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House of Representatives, December 21, 2015

An Act To Require the State To Adequately Pay for Emergency Medical Services

Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.

Received by the Clerk of the House on December 17, 2015. Referred to the Committee on Health and Human Services pursuant to Joint Rule 308.2 and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 401.

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ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

Presented by Representative LAJOIE of Lewiston.
Cosponsored by Senator BAKER of Sagadahoc and
Representatives: BEAVERS of South Berwick, BLACK of Wilton, DION of Portland,
FOWLE of Vassalboro, MAKER of Calais, SHORT of Pittsfield, THERIAULT of China,
TUELL of East Machias.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §3174-JJ**, as amended by PL 2013, c. 441, §1, is further
3 amended to read:

4 **§3174-JJ. MaineCare reimbursement for ambulance services**

5 The department shall reimburse for ambulance services under MaineCare at a level
6 that is not less than the average allowable reimbursement rate under Medicare for such
7 services ~~or at the highest percent of that level that is possible within resources~~
8 ~~appropriated for those purposes. Beginning March 1, 2015, the department shall~~
9 ~~reimburse for ambulance services under MaineCare at a level that is not less than 65% of~~
10 ~~the average allowable reimbursement rate under Medicare for such services.~~

11 **SUMMARY**

12 This bill changes the law to ensure that MaineCare reimbursement for ambulance
13 services is not less than the average Medicare allowable rate.