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## **In Support of LD 1797**

*“An Act to Amend the Laws Governing the Maine Length of Service Award Program”*

Presented by Representative Theriault of China

BEFORE THE JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC  
SAFETY

Public Hearing: Wednesday, January 19, 2022

Senator Deschambault, Representative Warren, and honorable members of the Joint Standing Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety:

My name is Sam Hurley and I am the Director of Maine Emergency Medical Services, Maine EMS, within the Department of Public Safety. I am testifying on behalf of Maine Department of Public Safety and Maine EMS in support of LD 1797, *“An Act to Amend the Laws Governing the Maine Length of Service Award Program.”*

We are supportive of expansion of the LOSAP Board to include emergency medical services persons. Maine EMS would recommend that the language be modified to say, “... submitted by the Maine Board of Emergency Medical Services.” This would clarify whether the names are provided by the Maine EMS Director/Office or the Board of EMS.

Maine EMS is supportive of the service credit process; however, we would encourage the Committee not to adopt this language and instead retain the pre-existing language that allowed rulemaking to establish rules surrounding the service credit system. We believe that it is best

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practice to have allow those specifics to be defined by rule that are able to be more readily changed should the Board see fit. It also gives the public safety community greater opportunity to be involved in the rulemaking process.

I am more than happy to answer any questions that you may have at this time, but please feel free to reach out to me anytime if there is any additional information I can offer you and/or the Committee.

Thank you.