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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to S.P. 374, L.D. 841, “Resolve, to Study the Delivery of Emergency Medical Services to and Ferry Service Effects on Island Communities in the State”

Amend the resolve by striking out the title and substituting the following:

'Resolve, to Study the Delivery of Emergency Medical Services to and Ferry Service Effects on Unbridged Island Communities in the State'

Amend the resolve by striking out everything after the title and inserting the following:

'Emergency preamble. Whereas, acts and resolves of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

Whereas, emergency medical services are essential services and failing to provide these essential services adversely affects public health; and

Whereas, addressing the delivery of emergency medical services to unbridged island communities will require input and collaboration from several stakeholders; and

Whereas, this legislation must take effect before the expiration of the 90-day period in order to address these issues; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore, be it

Sec. 1. Department of Public Safety, Maine Emergency Medical Services to convene working group. Resolved: That the Department of Public Safety, Maine Emergency Medical Services shall convene a working group to study the delivery of emergency medical services to and ferry service implications on unbridged island communities in the State. The study must include an evaluation of the long-term sustainability of emergency medical services to unbridged islands, legal and regulatory

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

1 requirements related to such services and a cost comparison to emergency medical services
2 needs and costs statewide.

3 **Sec. 2. Membership. Resolved:** That the working group under section 1 consists
4 of the following members:

5 1. The Director of Maine Emergency Medical Services within the Department of
6 Public Safety, or the director's designee;

7 2. A representative of a municipal government of an unbridged island community that
8 is served by the Department of Transportation, Maine State Ferry Service;

9 3. A representative of a municipal government of an unbridged island community that
10 is not served by the Department of Transportation, Maine State Ferry Service;

11 4. A representative who provides emergency medical services on an unbridged island
12 community served by the Department of Transportation, Maine State Ferry Service;

13 5. A representative of the Department of Transportation, Maine State Ferry Service;

14 6. A representative of an organization with experience in providing air ambulance
15 critical care transport services in the State;

16 7. A representative of a statewide association representing ambulance services; and

17 8. A representative of a municipal fire department that provides marine emergency
18 medical services that are not primarily facilitated through a ferry service to an unbridged
19 island community.

20 **Sec. 3. Report. Resolved:** That, by January 1, 2026, the Department of Public
21 Safety, Maine Emergency Medical Services shall submit a report that includes the findings
22 and recommendations of the working group under section 1, including suggested
23 legislation, for presentation to the Joint Standing Committee on Criminal Justice and Public
24 Safety and to the Joint Standing Committee on Transportation. Both committees may
25 submit legislation based on the report to the Second Regular Session of the 132nd
26 Legislature.

27 **Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this legislation
28 takes effect when approved.'

29 Amend the resolve by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or
30 section number to read consecutively.

31 SUMMARY

32 This amendment replaces the resolve and adds an emergency preamble and emergency
33 clause. The amendment requires the working group to study the long-term sustainability
34 of emergency medical services to unbridged island communities, legal and regulatory
35 requirements related to such services and a cost comparison to emergency medical services
36 needs and costs statewide.

37 The amendment changes the working group in the following ways.

38 1. The Department of Public Safety, Maine Emergency Medical Services is to convene
39 the working group instead of the Maine Office of Community Affairs.

