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An Act Regarding the Membership of the Emergency Medical Services' Board

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

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Clerk

Presented by Representative WERTS of Auburn.

Cosponsored by Representatives: LAJOIE of Lewiston, MAKER of Calais, PEASE of Morrill.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 32 MRSA §88, sub-§1, ¶A**, as amended by PL 2007, c. 274, §18, is
3 further amended to read:

4 A. The board has one member representing each region and ~~4~~ 12 persons in
5 addition. Of the additional persons, one is an emergency physician, one a
6 representative of emergency medical dispatch providers, 2 representatives of the
7 public, one a representative of for-profit ambulance services, one an emergency
8 professional nurse, one a representative of nontransporting emergency medical
9 services, one a representative of hospitals, ~~one a representative~~ 2 representatives of a
10 statewide association of fire chiefs, one a municipal emergency medical services
11 provider and one a representative of not-for-profit ambulance services. The members
12 that represent for-profit ambulance services, nontransporting emergency medical
13 services and not-for-profit ambulance services must be licensed emergency medical
14 services persons. One of the nonpublic members must be a volunteer emergency
15 medical services provider. Appointments are for 3-year terms. Members are
16 appointed by the Governor. The state medical director is an ex officio nonvoting
17 member of the board.

18 **Sec. 2. 32 MRSA §88, sub-§1, ¶D**, as amended by PL 2007, c. 274, §19, is
19 further amended to read:

20 D. ~~A majority of the Six~~ Six members appointed and currently serving ~~constitutes~~
21 constitute a quorum for all purposes and no decision of the board may be made
22 without a quorum present. A majority vote of those present and voting is required for
23 board action, except that for purposes of either granting a waiver of any of its rules or
24 deciding to pursue the suspension or revocation of a license, the board may take
25 action only if the proposed waiver, suspension or revocation receives a favorable vote
26 from at least 2/3 of the members present and voting and from no less than a majority
27 of the appointed and currently serving members. The board may use video
28 conferencing and other technologies to conduct its business but is not exempt from
29 Title 1, chapter 13, subchapter 1. Members of the board, its subcommittees or its
30 staff may participate in a meeting of the board, subcommittees or staff via video
31 conferencing, conference telephone or similar communications equipment by means
32 of which all persons participating in the meeting can hear each other, and
33 participation in a meeting pursuant to this subsection constitutes presence in person at
34 such meeting.

35 **SUMMARY**

36 This bill adds an additional representative of a statewide association of fire chiefs to
37 the Emergency Medical Services' Board and clarifies that 6 members constitute a quorum
38 of the board.