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H.P. 1405

House of Representatives, January 7, 2026

An Act to Establish a One-year Probationary Period for Public Safety Dispatchers

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

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

R. B. Hunt

ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

Presented by Representative BUNKER of Farmington.
Cosponsored by Representative: LOOKNER of Portland.

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

Sec. 1. 26 MRSA §600-C is enacted to read:

§600-C. Probationary period for public safety dispatchers

1. Probationary period. The probationary period for a public safety dispatcher may not be less than 12 months.

2. Public safety dispatcher. For the purposes of this section, "public safety dispatcher" means a person whose primary employment duties consist of any combination of:

A. Acting as an emergency medical dispatcher as defined in Title 32, section 85-A, subsection 1, paragraph D;

B. Answering, directing or dispatching the response to public safety requests for service at a public safety answering point as defined in Title 25, section 2921, subsection 7;

C. Answering, directing or dispatching the response of emergency services for municipal fire protection pursuant to Title 30-A, chapter 153; or

D. Answering, directing or dispatching the response of law enforcement officers as defined in Title 25, section 2801-A, subsection 5.

SUMMARY

This bill establishes a one-year probationary period for public safety dispatchers.