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ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTH LEGISLATURE

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H. P. 789

House of Representatives, February 21, 1973

Referred to the Committee on Health and Institutional Services. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

E. LOUISE LINCOLN, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Smith of Dover-Foxcroft.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-THREE

**AN ACT to Increase Examination and Registration Fees for the Board of
Examiners of Psychologists.**

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

Sec. 1. R. S., T. 32, § 3833, amended. Section 3833 of Title 32 of the Revised Statutes, as enacted by section 82 of chapter 544 of the public laws of 1967, is amended to read as follows:

§ 3833. Fees

There shall be paid to the board chairman by each applicant for a permanent license a fee of \$35 for the initial application and a fee of \$35 for the examination. No part of this fee shall be returnable under any circumstances other than failure of the board to hold examinations at the time originally announced, whereupon the ~~entire fee~~ examination fee only may be returned at the option of the candidate.

Sec. 2. R. S., T. 32, § 3835, amended. The first sentence of section 3835 of Title 32 of the Revised Statutes, as enacted by section 82 of chapter 544 of the public laws of 1967, is amended to read as follows:

The board shall have authority to adopt and enforce rules and regulations requiring every person having a license to practice, which is granted by said board, to pay a biennial registration fee of \$5 \$10.

STATEMENT OF FACT

The Board of Examiners of Psychologists carries on its manifold functions, of which the actual licensing of candidates is only one example, totally de-

pendent on fees collected from licensing applicants and license renewals. During the past few years, the activities of the Board have increased significantly due partly to the increasing contributions of psychologists around the State. There have been many more inquiries from all parts of the country and there has been an increasing volume of activity with the American Association of Psychology Boards, of which this Board is a member.

A situation has been created by these factors over the past few years, which strains the available finances of the Board to the point where its lawful functioning is impeded. A case in point: where licensing examinations were given once a year previously to meet the demand, it was necessary to hold 8 examination sessions during this past year.

At the regular Fall 1972 meeting of the Maine Psychological Association, the Board presented its case to the membership with the request to authorize an increase in fees to be collected from applicants for license examinations and for biennial registrations. The issue was properly discussed and it was voted that the following changes in the form of an Amendment to the Licensing Law shall be respectfully submitted for legislative consideration and action: One, an increase of \$35 in the procedure which leads to licensing of a candidate and, two, an increase of \$5 over the existing fee charged biennially for license renewals.