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**An Act To Amend the Statement of Purpose of the Maine
Emergency Medical Services Act of 1982 To Include Emergency
Responses That Do Not Require Transportation**

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D M Grant'.

DAREK M. GRANT
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator FARRIN of Somerset.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 32 MRSA §81-A, last ¶**, as amended by PL 2007, c. 274, §1, is further
3 amended to read:

4 It is the intent of the Legislature to designate that a central agency be responsible for
5 the coordination and integration of all state activities concerning emergency medical
6 services and the overall planning, evaluation, coordination, facilitation and regulation of
7 emergency medical services systems. Further, the Legislature finds that the provision of
8 prompt, efficient and effective emergency medical dispatch and emergency medical care,
9 a well-coordinated trauma care system, effective communication between prehospital care
10 providers and hospitals and the safe handling and transportation, and the treatment and
11 nontransport under appropriate medical guidance, of the sick and injured are key elements
12 of an emergency medical services system. This chapter is intended to promote the public
13 health, safety and welfare by providing for the creation of a statewide emergency medical
14 services system with standards for all providers of emergency medical services.

15 **SUMMARY**

16 This bill amends the statutory purpose of the Maine Emergency Medical Services Act
17 of 1982 to provide that the treatment and nontransport of the sick and injured is a key
18 element of an emergency medical services system.