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**An Act to Establish a One-year Probationary Period for Public Safety Dispatchers**

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Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.

Reference to the Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety suggested and ordered printed.

*R. B. Hunt*

ROBERT B. HUNT  
Clerk

Presented by Representative BUNKER of Farmington.  
Cosponsored by Representative: LOOKNER of Portland.

**Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:**

**Sec. 1. 26 MRSA §600-C** is enacted to read:

### **§600-C. Probationary period for public safety dispatchers**

**1. Probationary period.** The probationary period for a public safety dispatcher may not be less than 12 months.

**2. Public safety dispatcher.** For the purposes of this section, "public safety dispatcher" means a person whose primary employment duties consist of any combination of:

A. Acting as an emergency medical dispatcher as defined in Title 32, section 85-A, subsection 1, paragraph D;

B. Answering, directing or dispatching the response to public safety requests for service at a public safety answering point as defined in Title 25, section 2921, subsection 7;

C. Answering, directing or dispatching the response of emergency services for municipal fire protection pursuant to Title 30-A, chapter 153; or

D. Answering, directing or dispatching the response of law enforcement officers as defined in Title 25, section 2801-A, subsection 5.

## SUMMARY

This bill establishes a one-year probationary period for public safety dispatchers.