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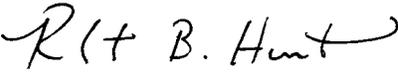
H.P. 1346

House of Representatives, January 3, 2024

**An Act to Create Parity in the Licensing of Emergency Medical  
Services Professionals and Other Health Care Professionals Who  
Enter Private Residences**

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Submitted by the Department of Public Safety pursuant to Joint Rule 203.  
Reference to the Committee on Health Coverage, Insurance and Financial Services  
suggested and ordered printed.

  
ROBERT B. HUNT  
Clerk

Presented by Representative CYRWAY of Albion.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §9067** is enacted to read:

3 **§9067. Background checks for emergency medical services persons and emergency**  
4 **medical services ambulance operators**

5 **1. Definitions.** As used in this section, unless the context otherwise indicates, the  
6 following terms have the following meanings.

7 A. "Emergency medical services ambulance operator" has the same meaning as in Title  
8 32, section 83, subsection 12-A.

9 B. "Emergency medical services person" has the same meaning as in Title 32, section  
10 83, subsection 12.

11 C. "Maine Emergency Medical Services" has the same meaning as in Title 32, section  
12 83, subsection 16-A.

13 **2. Authorization.** For the purposes of this chapter, Maine Emergency Medical  
14 Services may function as an employer to seek background check information through the  
15 Background Check Center on an applicant for licensure or relicensure under Title 32,  
16 chapter 2-B as an emergency medical services ambulance operator or an emergency  
17 medical services person.

18 **3. Background check report content.** Maine Emergency Medical Services is entitled  
19 to all information obtained through the background check and rap back monitoring  
20 program, including offenses that would not be considered disqualifying or potentially  
21 disqualifying offenses under this chapter, for an applicant for licensure or relicensure under  
22 Title 32, chapter 2-B as an emergency medical services ambulance operator or an  
23 emergency medical services person.

24 **4. Fees.** Maine Emergency Medical Services may pass any fees or charges associated  
25 with participation in the Background Check Center on to an applicant for licensure or  
26 relicensure under Title 32, chapter 2-B as an emergency medical services ambulance  
27 operator or an emergency medical services person.

28 **5. Waiver of penalties.** Maine Emergency Medical Services is not subject to the  
29 penalties specified in section 9062.

30 **Sec. 2. 32 MRSA §85, sub-§3,** as amended by PL 2013, c. 267, Pt. B, §25, is further  
31 amended by amending the first blocked paragraph to read:

32 The board shall obtain criminal history record information containing a record of public  
33 criminal history record information as defined in Title 16, section 703, subsection 9 8 for  
34 an applicant seeking licensure under this subsection. Information obtained pursuant to this  
35 subsection is confidential and may be used only to determine suitability for issuance of a  
36 license to provide emergency medical services. The results of criminal history record  
37 information checks received by the board are for official use only and may not be  
38 disseminated outside the board. The applicant for licensure shall pay the expense of  
39 obtaining the information required by this subsection. The board may use the Background  
40 Check Center as defined in Title 22, section 9053, subsection 4 to conduct background  
41 checks for initial licensure of an emergency medical services person.

