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STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
SEVENTY-SEVEN

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**AN ACT to Require the Board of Registration in Medicine to Provide for an Educational Program in Developmental Disabilities.**

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

**32 MRSA § 3269, sub-§ 10**, as enacted by PL 1975, c. 504, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

**10. Powers.** The power to conduct and operate or contract with other agencies, persons, firms or associations for the conduct and operation of programs of medical education and to disburse funds accumulated through the receipt of licensure fees for this purpose, provided that no such funds shall be disbursed for this purpose for out-of-state travel, meals or lodging for any physician being educated under this program. No less than \$10,000 of these funds shall be disbursed each fiscal year for educational programs, the purpose of which shall be to improve the skills of physicians in the diagnosis and treatment of conditions caused by and related to developmental disabilities. The power to conduct and operate or contract with other agencies or non-profit organizations for the conduct and operation of a program of financial assistance to medical students indicating an intent to engage in family practice in rural Maine, under which program these students may be provided with interest-free grants or interest-bearing loans in an amount not to exceed \$5,000 per student per year on such terms and conditions as the board may determine.

STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this Act is to improve the skills of Maine physicians in the identification and treatment of various types of developmental disabilities.

The Act requires the Board of Registration in Medicine to spend \$10,000 per year to provide for programs of medical education in the area of developmental disabilities.

The need for this bill is supported by the findings of the Committee on Health and Institutional Services of the 107th Legislature, pursuant to H. P. 1724, the study of mental retardation services.