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HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

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**STATE OF MAINE
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126TH LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to S.P. 435, L.D. 1274, Bill, “An Act To Sustain Emergency Medical Services throughout the State”

Amend the bill in section 1 in §3174-JJ in the indented paragraph in the 2nd line (page 1, line 6 in L.D.) by inserting after the following: "less than" the following: '65% of'

Amend the bill by striking out all of section 2 and inserting the following:

'Sec. 2. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF (FORMERLY DHS)

Medical Care - Payments to Providers 0147

Initiative: Provides funding to increase MaineCare reimbursement rates for ambulance services to not less than 65% of Medicare reimbursement rate levels.

GENERAL FUND	2013-14	2014-15
All Other	\$120,130	\$160,174
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$120,130</u>	<u>\$160,174</u>

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2013-14	2014-15
All Other	\$192,302	\$256,403
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	<u>\$192,302</u>	<u>\$256,403</u>

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SUMMARY

This amendment changes the reimbursement rate for ambulance services from not less than the average allowable reimbursement rate under Medicare to not less than 65% of the average allowable reimbursement rate under Medicare. The amendment also replaces the appropriations and allocations section of the bill.

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED

(See attached)