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STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
107TH LEGISLATURE

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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1424, L.D. 1816, Bill,
"AN ACT to Create a Central Professional and Occupational
Licensing Bureau in the Department of Business Regulation."

Amend said Bill by striking out everything after the
enacting clause and inserting in place thereof the following:

'Sec. 1. 10 MRSA §8003 is enacted to read:

§8003. Central Professional and Occupational Licensing Bureau

There is created a Central Professional and Occupational
Licensing Bureau, hereinafter called the "licensing bureau"
within the Department of Business Regulation, to facilitate the
issuance of professional and occupational licenses, to provide
uniformity in such issuance and to consolidate the adminis-
tration of the boards included in the bureau. The licensing
bureau shall include the Board of Accountancy; the Arborist
Examining Board; the Board of Registration of Architects; the
Board of Barbers; the Board of Chiropractic Examination and
Registration; the Board of Cosmetology; the Board of Dental
Examiners; the Electricians' Examining Board; the State Board
of Registration for Professional Engineers; the State Board of
Funeral Service; the State Board of Certification of Geologists
and Soil Scientists; the State Board of Registration of Land
Surveyors; the State Board of Licensure of Administrators of
Medical Care Facilities other than Hospitals; the Board of
Registration in Medicine; the Board of Nursing; the Oil Burner
Men's Licensing Board; the State Board of Optometry; the Board
of Osteopathic Examination and Registration; the Board of

Commissioners of the Profession of Pharmacy; the Board of Examiners in Physical Therapy; ^{the} Examiners of Podiatrists; the Board of Examiners of Psychologists, and the Board of Social Work Registration.

Sec. 2. Organization. The Joint Standing Committee on State Government of the 107th Legislature, with the assistance of the Commissioner of Business Regulation and in consultation with the boards included in the bureau, shall prepare a plan of organization and operation for the bureau and shall prepare legislation to be presented to a special session of the 107th Legislature to amend, repeal and rearrange statutes to reflect this bureau's responsibilities and organization and may prepare legislation to include public members on the boards within the bureau if, after study, such legislation is considered necessary.

The commissioner shall prepare a budget for the bureau in accordance with the Revised Statutes, Title 5, chapter 149.

The commissioner and the Joint Standing Committee on State Government may recommend legislation for the transfer of from or to another department/such functions as would appear to belong to the other department or to the bureau. The commissioner shall have no powers and duties relative to the proposed bureau, except those listed in this section.

Sec. 3. Effective date. This Act shall become effective 91 days after adjournment of the Legislature.'

Statement of Fact

The purpose of this amendment is to enable the establishment of a central professional and occupational licensing bureau in the same way that the reorganization of executive branch agencies was accomplished several years ago. The bureau is established, the boards which are included are listed, and the general purpose of the bureau is outlined. The State Government Committee and the Commissioner of Business Regulation are instructed to develop legislation further detailing the purpose of the bureau and amending the statutes to reflect the inclusion of the boards in the bureau. The committee and the commissioner are also enabled to develop legislation to include a public member on each board included in the bureau. Such legislation was a part of the original bill.

Several examining and licensing boards which are closely tied to other departments, or which are connected to other Bureaus of the Department of Business Regulation, are not included in the new bureau.

Reported by the Committee on State Government.

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