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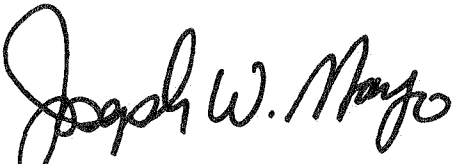
No. 1025

H.P. 748

House of Representatives, February 13, 1997

**An Act Concerning Licensing and Recertification of Licensed
Counseling Professionals.**

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


JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative BOLDUC of Auburn.
Cosponsored by Senator RAND of Cumberland and
Representatives: BERRY of Livermore, BULL of Freeport, CHIZMAR of Lisbon, CROSS of
Dover-Foxcroft, FARNSWORTH of Portland, SKOGLUND of St. George, SNOWE-MELLO
of Poland, WHEELER of Eliot.

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

4 **Sec. 1. 32 MRSA §13860, sub-§2,** as amended by PL 1989, c. 895,
§16, is further amended to read:

6 **2. Continuing education and supervision.** The board, by
8 rule, may establish continuing education and supervision
requirements. Applicants for renewal of license must show proof
10 of satisfying the continuing education requirements set forth by
the board. If a license lapses due to failure of the licensee to
12 meet continuing education requirements, the licensee may renew
the license upon completion of the required continuing education.

14 **Sec. 2. 32 MRSA §13864** is enacted to read:

16 **§13864. Inactive licenses**

18 Any licensee, who does not perform any of the activities
20 described in section 13851, subsection 8 and who wants to
preserve the license while not engaged in any counseling
22 activity, may surrender that license to the board for placement
on inactive status. The board may place the license on inactive
24 status only upon proper application by the licensee. During
inactive status, the licensee must renew the license biennially,
26 but is not required to meet the continuing education requirements
under section 13860, subsection 2.

28 **SUMMARY**

30 This bill allows licensed clinical professional counselors
32 to renew a license lapsed due to insufficient continuing
education, once the continuing education requirements have been
34 met.