**An Act To Require Dispatch Units To Employ a Person with a Social Work Background**

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

**Sec.** **1. 25 MRSA §2936** is enacted to read:

**§****2936.** **Social workers at public safety answering points**

A public safety answering point shall have on staff on a 24-hour basis a person licensed under Title 32, chapter 83 to screen 9-1-1 calls to determine whether a 9-1-1 call requires dispatch of social work services, listed under Title 32, section 7053-A, or other emergency services.

**SUMMARY**

This bill requires public safety answering points receiving 9-1-1 calls to have on staff on a 24-hour basis a licensed social worker to screen 9-1-1 calls to determine whether a 9-1-1 call requires dispatch of social work services or other emergency or law enforcement services.