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Amend the bill in section 6 in paragraph C in the 2nd line (page 2, line 15 in L.D.) by inserting after the following: "director and" the following: 'may appoint'

Amend the bill in section 8 by striking out all of subsection 3 and inserting the following:

‘3. Minimum requirements for licensing. In setting rules for the initial licensure of emergency medical services persons, the board shall ensure that a person is not licensed to care for patients unless that person's qualifications are at least those specified in this subsection. Any person who meets these conditions is considered to have the credentials and skill demonstrations necessary for licensure to provide emergency medical treatment.

A. The person must have completed successfully the training specified in rules adopted by the board pursuant to the Maine Administrative Procedure Act.

C. The person must have successfully completed a state writtencognitive test for basic emergency medical treatment and a board-approved practical evaluation of emergency medical treatment skills.

The board shall obtain criminal history record information containing a record of conviction data from the ~~Maine Criminal Justice Information System~~ for an applicant seeking initial licensure under this subsection. Information obtained pursuant to this subsection is confidential and may be used only to determine suitability for initial issuance of a license to provide emergency medical services. The results of criminal history record checks received by the board are for official use only and may not be disseminated outside the board. The applicant for initial licensure shall pay the expense of obtaining the information required by this subsection.’

Amend the bill by striking out all of section 9 and inserting the following:

‘Sec. 9. 32 MRSA §85, sub-§4, as amended by PL 2007, c. 274, §14, is further amended to read:

4. Minimum requirements for relicensing. The board shall set by rule the license and relicensing requirements and the relicensing interval for emergency medical services persons. A person who is duly licensed in Maine as an emergency medical services person must be issued a renewal license if the following requirements are met:

A. The person must have satisfactorily completed relicensure training as defined in the rules; and

B. The person must have satisfactorily demonstrated competence in the skills required for the license level. Skill competence may be satisfied by a combination of run report reviews and continuing education training programs conducted in accordance with the rules or by satisfactorily completing the state writtencognitive test and a board-approved practical evaluation of emergency medical treatment skills.

If the person is not duly licensed at the time of application, the person must demonstrate skill and knowledge as defined in the rules.

To maintain a valid license, an emergency medical services person must meet the criteria set out in this section. If those criteria are not met, a person does not hold a valid license and must reapply for licensure.

~~A criminal history record check for information containing a record of conviction data from the Maine Criminal Justice Information System is not required for the relicensing of emergency medical services personnel.'~~

SUMMARY

This amendment clarifies the provisions of the bill by providing that the Emergency Medical Services' Board may appoint a licensed physician as statewide assistant emergency medical services medical director but is not required to; the position is intended to be filled only as needed. The amendment also strikes unnecessary references to initial licensure and language that indicates that a criminal history record information check is not required for relicensure of emergency medical services personnel.