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ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTH LEGISLATURE

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STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED SEVENTY-SIX

AN ACT Relating to Supervised Practice by Third-Year Law Students Pursuant to Court Rules.

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

4 MRSA § 807, last paragraph, as enacted by PL 1969, c. 396, is amended to read:

Notwithstanding any of the other provisions of this chapter, a senior law student in a law school in this State approved by the American Bar Association **or in a law school in another state approved by the American Bar Association and approved by the Chief Justice of the Supreme Judicial Court** may appear in the courts of the State on behalf of the State or an agency thereof, or under the supervision of an organization providing legal services to the indigent approved by the Supreme Judicial Court on behalf of an individual receiving services through such organization, under rules promulgated by the Supreme Judicial Court stating the conditions under which such appearances may be made, including a specification of the courts and types of cases in which such appearances may be permitted.

STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this bill is to permit limited supervised practice by third-year law students of any approved law school on behalf of certain state agencies and legal aid organizations pursuant to court rules. The present law limits such practice to third-year law students in an approved law school in the State of Maine only.