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An Act Regarding Community Paramedicine Pilot Projects

Submitted by the Department of Public Safety pursuant to Joint Rule 204.
Reference to the Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety suggested and ordered printed.

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HEATHER J.R. PRIEST
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator DUTREMBLE of York.
Cosponsored by Representative GERRISH of Lebanon and
Senators: HASKELL of Cumberland, SAVIELLO of Franklin, WILLETTE of Aroostook,
Representatives: HEAD of Bethel, LAJOIE of Lewiston, McLEAN of Gorham, VACHON of
Scarborough.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 32 MRSA §84, sub-§4**, as enacted by PL 2011, c. 562, §1, is amended to
3 read:

4 **4. Establishment of community paramedicine pilot projects.** Using the same
5 process established by the board in rule for using pilot projects to evaluate the workability
6 and appropriateness of incorporating a particular emergency medical treatment technique
7 or a type of equipment into any licensure level, the board may establish ~~up to 12~~ pilot
8 projects for the purpose of developing and evaluating a community paramedicine
9 program. A pilot project established pursuant to this subsection may not exceed 3 years
10 in duration.

11 As used in this subsection, "community paramedicine" means the practice by an
12 emergency medical services provider primarily in an out-of-hospital setting of providing
13 episodic patient evaluation, advice and treatment directed at preventing or improving a
14 particular medical condition, within the scope of practice of the emergency medical
15 services provider as specifically requested or directed by a physician.

16 The board shall establish the requirements and application and approval process of pilot
17 projects established pursuant to this subsection. ~~At a minimum, an emergency medical
18 services provider, including, but not limited to, an ambulance service or nontransporting
19 emergency medical service, that conducts a pilot project shall work with an identified
20 primary care medical director, have an emergency medical services medical director and
21 collect and submit data and written reports to the board, in accordance with requirements
22 established by the board.~~

23 On or before January 30th of each year, the board shall submit a written report to the joint
24 standing committees of the Legislature having jurisdiction over criminal justice and
25 public safety matters and labor, commerce, research and economic development matters
26 that summarizes the work and progress during the previous calendar year of each pilot
27 project authorized pursuant to this subsection.

28 **SUMMARY**

29 This bill removes a requirement that an emergency medical services provider that
30 conducts a community paramedicine pilot project work with an identified primary care
31 medical director, have an emergency medical services medical director and collect and
32 submit data and written reports to the board, in accordance with requirements established
33 by the board. The bill also removes a provision limiting the number of pilot projects.