MRSA §12552, sub-§§1-B and 1-C are enacted to read:

1-B. Emergency medical service. "Emergency medical service" means a nonprofit, incorporated ambulance service or nontransporting emergency medical service licensed under Title 32, chapter 2-B receiving full or partial financial support from or officially recognized by the State, a municipality or county or an entity created under Title 30-A, chapter 115 or 119 except when the emergency medical service is acting outside the scope of activities expressly authorized by the State, municipality, county or entity created under Title 30-A, chapter 115 or 119.

1-C. Emergency medical services person. "Emergency medical services person" means a person who is licensed to provide emergency medical treatment under Title 32, chapter 2-B and is serving a public agency in an official capacity as an officially recognized or designated employee or member of a rescue squad or ambulance crew, with or without compensation, or who is an employee of an emergency medical service as defined in subsection 1-B.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

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Sec. 3. 20-A MRS §12552, sub-§2-A is enacted to read:

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2-A. Public agency. "Public agency" means a governmental entity as defined in Title 14, section 8102, subsection 2 or a political subdivision as defined in Title 14, section 8102, subsection 3.'

Further amend the bill by striking out all of section 2.

Further amend the bill by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or section number to read consecutively.

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

FISCAL NOTE

Expanding the eligibility for tuition waivers at state postsecondary educational institutions will have a minimal impact on tuition revenue at the Maine Maritime Academy, the Maine Technical College System and the University of Maine System.

The Finance Authority of Maine will incur insignificant additional costs to review eligibility for these waivers. These costs can be absorbed within the authority's existing budgeted resources.'

SUMMARY

This amendment accomplishes the following purposes:

1. It adds a definition of "emergency medical service" to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, chapter 429;

2. It clarifies the definition of an "emergency medical services person" as a licensed provider who is serving a public agency in an official capacity as an officially recognized or designated employee, as a member of a rescue squad or ambulance crew who serves with or without compensation or as an employee of a nonprofit emergency medical service; and

3. It establishes a definition for "public agency" as a governmental entity or a political subdivision as defined under Title 14, section 8102.

The amendment also changes the title of the bill and adds a fiscal note.