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Opposition Testimony of Michael Scott, President Thursday, April 23, 2025

LD 1452 – “An Act to Allow the Emergency Medical Services' Board to Assess Civil Penalties for the Noncompliance of Emergency Medical Services Persons with the Requirement to Administer Naloxone Hydrochloride in Compliance with Trainings and Procedures Developed by the Board”

Senator Beebe-Center, Representative Hasenfus, and distinguished members of the Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety. My name is Michael Scott, I live and work in the City of Auburn. I'm submitting testimony in opposition of LD 1452 as the President of the Professional Fire Fighters of Maine, representing over 1,200 First Responders and their families across the State of Maine. Thank you for this important opportunity to speak on behalf of the brave men and women who serve as first responders.

While we support the underlying goal of ensuring that naloxone is administered properly and consistently in overdose situations, We believe this bill takes the wrong approach by punishing frontline EMS workers through civil penalties and not following current processes already in place.

As of now, there should be no providers out of compliance with the naloxone training requirement. The Naloxone training requirement was to be completed by July 1, 2024. According to Maine EMS Operational Bulletin #2024-06-21, “*Maine EMS will produce a list of providers that remain non-compliant with Naloxone training as of July 1st for the EMS Board.*”

Per EMS Board rules, “*the Board may refuse to issue or renew a license, or may modify, suspend, or revoke a license, if an applicant or licensee engages, or attempts to engage, in any of the following, which shall be considered unprofessional conduct.*” One such example includes violating any provision of 32 M.R.S.A, Chapter 2-B.

Any compliance issues are appropriately handled through the Maine EMS Board’s existing disciplinary framework. Imposing a civil penalty of up to \$1,000 is not only unnecessary but undermines the trust and morale of those on the front lines.

In short, while ensuring the proper use of naloxone is vital, this bill’s punitive enforcement mechanism is redundant. There are already effective processes in place to address any issues of non-compliance. We ask that the Committee vote ought not to pass.

Thank you for your time.

Michael Scott

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