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An Act To Authorize Emergency Medical Services Personnel To Provide Treatment within Their Scope of Practice in a Hospital Setting with the Permission of the Hospital

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

Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §1833 is enacted to read:

§ 1833. Emergency medical services persons working in a hospital setting

A hospital licensed under this chapter may authorize an emergency medical services person, as defined in Title 32, section 83, subsection 12, to provide to a patient of the hospital in a hospital setting treatment that is within the scope of practice of the emergency medical services person.

Sec. 2. 32 MRSA §83, sub-§13, as amended by PL 1985, c. 730, §§8 and 16, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

13. Emergency medical treatment. "Emergency medical treatment" means those skills, techniques and judgments, as defined by the board, that are directed to maintaining, improving or preventing the deterioration of the medical condition of the patient and that are appropriate to be delivered by trained persons:

A. At the scene of a patient's illness or injury outside the hospital and during transportation to the hospital; or

B. In a hospital setting if the hospital has authorized emergency medical services persons to provide emergency medical treatment in the hospital under Title 22, section 1833.

SUMMARY

This bill allows a hospital to authorize an emergency medical services person to provide to a patient of the hospital in a hospital setting treatment that is within the scope of practice of the emergency medical services person.

The bill repeals and replaces the definition of "emergency medical treatment" in the Maine Emergency Medical Services Act of 1982 to allow that treatment to be provided by emergency medical services persons in a hospital setting if the hospital has authorized treatment in the hospital by emergency medical services persons.