

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# 118th MAINE LEGISLATURE

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No. 709

H.P. 518

House of Representatives, February 4, 1997

**An Act to Define the Term "Occupational Therapy Practitioner" in the  
Laws Regulating Professions and Occupations.**

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Reference to the Committee on Business and Economic Development suggested and  
ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joseph W. Mayo".

JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative FULLER of Manchester.  
Cosponsored by Representatives: GREEN of Monmouth, LOVETT of Scarborough,  
TOWNSEND of Portland, Senators: HARRIMAN of Cumberland, RAND of Cumberland.

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

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4       **Sec. 1. 32 MRSA §2272, sub-§7-A** is enacted to read:

6       **7-A. Occupational therapy practitioner.** "Occupational  
8       therapy practitioner" means an individual who is credentialed as  
10       an occupational therapist registered or a certified occupational  
12       therapy assistant, both of whom are licensed occupational  
14       therapists under this chapter.

16       **Sec. 2. 32 MRSA §2279, first ¶,** as enacted by PL 1983, c. 746,  
18       §2, is amended to read:

20       An applicant applying for a license as an occupational  
22       ~~therapist--or--as--an--occupational--therapy--assistant~~ therapy  
24       practitioner shall file a written application provided by the  
26       board, showing to the satisfaction of the board that he the  
28       applicant meets the following requirements.

30       **Sec. 3. 32 MRSA §2279, sub-§5,** as enacted by PL 1983, c. 746,  
32       §2, is amended to read:

34       **5. Examination.** An applicant for licensure as an  
36       occupational ~~therapist--or--as--an--occupational--therapy--assistant~~  
38       shall therapy practitioner must pass an examination as provided  
40       for in section 2280.

### SUMMARY

42       This bill enacts a new definition in the Maine Revised  
44       Statutes, Title 32, chapter 32. The new definition,  
46       "occupational therapy practitioner," includes both occupational  
48       therapists and occupational therapy assistants. The bill also  
50       amends language to include references to occupational therapy  
52       practitioners.