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LD 774, An Act to Require Bleeding Control Kits in State-owned Buildings

Sponsored by Rep. Chad Perkins
Before the Joint Standing Committee on State and Local Government

Senator Baldacci, Representative Salisbury, and members of the Joint Standing Committee on State and Local Government: I am Anya Trundy, Deputy Commissioner for the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, and I am providing testimony today Neither For Nor Against LD 774, and will request that the Committee amend the bill in several ways.

Under LD 774, DAFS is required to install bleeding control kits, which include materials for tourniquet application and other items for the treatment of traumatic injury and blood loss. The Department believes that the bill aims to provide an extra layer of safety to those individuals working and visiting State facilities. DAFS is, of course, supportive of the mission, however, there are no federal mandates requiring these kits, and OSHA only recommends them for workplaces with a high risk of injury; State office buildings do not fall into this category. Thus, there doesn't appear to be any authority recommending how bleeding control kits should be dispersed throughout State facilities based upon building occupancy and/or size. While rulemaking authority is granted to the Department, we would prefer clarity within the statute as to the priority of placement as well as the standard of maintenance for bleeding control kits. DAFS would also inquire whether the Committee intends for the bill to apply beyond Executive Branch facilities to the Legislative Branch, Judicial Branch, the UMaine System, Community College System, Maine Maritime Academy, and quasi-governmental entities.

Additionally, LD 774 creates a fund through which DAFS may provide grants or reimbursements to schools, businesses and other organizations that place bleeding control kits on their premises or make available bleeding control training programs. DAFS suggests to the Committee that a more intuitive location for this fund would be under MaineEMS within the Department of Public Safety given that they interact with the public on this topic via Stop the Bleed training. Additionally, this bill leaves the source of this funding somewhat up-in-the-air, suggesting the funds could be acquired through "appropriations, allocations or money received through grants, gifts, or donation from public or private sources." MaineEMS would be more likely to seek out and receive grants, gifts or donations for this purpose than DAFS.

Lastly, DAFS does need to identify that this bill will have a fiscal note for initial implementation costs as well as ongoing maintenance costs. Depending on the occupancy and size of a given building, multiple kits could be required where other facilities would be sufficiently equipped with one. Additionally, kits

will need to be annually inspected and certified, and periodically replaced used and expired items.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify, I am happy to answer questions from the Committee.