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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT " A " to H.P. 1879, L.D. 2054, Bill,
"AN ACT Relating to Employment of Drug Inspectors by the State
Board of Pharmacy."

Amend said Bill by inserting before the enacting
clause the following:

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

Whereas, the State Board of Commissioners of the Profession
of Pharmacy is unable to employ a registered pharmacist as a
drug inspector because of certain constraints under existing
law; and

Whereas, it is essential that this board be able to hire
a registered pharmacist to inspect the distribution, sale and
quality of drugs which are compounded, dispensed or distributed
in the State; 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, '

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

'32 MRSA §2853, first ¶, is amended to read:

The board shall be empowered to appoint and remove, subject to the terms of the Personnel Law, a-drug-inspector 2 drug inspectors, who are licensed by the board as pharmacists, to enforce this chapter and Title 22, chapter 551, subchapter II and chapter 557 and the rules and regulations of the board. The board shall determine the salaries of these inspectors and shall pay for the salaries with funds received under this chapter.

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

Statement of Fact

This amendment has 3 purposes.

1. It adds an emergency preamble and clause.
2. It allows the State Board of Commissioners of the Profession of Pharmacy to hire 2 drug inspectors, subject to the terms of the Personnel Law, except for salary.
3. It requires that the 2 drug inspectors must be licensed as pharmacists by the board.

Reported by the Committee on Health and Institutional Services.

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