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House of Representatives, March 1, 2012

An Act To Authorize the Establishment of Pilot Projects for Community Paramedicine

Reference to the Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety suggested and ordered printed.

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

HEATHER J.R. PRIEST
Clerk

Presented by Representative WILLETTE of Presque Isle. (GOVERNOR'S BILL)
Cosponsored by Senator RECTOR of Knox and
Representatives: CLARK of Easton, FREDETTE of Newport, KESCHL of Belgrade,
TURNER of Burlington, WILLETTE of Mapleton, Senators: JACKSON of Aroostook,
SAVIELLO of Franklin, SHERMAN of Aroostook.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 32 MRSA §84, sub-§4** is enacted to read:

3 **4. Establishment of community paramedicine pilot projects.** In accordance with
4 rules of the board governing the use of pilot projects to evaluate the workability and
5 appropriateness of incorporating a particular emergency medical treatment technique or a
6 type of equipment into any licensure level, the board may establish pilot projects for the
7 purpose of developing and evaluating a community paramedicine program. A pilot
8 project established pursuant to this subsection may not exceed 3 years in duration.

9 As used in this subsection, "community paramedicine" means the practice by an
10 emergency medical services provider primarily in an out-of-hospital setting of providing
11 episodic patient evaluation, advice and treatment directed at preventing or improving a
12 particular medical condition, within the scope of practice of the emergency medical
13 services provider as specifically requested or directed by a physician.

14 The board shall establish the requirements and application and approval process of pilot
15 projects established pursuant to this subsection. At a minimum, an emergency medical
16 services provider, including, but not limited to, an ambulance service or nontransporting
17 emergency medical service, that conducts a pilot project shall work with an identified
18 primary care medical director, have an emergency medical services medical director and
19 collect and submit data and written reports to the board, in accordance with requirements
20 established by the board.

21 On or before January 30th of each year, the board shall submit a written report to the joint
22 standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over criminal justice and public
23 safety matters that summarizes the work and progress during the previous calendar year
24 of each pilot project authorized pursuant to this subsection.

25 **SUMMARY**

26 This bill authorizes the Department of Public Safety, Emergency Medical Services'
27 Board, in accordance with current rules of the board, to establish the requirements and
28 application and approval process for community paramedicine pilot projects for the
29 purpose of developing and evaluating the appropriateness of a community paramedicine
30 program. The bill establishes minimum levels of medical oversight and requires
31 reporting by the pilot project to the board. The board is required to report annually
32 regarding the pilot projects to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having
33 jurisdiction over criminal justice and public safety matters.