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**An Act To License Ambulance Drivers Who Are Not Licensed To
Provide Emergency Medical Services**

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

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

ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

Presented by Representative McDONALD of Stonington.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 32 MRSA §82, sub-§1**, as amended by PL 2007, c. 274, §2, is further
3 amended to read:

4 **1. Licenses required.** An ambulance service, ambulance, nontransporting emergency
5 medical service, emergency medical services person, emergency medical services
6 ambulance operator, emergency medical dispatch center or emergency medical dispatcher
7 may not operate or practice unless duly licensed by the Emergency Medical Services' Board
8 pursuant to this chapter, except as stated in subsection 2.

9 **Sec. 2. 32 MRSA §83, sub-§12-A** is enacted to read:

10 **12-A. Emergency medical services ambulance operator.** "Emergency medical
11 services ambulance operator" means a person associated with a licensed ground ambulance
12 service who operates an ambulance in emergency mode or transports patients and is not
13 licensed under section 85.

14 **Sec. 3. 32 MRSA §85-B** is enacted to read:

15 **§85-B. Emergency medical services ambulance operators**

16 **1. Mandatory qualifications.** The board, in consultation with the Emergency
17 Services Communication Bureau within the Public Utilities Commission, shall adopt rules
18 governing qualifications for and standards to be observed by emergency medical services
19 ambulance operators, including:

20 A. Establishing licensing requirements for emergency medical services ambulance
21 operators;

22 B. Establishing minimal education and continuing education requirements for
23 emergency medical services ambulance operators;

24 C. Providing for Maine Emergency Medical Services approval of training programs
25 for emergency medical services ambulance operators that are conducted in accordance
26 with standards approved by the board; and

27 D. Establishing requirements for holding a valid state driver's license pursuant to Title
28 29-A, chapter 11, subchapter 1.

29 **2. Background check.** The board shall obtain criminal history record information
30 containing a record of public criminal history record information as defined in Title 16,
31 section 703, subsection 8 for an applicant for licensure under this section. Information
32 obtained pursuant to this subsection is confidential and may be used only to determine
33 suitability for issuance of a license to operate an emergency medical services ambulance.
34 The results of criminal history record information checks received by the board are for
35 official use only and may not be disseminated outside the board. The applicant for licensure
36 shall pay the expense of obtaining the information required by this subsection.

37 **3. Persons requiring a license to operate an emergency medical services**
38 **ambulance.** A person not licensed under section 85 who is associated with a ground
39 ambulance service shall obtain a license under this section to operate an emergency medical
40 services ambulance. This section does not apply to a person not associated with a ground
41 ambulance service who operates an emergency medical services ambulance.

