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House of Representatives, January 12, 1981

Submitted by the Department of Human Services pursuant to Joint Rule 24.

Referred to the Committee on Health and Institutional Services sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Brenerman of Portland.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-ONE

AN ACT to Revise the Maine Medical Laboratory Act.

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

Sec. 1. 22 MRSA § 2029, sub-§ 1, as repealed and replaced by PL 1975, c. 218, is amended to read:

1. Certification. He is a physician licensed to practice medicine in the State of Maine, certified by the American Board of Pathology or the American Osteopathic Board of Pathology, or who possesses qualifications acceptable to the department and the commission and equivalent to such certification; or

Sec. 2. 22 MRSA § 2029, sub-§ 2, as repealed and replaced by PL 1975, c. 218, is amended to read:

2. Special qualifications. He is a physician licensed to practice medicine with special qualifications acceptable to the department and the commission; or

Sec. 3. 22 MRSA § 2029, sub-§ 3 is enacted to read:

3. Qualified persons other than physicians. He has an earned doctorate degree in a chemical, physical or biological science from an accredited institution and either is certified in at least one laboratory specialty by the American Board of Clinical Chemistry, American Board of Medical Microbiology or other national accrediting board acceptable to the department or possesses qualifications

acceptable to the department and the commission and equivalent to the certification.

STATEMENT OF FACT

This bill expands the classes of persons who may qualify to be a director of a medical laboratory. Presently, competent laboratorians who are not physicians but who possess doctorate degrees in laboratory sciences are excluded. This liberalization would facilitate the establishment of qualified private laboratories in Maine and reduce the volume of laboratory testing performed out of state.