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House of Representatives, February 6, 2012

**An Act To Exempt from the Prohibition against Text Messaging
While Driving Emergency Personnel Who Are Acting in the Course
of Their Duties**

(AFTER DEADLINE)

Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 205.

Reference to the Committee on Transportation suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Heather J.R. Priest".

HEATHER J.R. PRIEST
Clerk

Presented by Speaker NUTTING of Oakland.
Cosponsored by Senator COLLINS of York and
Representatives: CEBRA of Naples, CRAY of Palmyra, CURTIS of Madison, HANLEY of
Gardiner, ROSEN of Bucksport.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 29-A MRSA §2119, sub-§4** is enacted to read:

3 **4. Exemption.** This section does not apply to a person who is an emergency medical
4 services' person as defined in Title 32, section 83, subsection 12, a firefighter as defined
5 in Title 25, section 1611, subsection 4 or a law enforcement officer as defined in Title 25,
6 section 3701, subsection 3 while that person is acting in the course of that person's duties
7 as an emergency medical services' person, firefighter or law enforcement officer.

8 **SUMMARY**

9 This bill provides an exemption to the prohibition against text messaging while
10 operating a motor vehicle for emergency medical services' persons, firefighters and law
11 enforcement officers acting in the course of their duties.