

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# 131st MAINE LEGISLATURE

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H.P. 1380

House of Representatives, January 3, 2024

### **An Act to Authorize the Provision of Emergency Medical Treatment for Certain Dogs**

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

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

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "R B. Hunt".

ROBERT B. HUNT  
Clerk

Presented by Representative FAY of Raymond.  
Cosponsored by Senator HARRINGTON of York and  
Representatives: BOYER of Poland, KUHN of Falmouth, SALISBURY of Westbrook,  
Speaker TALBOT ROSS of Portland, Senator: BAILEY of York.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 32 MRSA §85, sub-§9** is enacted to read:

3 **9. Dogs.** An emergency medical services person licensed under this chapter may  
4 provide emergency medical treatment to certain dogs in accordance with protocols adopted  
5 by the Medical Direction and Practices Board.

6 **Sec. 2. 32 MRSA §4860, sub-§13** is enacted to read:

7 **13. Emergency medical services person.** An emergency medical services person as  
8 defined in section 83, subsection 12 practicing in accordance with protocols adopted by the  
9 Medical Direction and Practices Board as defined in section 83, subsection 16-B.

10 **SUMMARY**

11 This bill establishes an exception to the laws governing the licensing of a person in the  
12 practice of veterinary medicine for emergency medical services persons providing  
13 emergency medical treatment to certain dogs in accordance with protocols adopted by the  
14 Medical Direction and Practices Board.