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House of Representatives, February 6, 2012

**An Act To Exempt from the Prohibition against Text Messaging
While Driving Emergency Personnel Who Are Acting in the Course
of Their Duties**

(AFTER DEADLINE)

Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 205.

Reference to the Committee on Transportation suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Heather J.R. Priest".

HEATHER J.R. PRIEST
Clerk

Presented by Speaker NUTTING of Oakland.
Cosponsored by Senator COLLINS of York and
Representatives: CEBRA of Naples, CRAY of Palmyra, CURTIS of Madison, HANLEY of
Gardiner, ROSEN of Bucksport.

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

Sec. 1. 29-A MRSA §2119, sub-§4 is enacted to read:

4. Exemption. This section does not apply to a person who is an emergency medical services' person as defined in Title 32, section 83, subsection 12, a firefighter as defined in Title 25, section 1611, subsection 4 or a law enforcement officer as defined in Title 25, section 3701, subsection 3 while that person is acting in the course of that person's duties as an emergency medical services' person, firefighter or law enforcement officer.

SUMMARY

This bill provides an exemption to the prohibition against text messaging while operating a motor vehicle for emergency medical services' persons, firefighters and law enforcement officers acting in the course of their duties.