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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to S.P. 634, L.D. 1735, Bill, “An Act To Authorize Regional Medical Control Committees To Have Access to Maine Emergency Medical Services Data for Purposes of Quality Improvement”

Amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and before the emergency clause and inserting the following:

Sec. 1. 32 MRSA §89, sub-§2, ¶A, as amended by PL 1991, c. 588, §18, is further amended to read:

A. Establishing a regional medical control committee to carry out a plan of quality improvement approved by the board;

Sec. 2. 32 MRSA §91-B, sub-§2, ¶E, as amended by PL 2015, c. 82, §8, is further amended to read:

E. Data collected by Maine Emergency Medical Services that allows identification of persons receiving emergency medical treatment may be released for purposes of research, regional medical control quality improvement plans, public health surveillance and linkage with patient electronic medical records if the release is approved by the board, the Medical Direction and Practices Board and the director. Information that specifically identifies individuals must be removed from the information disclosed pursuant to this paragraph, unless the board, the Medical Direction and Practices Board and the director determine that the release of such information is necessary for the purposes of the research, regional medical control quality improvement plans, public health surveillance or linkage with patient electronic medical records.

Sec. 3. 32 MRSA §91-B, sub-§2, ¶H is enacted to read:

H. Confidential information submitted to the board by any entity must be easily accessible by that entity without charge for a period of 4 years from the date that the confidential information is submitted to the board.'

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SUMMARY

This amendment specifies that a regional medical control committee established to carry out a plan of quality improvement that has been approved by the Department of Public Safety, Emergency Medical Services' Board may have access to data collected by Maine Emergency Medical Services that allow identification of persons receiving emergency medical treatment for purposes relating to the approved quality improvement plan so long as the release of the data is approved by the Emergency Medical Services' Board, the Medical Direction and Practices Board and the Director of Maine Emergency Medical Services. The amendment also clarifies that the Emergency Medical Services' Board is required to ensure that confidential information submitted to the board by any entity is easily accessible by that entity without charge for a period of 4 years from the date that the confidential information is submitted to the board.