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**An Act To Improve Response to Sudden Cardiac Arrest by  
Requiring Training in the Delivery of Cardiopulmonary  
Resuscitation Methods by Telecommunications Technology**

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Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.

Received by the Clerk of the House on December 20, 2019. Referred to the Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety pursuant to Joint Rule 308.2 and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 401.

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ROBERT B. HUNT  
Clerk

Presented by Representative MARTIN of Sinclair.  
Cosponsored by President JACKSON of Aroostook and  
Representatives: FECTION of Biddeford, WARREN of Hallowell, Senators: CARPENTER of  
Aroostook, DESCHAMBAULT of York, DOW of Lincoln, ROSEN of Hancock.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 25 MRSA §2921, sub-§5-B** is enacted to read:

3 **5-B. Emergency services telecommunicator.** "Emergency services  
4 telecommunicator" means a person responsible for answering or communicating with a  
5 caller on a 9-1-1 call as an employee of or contractor for a public safety answering point,  
6 a public safety agency or a private safety agency.

7 **Sec. 2. 25 MRSA §2921, sub-§16-A** is enacted to read:

8 **16-A. T-CPR.** "T-CPR" means the most current, high-quality, evidence-based,  
9 nationally recognized cardiopulmonary resuscitation methods delivered through  
10 instruction to persons on the scene of a cardiac arrest by means of telecommunications  
11 technology.

12 **Sec. 3. 25 MRSA §2936** is enacted to read:

13 **§2936. T-CPR training**

14 Training in T-CPR must be provided as follows.

15 **1. T-CPR training required.** An emergency services telecommunicator that  
16 responds to calls involving emergency medical conditions must be trained in T-CPR. The  
17 training must incorporate recognition protocols for out-of-hospital cardiac arrest and  
18 compression-only cardiopulmonary resuscitation instructions for callers and must provide  
19 for continuing education.

20 **2. Monitoring and enforcement.** The department, in consultation with the bureau,  
21 shall establish by rule a procedure for monitoring adherence by emergency services  
22 telecommunicators, public safety answering points, public safety agencies and private  
23 safety agencies to the requirements of this section. The department may provide for  
24 adjustments in funding to public safety answering points for failure to comply with this  
25 section. Rules adopted pursuant to this subsection are routine technical rules as defined  
26 in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

27 **SUMMARY**

28 This bill defines "emergency services telecommunicator" and requires all emergency  
29 services telecommunicators that provide dispatch for calls involving emergency medical  
30 conditions to be trained in the delivery of cardiopulmonary resuscitation methods by  
31 telecommunications technology. The training must incorporate recognition protocols for  
32 out-of-hospital cardiac arrest and compression-only cardiopulmonary resuscitation  
33 instruction and provide for continuing education. The bill requires the Department of  
34 Public Safety and the Emergency Services Communication Bureau within the Public  
35 Utilities Commission to establish a procedure to monitor compliance and allows the  
36 department to sanction noncompliance by adjusting funding.