

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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H.P. 247

House of Representatives, January 25, 2001

**An Act to Require First Responders to Carry and Administer
Epinephrine Autoinjectors.**

(EMERGENCY)

Reference to the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs suggested and ordered printed.

Millicent M. MacFarland

MILLICENT M. MacFARLAND, Clerk

Presented by Representative TRAHAN of Waldoboro.
Cosponsored by Representative ANDREWS of York, Senator KILKELLY of Lincoln and
Representatives: CRABTREE of Hope, DUPLESSIE of Westbrook, HEIDRICH of Oxford,
O'NEIL of Saco, PINKHAM of Lamoine, RINES of Wiscasset, SKOGLUND of St. George,
SNOWE-MELLO of Poland.

2 **Emergency preamble.** Whereas, Acts of the Legislature do not
 become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted
 as emergencies; and

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 6 **Whereas,** first responders are usually the first emergency
 medical services persons to arrive at the scene of an emergency
 in rural areas; and

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 10 **Whereas,** first responders currently do not carry bee sting
 kits; and

12 **Whereas,** first responders are not trained to administer
 epinephrine; and

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 16 **Whereas,** in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts
 create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of
 Maine and require the following legislation as immediately
 necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and
 safety; now, therefore,

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

22 **Sec. 1. Appropriation.** The following funds are appropriated
 24 from the General Fund to carry out the purposes of this Act.

	2001-02	2002-03
PUBLIC SAFETY, DEPARTMENT OF		
Emergency Medical Services		
All Other	\$15,535	\$12,810
Provides funds to purchase bee sting kits for first responders and to provide the necessary training to administer epinephrine.		

40 **Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited in the
 preamble, this Act takes effect when approved.

SUMMARY

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 46 This bill provides a General Fund appropriation of \$15,535
 in fiscal year 2001-02 and \$12,810 in fiscal year 2002-03 for the
 Department of Public Safety to purchase bee sting kits for first
 48 responders and to provide the necessary training to administer
 epinephrine.