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officer's designee; the Director of Health Planning and Development or the director's designee; the Commissioner of Labor or the commissioner's designee; the Director of the State Planning Office or the director's designee; a member of the Maine Health Policy Advisory Council appointed by its chair; 2 representatives of the nursing profession appointed by the Governor; 2 representatives of other allied health professions appointed by the Governor; and one consumer appointed by the Governor.

Sec. 19. Report on postgraduate medical education. The Finance Authority of Maine shall report to the Joint Standing Committee on Education by January 15, 1992 on the existing programs for financial assistance for postgraduate medical education, including the Maine contract program and the osteopathic loan program. The report must include suggested changes to the programs designed to maximize the use of available funding to increase the supply of primary care physicians practicing in underserved areas of the State and to provide access to medical education for Maine students. In preparing its report, the Finance Authority of Maine shall consult with the Advisory Committee on Medical Education, the Special Select Commission on Access to Health Care, the Maine Medical Association, the Maine Osteopathic Association, the Maine Ambulatory Care Coalition, the Department of Human Services and other interested entities.

Effective October 17, 1991.

CHAPTER 613

H.P. 1230 - L.D. 1794

An Act to Amend the Minimum Requirements for Emergency Medical Technicians

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

32 MRSA §85, sub-§3, as amended by PL 1989, c. 857, §69, is further amended to read:

3. Minimum requirements for licensing. In setting rules for the licensure of emergency medical services persons, the board shall ensure that a person is not licensed to care for patients unless that person's qualifications are at least those specified in this subsection. Any person who meets these conditions is considered to have the credentials and skill demonstrations necessary for the ambulance attendant level of licensure to provide basic emergency medical treatment.

A. The person must have completed successfully the United States Department of Transportation course for first responders, with supplemental training specified in rules adopted by the board pursuant to the

Maine Administrative Procedure Act, or completed successfully the American Red Cross Advanced First Aid and Emergency Care Course, with supplemental training specified in rules adopted by the board pursuant to the Maine Administrative Procedure Act.

B. The person must have successfully completed the American Heart Association basic rescuer course in cardiopulmonary resuscitation or its American Red Cross equivalent.

C. The person must have successfully completed a state written and practical test for basic emergency medical treatment.

D. The person must be sponsored by a Maine licensed ambulance service or first responder service.

The board may set by rule intervals at which these qualifications must be renewed and appropriate courses and testing for that renewal.

For those individuals who are licensed or who relicense as basic emergency medical technicians after September 1, 1986, and who are not licensed at the advanced level, the basic emergency medical technician license is for a 3-year period. Licensure includes, but is not limited to, annual verification, as determined by the board through rules. ~~In addition, that licensure requires the successful passage of examinations not more than once every 3 years.~~ To maintain a valid license, a basic emergency medical technician ~~shall~~ **must** meet the criteria as set out in this subsection. If those criteria are not met, a person does not hold a valid license and must reapply for licensure.

Effective October 17, 1991.

CHAPTER 614

H.P. 1343 - L.D. 1934

An Act to Eliminate the Requirement of Reimbursement for Search and Rescue Activities

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

12 MRSA §7035, sub-§4, ¶B, as amended by PL 1983, c. 819, Pt. A, §19, is repealed.

Effective October 17, 1991.

CHAPTER 615

H.P. 1397 - L.D. 1981

An Act to Make Changes in the Workers' Compensation System