

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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BERTHA W. JOHNSON, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Carrier of Westbrook.

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STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
SEVENTY-ONE

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**AN ACT** Relating to Qualifications of Applicants for  
Examination for Admission to Practice Law.

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

**Sec. 1.** R. S., T. 4, § 804, amended. The 2nd sentence of the 2nd paragraph of section 804 of Title 4 of the Revised Statutes, as enacted by section 1 of chapter 370 of the public laws of 1967, is repealed and the following enacted in place thereof:

Notwithstanding the foregoing educational and study requirements, an applicant who suffers from polio or other similarly disabling disease and who has a high school education or possesses a certificate of equivalency of a high school education and who has studied law diligently and in good faith for at least 4 years, which study shall be by instruction and completion of a course in law from a correspondence law school, shall, if otherwise qualified, qualify to take the bar examinations.

**Sec. 2.** Application. This Act shall be effective for only 4 years.

STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this bill is to reenact a 1967 law which expires in 1971 and allows certain applicants who suffer from polio and similar diseases to take the examination to practice law.