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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to S.P. 292, L.D. 818, Bill, “An Act To Amend the Maine Emergency Medical Services Act of 1982”

Amend the bill in section 3 in subsection 16-B in the 4th line (page 1, line 19 in L.D.) by inserting after the following: "member, a" the following: 'toxicologist or'

Amend the bill by inserting after section 3 the following:

'Sec. 4. 32 MRSA §84, sub-§1, ¶F is enacted to read:

F. The board shall appoint or, as specified in section 89, subsection 2, paragraph B, approve the members of the Medical Direction and Practices Board.'

Amend the bill by striking out all of section 6.

Amend the bill by inserting after section 7 the following:

'Sec. 8. 32 MRSA §91-B, sub-§2, ¶E, as enacted by PL 2011, c. 271, §19, is amended to read:

E. Data collected by Maine Emergency Medical Services that allows identification of persons receiving emergency medical treatment may be released for purposes of research, public health surveillance and linkage with patient electronic medical records if the release is approved by the board, the Medical Direction and Practices Board and the director. Information that specifically identifies individuals must be removed from the information disclosed pursuant to this paragraph, unless the board, the Medical Direction and Practices Board and the director determine that the release of such information is necessary for the purposes of the research, public health surveillance or linkage with patient electronic medical records.'

Amend the bill by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or section number to read consecutively.

SUMMARY

This amendment does the following:

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

1 1. It specifies that the Medical Direction and Practices Board may include a
2 toxicologist instead of a licensed pharmacist;

3 2. It clarifies that the Emergency Medical Services' Board has the power and duty to
4 appoint or approve the members of the Medical Direction and Practices Board;

5 3. It deletes from the bill the provision that repeals the requirement that the
6 Emergency Medical Services' Board or its staff must request the Attorney General to file
7 a complaint in District Court to commence either full or emergency proceedings to
8 suspend a license for more than a year or to revoke a license when the board or its staff
9 concludes that such suspension or revocation is in order; and

10 4. It adds to the purposes for which information specifically identifying individuals
11 collected by Maine Emergency Medical Services may be released the purposes of public
12 health surveillance and linkage with patient electronic medical records.

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