

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY

Majority

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STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
122ND LEGISLATURE
FIRST SPECIAL SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 702, L.D. 1018, Bill, "An Act To Require a Criminal Background Check for the Initial Licensure of Emergency Medical Services Personnel"

Amend the bill in section 1 in subsection 3 by striking out all of the blocked paragraph (page 1, lines 28 and 29 in L.D.) and inserting in its place the following:

'The board shall obtain criminal history record information containing a record of conviction data from the Maine Criminal Justice Information System for an applicant seeking initial licensure under this subsection. Information obtained pursuant to this subsection is confidential and may be used only to determine suitability for initial issuance of a license to provide emergency medical services. The results of criminal history record checks received by the board are for official use only and may not be disseminated outside the board. The applicant for initial licensure shall pay the expense of obtaining the information required by this subsection.'

Further amend the bill in section 2 in subsection 4 by striking out all of the last blocked paragraph (page 2, lines 10 and 11 in L.D.) and inserting in its place the following:

'A criminal history record check for information containing a record of conviction data from the Maine Criminal Justice Information System is not required for the relicensing of emergency medical services personnel.'

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2 Further amend the bill by inserting after section 2 the  
following:

4 'Sec. 3. Application. A person who received an initial  
license to provide emergency medical services for whom the  
6 Emergency Medical Services' Board has never obtained criminal  
history record information containing a record of conviction data  
8 from the Maine Criminal Justice Information System must submit to  
a criminal history record check at the time of license renewal.'

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**SUMMARY**

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This amendment is the majority report of the Joint Standing  
Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety. The amendment  
16 clarifies what is intended by a criminal history record check and  
conforms the language and the process to other statutes regarding  
18 the use of criminal history record information for employment or  
licensing purposes. In order to ensure that all licensed  
20 emergency medical services providers are subject to a criminal  
history record check, the amendment also specifies that those  
22 persons who already have a license to provide emergency medical  
services but never had a criminal history record check must  
24 submit to a check at the time they apply for license renewal.  
Applicants who are subject to a criminal history record check at  
26 initial licensure are not subject to a check at renewal.

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**FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED**  
(See attached)

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LD 1018

LR 1858(02)

## An Act To Require a Criminal Background Check for the Initial Licensure of Emergency Medical Services Personnel

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment "A"

Committee: Criminal Justice and Public Safety

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

### Fiscal Note

	2005-06	2006-07	Projections 2007-08	Projections 2008-09
<b>Net Cost (Savings)</b>				
General Fund	\$0	\$14,700	\$25,200	\$25,200
<b>Revenue</b>				
General Fund	\$0	(\$14,700)	(\$25,200)	(\$25,200)

#### Fiscal Detail and Notes

Limiting criminal background checks to the initial licensure of emergency medical services personnel will result in the estimated annual loss of \$25,200 in General Fund revenue currently collected by the Department of Public Safety from background checks conducted on renewal licensures. However, requiring that those persons previously licensed as emergency medical services personnel that did not have a criminal background check conducted at the time of initial licensure must obtain a background check at the time of relicensing will completely offset this revenue loss for fiscal year 2005-06 and reduce the revenue loss for fiscal year 2006-07 by an estimated \$10,500.