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An Act To Clarify the Laws Governing the Licensing of Paramedics

Reference to the Committee on Health Coverage, Insurance and Financial Services suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "R B. Hunt".

ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

Presented by Representative HANDY of Lewiston.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 32 MRSA §83, sub-§§18-B and 18-C** are enacted to read:

3 **18-B. Paramedic.** "Paramedic" means an emergency medical services person
4 licensed to perform paramedic emergency medical treatment.

5 **18-C. Paramedic emergency medical treatment.** "Paramedic emergency medical
6 treatment" means emergency medical treatment:

7 A. Defined in rule by the board to be at the paramedic level of treatment; and

8 B. That the board determines may be performed by persons licensed under this
9 chapter within a system of emergency care approved by the board when acting under
10 the supervision of:

11 (1) A physician; or

12 (2) A physician assistant or nurse practitioner, licensed by the State and
13 authorized by a hospital to supervise and direct the actions of an emergency
14 medical services person.

15 **Sec. 2. 32 MRSA §84, sub-§1, ¶D,** as amended by PL 2011, c. 271, §7, is further
16 amended to read:

17 D. Rules adopted pursuant to this chapter are routine technical rules as defined in
18 Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A and must include, but are not limited to, the
19 following:

20 (1) The composition of regional councils and the process by which they come to
21 be recognized;

22 (2) The manner in which regional councils must report their activities and
23 finances and the manner in which those activities must be carried out under this
24 chapter;

25 (4) The requirements for licensure for all vehicles, persons and services subject
26 to this chapter, including training and testing of personnel; and

27 (5) Fees to be charged for licenses under this section.

28 **Sec. 3. 32 MRSA §85, sub-§2-A** is enacted to read:

29 **2-A. Paramedic emergency medical treatment.** With the advice and consultation
30 noted in subsection 1, the board may establish by rule the skills, techniques and
31 judgments of a paramedic that may be supervised by a physician by means of standing
32 orders, voice radio and other means. In every case, paramedic emergency medical
33 treatment must be given in accordance with protocols adopted by the Medical Direction
34 and Practices Board.

35 The board may establish by rule appropriate licensure levels for paramedics and the
36 qualifications for persons to hold those licenses.

