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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to S.P. 222, L.D. 629, Bill, “An Act Regarding Community Paramedicine Pilot Projects”

Amend the bill by striking out everything after the title and before the summary and inserting the following:

'Emergency preamble. Whereas, acts and resolves of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

Whereas, current law provides that a community paramedicine pilot project may not exceed 3 years in duration; and

Whereas, approval granted by the Emergency Medical Services' Board for the first community paramedicine pilot project may expire prior to enactment of this law unless it is enacted on an emergency basis; and

Whereas, community paramedicine pilot projects have proven to be of value to their communities, and continuation is in the public interest; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore,

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

Sec. 1. 32 MRSA §84, sub-§4, as enacted by PL 2011, c. 562, §1, is amended 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

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1 program. ~~A pilot project established pursuant to this subsection may not exceed 3 years~~
2 ~~in duration.~~

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

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

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

20 **Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this
21 legislation takes effect when approved.'

22 **SUMMARY**

23 This amendment adds an emergency preamble and an emergency clause to the bill.
24 The amendment removes the time limitation of 3 years for community paramedicine pilot
25 projects. Like the bill, the amendment removes a provision limiting the number of pilot
26 projects. Unlike the bill, the amendment does not strike the requirement that an
27 emergency medical services provider that conducts a community paramedicine pilot
28 project work with an identified primary care medical director, have an emergency
29 medical services medical director and collect and submit data and written reports to the
30 board, in accordance with requirements established by the board.