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

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.

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ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

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

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

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

3 **§600-C. Probationary period for public safety dispatchers**

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

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

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

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

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

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

18 **SUMMARY**

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