

STATE OF MAINE

—
IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
TWO THOUSAND TWENTY-FOUR

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H.P. 1380 - L.D. 2156

**An Act to Authorize the Provision of Emergency Medical Treatment for
Certain Dogs**

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

Sec. 1. 32 MRSA §85, sub-§9 is enacted to read:

9. Dogs. Notwithstanding section 4860, an emergency medical services person licensed under this chapter may provide emergency medical treatment to a law enforcement dog, as defined in Title 14, section 164-B, paragraph B, or to a search and rescue dog, as defined in Title 14, section 164-B, paragraph D, in accordance with protocols adopted by the Medical Direction and Practices Board.

Sec. 2. 32 MRSA §88-B, sub-§1, ¶A, as enacted by PL 2019, c. 617, Pt. C, §3, is amended to read:

A. The Medical Direction and Practices Board shall create, adopt and maintain the Maine Emergency Medical Services protocols. When adopting or amending any protocols related to providing emergency medical treatment pursuant to section 85, subsection 9, the Medical Direction and Practices Board shall consult with an individual with expertise in emergency veterinary medicine designated by the State Board of Veterinary Medicine.