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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to H.P. 549, L.D. 883, “An Act to Exempt Emergency Medical Services Community Paramedicine Programs from Home Health Care Provider Licensing Requirements”

Amend the bill by striking out the title and substituting the following:

'An Act to Exempt Emergency Medical Services Community Paramedicine Programs from Home Health Care Provider Licensing Requirements Under Certain Circumstances'

Amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and inserting the following:

'Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §2147, sub-§12, as amended by PL 1989, c. 119, §3, is further amended to read:

12. Municipal entities. Municipal departments or agencies or other municipal entities in their provision of nontherapeutic preventive and promotional health educational services when persons providing those services are employed by the municipality; ~~and~~

Sec. 2. 22 MRSA §2147, sub-§14, as enacted by PL 2013, c. 336, §3, is amended to read:

14. Registered nurse educators. Registered nurse educators; and

Sec. 3. 22 MRSA §2147, sub-§15 is enacted to read:

15. Emergency medical services community paramedicine services. Ambulance services and nontransporting emergency medical services as defined and licensed under Title 32, chapter 2-B, that are authorized by the Emergency Medical Services' Board to provide community paramedicine services pursuant to Title 32, section 84, subsection 4. This exemption applies for the express and exclusive purpose of delivering community paramedicine services, as long as:

A. The care is episodic. For the purposes of this paragraph, "episodic" means an encounter with a patient focused on presenting concerns and an identified medical

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1 condition in which neither the community paramedic nor the patient has the expectation
2 of an ongoing general home care relationship; and

3 B. The Emergency Medical Services' Board adopts rules requiring authorized
4 community paramedicine services to:

5 (1) Comply with the Maine Background Check Center Act requirements as
6 described in chapter 1691;

7 (2) Conduct initial and ongoing training of all staff regarding their obligations as
8 mandatory reporters;

9 (3) Meet licensing standards consistent with those required by Title 22, section
10 2145, subsections 3 and 4; and

11 (4) Coordinate with home health agencies.

12 **Sec. 4. 32 MRSA §84, sub-§4**, as repealed and replaced by PL 2017, c. 276, §1, is
13 repealed and the following enacted in its place:

14 **4. Establishment of community paramedicine services.** The board may establish
15 community paramedicine services. As used in this subsection, "community paramedicine"
16 means the practice by an emergency medical services provider primarily in an out-of-
17 hospital setting of providing episodic patient evaluation, advice and treatment directed at
18 preventing or improving a particular medical condition, within the scope of practice of the
19 emergency medical services provider as specifically requested or directed by a physician.

20 The board shall establish by rule the requirements and application and approval process of
21 community paramedicine services established pursuant to this subsection. At a minimum,
22 an emergency medical services provider, including, but not limited to, an ambulance
23 service or nontransporting emergency medical service, that conducts community
24 paramedicine services shall work with an identified primary care medical director, have an
25 emergency medical services medical director and collect and submit data and written
26 reports to the board, in accordance with requirements established by the board. The board
27 shall also adopt rules requiring authorized community paramedicine services to:

28 A. Comply with the Maine Background Check Center Act requirements as described
29 in Title 22, chapter 1691;

30 B. Conduct initial and ongoing training of all staff regarding their obligations as
31 mandatory reporters;

32 C. Meet licensing standards consistent with those required by Title 22, section 2145,
33 subsections 3 and 4; and

34 D. Coordinate with home health agencies.

35 Rules adopted pursuant to this subsection are routine technical rules as defined in Title 5,
36 chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.'

37 Amend the bill by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or section
38 number to read consecutively.

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SUMMARY

This amendment replaces the bill and changes the title. It adds community paramedicine services to the list of services exempted from home health licensing and includes conditions for the exemption. It also directs the Emergency Medical Services' Board to adopt rules consistent with the home health exemption conditions.

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED

(See attached)