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**STATE OF MAINE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
120TH LEGISLATURE  
SECOND REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1536, L.D. 2039, Bill, "An Act Regarding the Administration of Epinephrine by Emergency Medical Personnel"

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

**'Resolve, Directing the Department of Public Safety, Maine Emergency Medical Services, Medical Direction and Practices Board to Review and Update Protocols for Training Basic Emergency Medical Technicians to Administer Epinephrine'**

Further amend the bill by striking out everything after the title and before the summary and inserting in its place the following:

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

**Whereas, the administration of epinephrine by emergency medical personnel is a complicated medical procedure that requires proper training and protocols that must be developed by the Department of Public Safety, Maine Emergency Medical Services, Medical Direction and Practices Board; and**

**Whereas, the ability of basic emergency medical technicians to carry and administer epinephrine to patients who are suffering anaphylaxis may save lives; and**

**Whereas, the development of protocols and training for basic emergency medical technicians should begin immediately to address the inability of basic emergency medical technicians to carry and administer epinephrine; and**

**COMMITTEE AMENDMENT**

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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, be it

**Sec. 1. Review and update of protocols and guidelines by Medical Direction and Practices Board for administration of epinephrine. Resolved:** That the Department of Public Safety, Maine Emergency Medical Services, Medical Direction and Practices Board, referred to in this resolve as the "board," shall review and update the protocols and training of basic emergency medical technicians to carry and administer epinephrine. In developing its protocols, the board shall review other states' medical practices regarding emergency medical personnel carrying and administering epinephrine. The board shall treat the issue of developing protocols for the administration of epinephrine to school-age children as a priority in this process; and be it further

**Sec. 2. Report and legislation. Resolved:** That the board shall report its decision and subsequent action regarding protocols and training for the carrying and administering of epinephrine by basic emergency medical technicians to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over criminal justice matters by January 1, 2003. The committee may report out implementing legislation to the First Regular Session of the 121st Legislature, if necessary.

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

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

**'FISCAL NOTE**

The Medical Direction and Practices Board within the Department of Public Safety will incur some minor additional costs to submit a required report to the Legislature. These costs can be absorbed within the board's existing budgeted resources.'

**SUMMARY**

This amendment replaces the bill and creates a resolve. The resolve directs the Department of Public Safety, Maine Emergency

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2 Medical Services, Medical Direction and Practices Board to review  
and update protocols and training for basic emergency medical  
4 technicians to carry and administer epinephrine. In developing  
its protocols and training, the board shall review other states'  
6 medical practices regarding emergency medical personnel carrying  
and administering epinephrine, and the board shall treat the  
8 issue of developing protocols for the administration of  
epinephrine to school-age children as a priority in this  
10 process. The board shall report its recommendations and  
subsequent actions regarding protocols and training for the  
12 carrying and administering of epinephrine by basic emergency  
medical technicians to the joint standing committee of the  
14 Legislature having jurisdiction over criminal justice matters by  
January 1, 2003. The resolve authorizes the committee to report  
16 out implementing legislation if necessary. The amendment also  
adds a fiscal note.