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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to H.P. 1359, L.D. 1837, Bill, “An Act To Authorize the Establishment of Pilot Projects for Community Paramedicine”

Amend the bill by striking out all of section 1 and inserting the following:

Sec. 1. 32 MRSA §84, sub-§4 is enacted to read:

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

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

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

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

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SUMMARY

This amendment clarifies that the Department of Public Safety, Emergency Medical Services' Board may develop and evaluate a community paramedicine pilot program using the same process established by the board in rule for the use of pilot projects to evaluate incorporating an emergency medical treatment technique or a type of equipment into any licensure level. It specifies that the board may establish up to 12 pilot projects.

It also adds the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over labor, commerce, research and economic development matters as a recipient of the annual report issued by the board.

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED

(See attached)