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House of Representatives, December 24, 2019

**An Act To Improve Response to Sudden Cardiac Arrest by
Requiring Training in the Delivery of Cardiopulmonary
Resuscitation Methods by Telecommunications Technology**

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

Received by the Clerk of the House on December 20, 2019. Referred to the Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety 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 MARTIN of Sinclair.
Cosponsored by President JACKSON of Aroostook and
Representatives: FECTION of Biddeford, WARREN of Hallowell, Senators: CARPENTER of
Aroostook, DESCHAMBAULT of York, DOW of Lincoln, ROSEN of Hancock.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 25 MRSA §2921, sub-§5-B** is enacted to read:

3 **5-B. Emergency services telecommunicator.** "Emergency services
4 telecommunicator" means a person responsible for answering or communicating with a
5 caller on a 9-1-1 call as an employee of or contractor for a public safety answering point,
6 a public safety agency or a private safety agency.

7 **Sec. 2. 25 MRSA §2921, sub-§16-A** is enacted to read:

8 **16-A. T-CPR.** "T-CPR" means the most current, high-quality, evidence-based,
9 nationally recognized cardiopulmonary resuscitation methods delivered through
10 instruction to persons on the scene of a cardiac arrest by means of telecommunications
11 technology.

12 **Sec. 3. 25 MRSA §2936** is enacted to read:

13 **§2936. T-CPR training**

14 Training in T-CPR must be provided as follows.

15 **1. T-CPR training required.** An emergency services telecommunicator that
16 responds to calls involving emergency medical conditions must be trained in T-CPR. The
17 training must incorporate recognition protocols for out-of-hospital cardiac arrest and
18 compression-only cardiopulmonary resuscitation instructions for callers and must provide
19 for continuing education.

20 **2. Monitoring and enforcement.** The department, in consultation with the bureau,
21 shall establish by rule a procedure for monitoring adherence by emergency services
22 telecommunicators, public safety answering points, public safety agencies and private
23 safety agencies to the requirements of this section. The department may provide for
24 adjustments in funding to public safety answering points for failure to comply with this
25 section. Rules adopted pursuant to this subsection are routine technical rules as defined
26 in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

27 **SUMMARY**

28 This bill defines "emergency services telecommunicator" and requires all emergency
29 services telecommunicators that provide dispatch for calls involving emergency medical
30 conditions to be trained in the delivery of cardiopulmonary resuscitation methods by
31 telecommunications technology. The training must incorporate recognition protocols for
32 out-of-hospital cardiac arrest and compression-only cardiopulmonary resuscitation
33 instruction and provide for continuing education. The bill requires the Department of
34 Public Safety and the Emergency Services Communication Bureau within the Public
35 Utilities Commission to establish a procedure to monitor compliance and allows the
36 department to sanction noncompliance by adjusting funding.