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**STATE OF MAINE**

**SENATE**

**127TH LEGISLATURE**

**FIRST REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 292, L.D. 818, Bill, "An Act To Amend the Maine Emergency Medical Services Act of 1982"

Amend the bill in section 3 in subsection 16-B in the 4th line (page 1, line 19 in L.D.) by inserting after the following: "member, a" the following: 'toxicologist or'

Amend the bill by inserting after section 3 the following:

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

F. The board shall appoint or, as specified in section 89, subsection 2, paragraph B, approve the members of the Medical Direction and Practices Board.'

Amend the bill by striking out all of section 6.

Amend the bill by inserting after section 7 the following:

**'Sec. 8. 32 MRSA §91-B, sub-§2, ¶E,** as enacted by PL 2011, c. 271, §19, is amended to read:

E. Data collected by Maine Emergency Medical Services that allows identification of persons receiving emergency medical treatment may be released for purposes of research, public health surveillance and linkage with patient electronic medical records if the release is approved by the board, the Medical Direction and Practices Board and the director. Information that specifically identifies individuals must be removed from the information disclosed pursuant to this paragraph, unless the board, the Medical Direction and Practices Board and the director determine that the release of such information is necessary for the purposes of the research, public health surveillance or linkage with patient electronic medical records.'

Amend the bill by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or section number to read consecutively.

**SUMMARY**

This amendment does the following:

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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT " A " to S.P. 292, L.D. 818

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1. It specifies that the Medical Direction and Practices Board may include a toxicologist instead of a licensed pharmacist;

2. It clarifies that the Emergency Medical Services' Board has the power and duty to appoint or approve the members of the Medical Direction and Practices Board;

3. It deletes from the bill the provision that repeals the requirement that the Emergency Medical Services' Board or its staff must request the Attorney General to file a complaint in District Court to commence either full or emergency proceedings to suspend a license for more than a year or to revoke a license when the board or its staff concludes that such suspension or revocation is in order; and

4. It adds to the purposes for which information specifically identifying individuals collected by Maine Emergency Medical Services may be released the purposes of public health surveillance and linkage with patient electronic medical records.

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED  
(See Attached)

**COMMITTEE AMENDMENT**



# 127th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 818

LR 496(02)

An Act To Amend the Maine Emergency Medical Services Act of 1982

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-63)

Committee: Criminal Justice and Public Safety

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

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## Fiscal Note

Minor cost increase - General Fund

### Fiscal Detail and Notes

Additional costs to the Department of Public Safety associated with receiving required information and updating records can be absorbed within existing budgeted resources.