

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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STATE OF MAINE

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TITLE 3, SECTION 163-A, SUBSECTION 4.

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A conditional licensee has 3 years from the effective date of this subsection to fulfill all licensure requirements and obtain full licensure. A conditional license expires 3 years from the effective date of this subsection. The scope of practice for a conditional licensee is limited to those therapeutic practices covered by section 12522, subsections 1, 2 and 3 and those prescriptive practices covered by section 12522, subsection 4, paragraph A. A conditional licensee may not prescribe legend drugs or receive specialty certification.

3. Naturopathic acupuncture specialty certification. In order to practice naturopathic acupuncture, a naturopathic doctor must obtain a naturopathic acupuncture specialty certification from the board. The board may issue this specialty certification to a naturopathic doctor who has:

- A. Submitted an application and a certification fee to be determined by the board;
- B. Completed an acupuncture program approved by the board that includes 1,000 hours of classroom training and 300 hours of supervised clinical training; and
- C. Passed an examination administered by the National Commission for the Certification of Acupuncturists.

4. Disclosures. Naturopathic doctors shall:

- A. Clearly disclose to each patient and on all printed material that their training is in naturopathic medicine;
- B. Openly display their license, attaching renewals and specialty certifications when applicable; and
- C. When practicing without malpractice insurance, disclose to each patient that they do not have insurance.

§12526. Fees, renewals and continuing education

1. Fees. Applications for licensing and specialty certification must be on forms prescribed and furnished by the board. The application fee is set by the board by rule and is nonrefundable. An initial license fee must be established by the board in an amount not to exceed \$300. A specialty certification fee must be established by the board in an amount not to exceed \$50 annually.

2. Renewal. A license to practice naturopathic medicine must be renewed annually. The annual license renewal fee established by the board in an amount not to exceed the initial licensing fee must accompany the application for renewal. A specialty certification must be renewed annually. The specialty

certification fee must accompany the application for renewal.

3. Continuing education. When renewing a license, a naturopathic doctor must submit to the board evidence of successful completion of continuing education. The minimum continuing education requirement for license renewal is 25 hours annually, at least 7 hours of which must be in pharmacology. Naturopathic doctors who possess a certification in naturopathic acupuncture must complete an additional 15 hours of board-approved continuing education annually, specific to that specialty. The board may further define and implement these continuing education requirements through rulemaking.

Sec. 14. Rules enacted by the Acupuncture Licensing Board. All rules enacted by the Acupuncture Licensing Board that were in effect on January 1, 1996 are rules of the Board of Complementary Health Care Providers and may only be altered pursuant to the Maine Administrative Procedure Act.

Sec. 15. Allocation. The following funds are allocated from Other Special Revenue funds to carry out the purposes of this Act.

1996-97

PROFESSIONAL AND FINANCIAL REGULATION, DEPARTMENT OF Licensing and Enforcement Division

All Other	\$2,900
Allocates funds for the additional cost of adopting new rules pertaining to the regulation of naturopathic doctors by the Board of complementary Health Care Providers.	

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 672

S.P. 766 - L.D. 1877

An Act to Amend the Laws Concerning Enhanced 9-1-1

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

Sec. 1. 25 MRSA §2927, sub-§1-A is enacted to read:

1-A. Statewide E-9-1-1 surcharge. The activities authorized under this chapter are funded through a special statewide E-9-1-1 surcharge to be levied on each residence and business telephone exchange line, including private branch exchange, or PBX, lines and Centrex lines, trunks serving cellular communications providers in the State and semipublic coin and public access lines. The statewide E-9-1-1 surcharge may not be imposed on more than 25 lines per customer billing account. Through July 31, 1996, the statewide E-9-1-1 surcharge is 2¢ per month per line. Beginning August 1, 1996, the statewide E-9-1-1 surcharge is 20¢ per month per line. The statewide E-9-1-1 surcharge must be billed on a monthly basis by each local exchange telephone utility and be shown separately as a statewide E-9-1-1 surcharge on the customer's bill.

Sec. 2. 25 MRSA §2927, sub-§2-A is enacted to read:

2-A. Surcharge remittance. Each local exchange telephone utility shall remit the statewide E-9-1-1 surcharge revenues collected from its customers pursuant to this section on a monthly basis to the Treasurer of State for deposit in a separate account known as the E-9-1-1 fund.

Sec. 3. 25 MRSA §2927, sub-§5-A is enacted to read:

5-A. Committee recommendations; budget. The joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over utilities and energy matters shall make recommendations to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over appropriations and financial affairs regarding all expenditures from the E-9-1-1 fund established in subsection 2-A.

Sec. 4. 25 MRSA §2927, sub-§7-A is enacted to read:

7-A. Repeal. Subsections 1-A and 2-A are repealed August 1, 1998.

Sec. 5. 25 MRSA §2928, sub-§2 is enacted to read:

2. Records; confidentiality; disclosure. Any record, recording or information obtained by a public or private safety agency, including a public safety answering point, for the purpose of providing E-9-1-1 services and that reveals the name, address or telephone number of, or information that may identify, a person requesting emergency service or reporting an emergency by placing a 9-1-1 call is confidential pursuant to Title 1, section 402, subsection 3,

paragraph A. The information may be disclosed only to public or private safety agencies for processing emergency calls and providing emergency services and to law enforcement officers for investigating criminal conduct. The information may not be utilized for any commercial purpose.

Sec. 6. Commission; report. On or before February 1, 1997, the Public Utilities Commission shall report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over utilities and energy matters on potential alternative funding mechanisms for long-term funding of the E-9-1-1 system. The report must include recommendations for legislation to implement an alternative funding mechanism.

Sec. 7. Committee; report out legislation. The joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over utilities and energy matters may report out legislation to the First Regular Session and the Second Regular Session of the 118th Legislature regarding the E-9-1-1 system, including, but not limited to, legislation concerning penalties for violations of the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 25, section 2928.

Sec. 8. Allocation. The following funds are allocated from Other Special Revenue to carry out the purposes of this Act.

1996-97

**PUBLIC SAFETY,
DEPARTMENT OF
Emergency Services
Communication Bureau**

All Other	\$1,065,000
Capital Expenditures	15,000
TOTAL	\$1,080,000

Provides funds for municipal addressing support, telephone data base development, public safety answering point equipment acquisition and installation, staff training and consulting services to implement a statewide enhanced 9-1-1 system.

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