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An Act to Establish the Maine Emergency Medical Services Commission

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

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "R B. Hunt".

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
41 out its duties.

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