

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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**Legislative Document**

**No. 1919**

H. P. 1476

House of Representatives, January 24, 1972

Committee on Health and Institutional Services suggested.

BERTHA W. JOHNSON, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Gill of South Portland.

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STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
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**AN ACT Relating to Loans to Candidates for Practice of Osteopathic  
Medicine in Maine.**

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**Emergency preamble.** Whereas, Acts of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

Whereas, the 105th Legislature in regular session by chapter 526 of the Public Laws of 1971 provided loans to encourage the practice of family medicine in Maine; and

Whereas, the law requires that applicants for loans must be residents of the State of Maine for at least 3 years immediately prior to the date of the application for the loan; and

Whereas, many Maine-born students take up residence outside the State during the 4 years of premedical schooling and therefore are not Maine residents when making application for loans; and

Whereas, the following legislation is vitally necessary to alleviate undue hardship on the applicants who formerly lived in Maine and who intend to practice osteopathic medicine in Maine in the future; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine, and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore,

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

**Sec. 1. R. S., T. 20, § 2241, amended.** The first sentence of Section 2241 of Title 20 of the Revised Statutes, as enacted by chapter 526 of the public laws of 1971, is amended to read as follows.

The purpose of this chapter is to provide loans for ~~residents of the State~~ **persons** who desire to practice the science of osteopathic medicine for the welfare and service of this State.

**Sec. 2. R. S., T. 20, § 2243, sub-§ 1, repealed and replaced.** Subsection 1 of Section 2243 of Title 20 of the Revised Statutes, as enacted by chapter 526 of the public laws of 1971, is repealed and the following enacted in place thereof:

**1. Residency. That he must have been a resident of this State for a minimum of 3 years at any time prior to application.**

**Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this Act shall take effect when approved.

#### STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this bill is reflected in the emergency preamble.