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LD969

An Act to Increase Emergency Medical Services Provider Training Opportunities

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Oppose

Dear Senator Bailey, Representative Gramlich, and other members of the Health Coverage, Insurance and Financial Services Committee,

The Maine Ambulance Association (MAA) appreciates the intent behind LD 969, which seeks to expand training opportunities for Emergency Medical Services (EMS) providers by allowing municipalities to conduct or host EMS licensing and relicensing training. However, the MAA respectfully opposes this bill.

Currently, municipalities already have the ability to hold EMS licensure training within their communities. There are no existing restrictions within the rules that prohibit municipalities from conducting such licensure training if they are doing so through a Maine Licensed Training Center. Therefore, we believe the issue at hand is not one of regulatory barriers but rather one of insufficient resources and support for existing training centers.

The MAA firmly believes that challenges in providing EMS licensure training classes are directly tied to resource constraints facing established training facilities. Circumventing current structures and creating redundant or parallel systems will not address the underlying issue of inadequate resources. Instead, it risks weakening the established safety nets provided by current rules and oversight policies, potentially compromising the quality and consistency of EMS licensure training statewide.

We strongly urge the legislature to focus efforts and funding on enhancing the existing EMS licensure training infrastructure. Investing in current training centers ensures consistent, high-quality education and maintains critical oversight necessary for public safety and provider competency.

Thank you for your consideration of our perspective.

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