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JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Speaker MARTIN of Eagle Lake. Cosponsored by Representative RYDELL of Brunswick.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED AND NINETY-THREE

An Act to Establish Parity in Medicaid Reimbursement Among Licensed Master Social Workers, Licensed Social Workers, Licensed Clinical Professional Counselors and Licensed Professional Counselors. Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:

Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §3174-L is enacted to read:

#### <u>§3174-L. Parity among counselors</u>

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By October 1, 1993, the department shall adopt rules that8make licensed clinical professional counselors and licensed9professional counselors eligible for Medicaid reimbursement for10counseling services if licensed master social workers and11licensed social workers are eligible for reimbursement for those12services.

#### STATEMENT OF FACT

16 Currently, licensed master social workers and licensed social workers are eligible for Medicaid reimbursement for 18 certain counseling services while licensed clinical professional counselors and licensed professional counselors are not. This 20 bill extends Medicaid reimbursement of counseling to licensed clinical professional counselors and licensed professional 22 counselors to the same extent that it exists for licensed master social workers and licensed social workers.

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