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**STATE OF MAINE**  
**SENATE**  
**131ST LEGISLATURE**  
**SECOND REGULAR SESSION**

SENATE AMENDMENT “ ” to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “A” to S.P. 696, L.D. 1751, “An Act to Maximize Federal Funding in Support of Emergency Medical Services”

Amend the amendment by striking out the substitute title and replacing it with the following:

**'Resolve, to Direct the Department of Health and Human Services to Explore the Feasibility of an Ambulance Service Assessment Fee and to Temporarily Increase Ambulance Services Reimbursement Rates'**

Amend the amendment by striking out all of section 2 and inserting the following:

**'Sec. 2. Ambulance services reimbursement rate. Resolved:** That, notwithstanding the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 22, section 3174-JJ or any other provision of law to the contrary, beginning September 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2027, the Department of Health and Human Services shall reimburse for ambulance services under the MaineCare program at a level that is 140% of the average allowable reimbursement rate under Medicare for such services.

**Sec. 3. Transfer from Department of Public Safety, Emergency Medical Services Stabilization and Sustainability Program, Other Special Revenue Funds account; Department of Health and Human Services, Medical Care - Payments to Providers. Resolved:** That, notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, on or before June 30, 2025, the State Controller shall transfer \$15,000,000 from the Department of Public Safety, Emergency Medical Services Stabilization and Sustainability Program, Other Special Revenue Funds account to the Department of Health and Human Services, Medical Care - Payments to Providers program, Other Special Revenue Funds account.

**Sec. 4. Appropriations and allocations. Resolved:** That the following appropriations and allocations are made.

**HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF**  
**Medical Care - Payments to Providers 0147**

Initiative: Provides a one-time allocation for a temporary change to the Department of Health and Human Services rule Chapter 101: MaineCare Benefits Manual, Chapter III,

**SENATE AMENDMENT**

1 Section 5, Ambulance Services, so that, effective September 1, 2024, MaineCare  
 2 ambulance services codes with Medicare equivalents are reimbursed at 140% of the current  
 3 published Medicare rates. This temporary increase ends on June 30, 2027.

4	<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2023-24</b>	<b>2024-25</b>
5	All Other	\$0	\$7,300,000
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7	FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$7,300,000

9	<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2023-24</b>	<b>2024-25</b>
10	All Other	\$0	\$5,000,000
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12	OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$0	\$5,000,000

13 **Office of MaineCare Services 0129**

14 Initiative: Provides one-time funding for the Department of Health and Human Services to  
 15 contract with an entity to conduct an analysis of the feasibility of implementing an  
 16 ambulance service assessment fee that generates federal Medicaid matching funds to be  
 17 distributed to ambulance service providers and to explore the potential for voluntary  
 18 programs to increase funding to governmental ambulance service providers using  
 19 intergovernmental transfer programs.

20	<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2023-24</b>	<b>2024-25</b>
21	All Other	\$0	\$162,500
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23	GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$162,500

25	<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2023-24</b>	<b>2024-25</b>
26	All Other	\$0	\$166,483
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28	FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$166,483

30 **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES,**  
 31 **DEPARTMENT OF**  
 32 **DEPARTMENT TOTALS**

33		<b>2023-24</b>	<b>2024-25</b>
34	<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$162,500</b>
35	<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$7,466,483</b>
36	<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$5,000,000</b>
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38	<b>DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$12,628,983</b>

39 **PUBLIC SAFETY, DEPARTMENT OF**  
 40 **EMS Stabilization and Sustainability Program Z382**

1 Initiative: Provides a one-time deallocation to the Emergency Medical Services  
 2 Stabilization and Sustainability Program established under the Maine Revised Statutes,  
 3 Title 32, section 98.

4	<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2023-24</b>	<b>2024-25</b>
5	All Other	\$0	(\$15,000,000)
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7	<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>(\$15,000,000)</u>

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9 **PUBLIC SAFETY, DEPARTMENT OF**

10 **DEPARTMENT TOTALS**

11		<b>2023-24</b>	<b>2024-25</b>
12	<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>(\$15,000,000)</b>
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14	<b>DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS</b>	<u><b>\$0</b></u>	<u><b>(\$15,000,000)</b></u>

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16 **SECTION TOTALS**

17		<b>2023-24</b>	<b>2024-25</b>
18	<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$162,500</b>
19	<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$7,466,483</b>
20	<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>(\$10,000,000)</b>
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22	<b>SECTION TOTAL - ALL FUNDS</b>	<u><b>\$0</b></u>	<u><b>(\$2,371,017)</b></u>

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24 Amend the amendment by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or  
 25 section number to read consecutively.

26 **SUMMARY**

27 This amendment increases for 3 years the MaineCare reimbursement rate for  
 28 ambulance services to 140% of the average allowable reimbursement rate under Medicare  
 29 for such services. The amendment also replaces the appropriations and allocations section.

30 **SPONSORED BY:** \_\_\_\_\_

31 (Senator ROTUNDO, M.)

32 **COUNTY:** Androscoggin