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### **An Act to Establish the Maine Emergency Medical Services Commission**

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

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ROBERT B. HUNT  
Clerk

Presented by Representative SALISBURY of Westbrook.  
Cosponsored by Senator TALBOT ROSS of Cumberland and  
Representatives: BLIER of Buxton, DUCHARME of Madison, Senator: CURRY of Waldo.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §12004-J, sub-§22** is enacted to read:

3 **22.**

4 <u>Emergency</u>	<u>Maine Emergency Medical Services</u>	<u>Legislative Per</u>	<u>32 MRSA</u>
5 <u>Medical</u>	<u>Commission</u>	<u>Diem and</u>	<u>§99</u>
6 <u>Services</u>		<u>Expenses</u>	

7 **Sec. 2. 32 MRSA §99** is enacted to read:

8 **§99. Maine Emergency Medical Services Commission**

9 **1. Commission established.** The Maine Emergency Medical Services Commission,  
10 referred to in this section as "the commission," is established pursuant to Title 5, section  
11 12004-J, subsection 22 to monitor and evaluate the State's emergency medical services  
12 system on a continuing basis and provide recommendations to the appropriate state  
13 agencies and to the Legislature regarding necessary changes in the emergency medical  
14 services system.

15 **2. Members.** The commission consists of 26 members as follows:

16 A. Three members of the Senate, including at least one member of the party holding  
17 the largest number of seats in the Legislature and at least one member of the party  
18 holding the 2nd largest number of seats in the Legislature, appointed by the President  
19 of the Senate;

20 B. Three members of the House of Representatives, including at least one member of  
21 the party holding the largest number of seats in the Legislature and at least one member  
22 of the party holding the 2nd largest number of seats in the Legislature, appointed by  
23 the Speaker of the House of Representatives;

24 C. The Commissioner of Health and Human Services or the commissioner's designee;

25 D. The director or the director's designee;

26 E. The chair of the board or the chair's designee;

27 F. A representative of the Office of the Governor, designated by the Governor;

28 G. The following 6 members, appointed by the Governor:

29 (1) A representative of a statewide association representing hospitals;

30 (2) A representative of a statewide association representing ambulance services;

31 (3) A representative of a statewide association representing municipalities;

32 (4) A representative of a statewide association representing counties;

33 (5) A representative of a statewide association representing fire chiefs; and

34 (6) A member of the public;

35 H. The following 5 members, appointed by the President of the Senate:

36 (1) A member who is employed or volunteers in the field of emergency medical  
37 services and represents a community of 10,000 or more residents;

1                   (2) A member who is employed or volunteers in the field of emergency medical  
2                   services and represents a community of fewer than 10,000 residents;

3                   (3) A representative of the Maine Community College System;

4                   (4) A member with expertise in health insurance coverage, billing and associated  
5                   matters relating to the provision of emergency medical services by an emergency  
6                   medical services provider licensed under section 82; and

7                   (5) A member representing an emergency medical services provider licensed  
8                   under section 82 primarily engaged in the provision of nonemergency transporting;  
9                   and

10                  I. The following 5 members, appointed by the Speaker of the House of  
11                  Representatives:

12                   (1) A member representing an emergency medical services provider licensed  
13                   under section 82 operating primarily in a rural area of the State;

14                   (2) A member representing an emergency medical services provider licensed  
15                   under section 82 operating primarily in a nonrural area of the State;

16                   (3) A member who is a volunteer emergency medical services person;

17                   (4) A representative of the state chapter of a national organization representing  
18                   emergency physicians; and

19                   (5) A member representing air ambulance services.

20                  **3. Terms.** Terms of appointment for members are as follows.

21                   A. The terms of appointment for legislative members appointed pursuant to subsection  
22                   2, paragraphs A and B coincide with their respective legislative terms of office.

23                   B. Of the initial appointments made under subsection 2, paragraphs G, H and I, each  
24                   appointing authority shall appoint 2 members for terms of 3 years, 2 members for terms  
25                   of 2 years and the remaining members for terms of one year. Subsequent appointments  
26                   must be made for terms of 3 years.

27                   C. Members may serve beyond their designated terms until their successors are  
28                   appointed.

29                  **4. Officers.** The director shall call the first meeting of the commission as soon as all  
30                  appointments are made and as soon as funding permits. At the first meeting, the  
31                  commission shall select a chair, a vice-chair, a secretary and a treasurer from among its  
32                  members. The commission may select new officers annually.

33                  **5. Meetings.** The commission may meet as often as necessary but must meet at least  
34                  quarterly. A meeting may be called by the chair or by any 4 members. The commission  
35                  shall take and maintain minutes of all meetings.

36                  **6. Staffing.** If funding permits, the commission may employ staff as needed. The  
37                  staffs of the members represented on the commission may assist the commission in carrying  
38                  out its functions and duties within the staffs' existing resources. The commission may  
39                  contract for administrative, professional and clerical services if funding permits.

40                  **7. Funding.** The commission may seek, accept and expend outside funding to carry  
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**8. Duties.** The commission shall:

A. Regularly advise the Governor and executive officers, the Legislature, Maine Emergency Medical Services, emergency medical services providers licensed under section 82 and any other parties affected by the commission's recommendations regarding emergency medical services;

B. Submit a report containing the results of the commission's studies, findings and recommendations to the Governor and to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over public safety matters by January 1st of each year. As resources permit, the report must include, but is not limited to:

(1) An assessment of existing and needed resources and expected resource needs within the State's emergency medical services system and recommendations for funding those needs;

(2) An evaluation of existing emergency medical services programs, initiatives and resources, including recommendations for improvements, for new programs and initiatives and for funding options for oversight and administration of the State's emergency medical services system; and

(3) Recommendations for effective management of resources within the State's emergency medical services system; for enhancing the collection and distribution of emergency medical services data; regarding evaluation methodology for the State's emergency medical services system; and for recruitment and retention of emergency medical services persons, both paid and volunteer.

After reviewing the report submitted under this paragraph, the committee may report out legislation relating to the report;

C. Adopt rules necessary to carry out the commission's duties. Rules adopted pursuant to this paragraph are routine technical rules as defined in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A;

D. Conduct public hearings, conferences, workshops and other meetings to obtain information about and discuss and publicize the needs of and solutions to problems concerning the State's emergency medical services system; and

E. Submit proposed legislation to the Legislature to implement any recommendations of the commission.

**SUMMARY**

This bill establishes the Maine Emergency Medical Services Commission to monitor and evaluate the State's emergency medical services system on a continuing basis and provide recommendations to the appropriate state agencies and to the Legislature regarding necessary changes in the emergency medical services system.