

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND EIGHTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 502

H. P. 408

House of Representatives, February 16, 1977

Referred to the Committee on Education. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Theriault of Rumford.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-SEVEN

AN ACT to Facilitate Out-of-state Post Graduate Education in Certain Professions.

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

Sec. 1. 20 MRSA § 2271, 1st ¶, as enacted by PL 1975, c. 769, § 1, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

It is the intent of the Legislature to acquire, to the greatest extent possible, the admission of qualified Maine residents to out-of-state educational institutions providing programs of instruction leading to the acquisition of doctoral degrees in medicine, dentistry, optometry and veterinary medicine.

Sec. 2. 20 MRSA § 2274, as enacted by PL 1975, c. 769, § 1, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

§ 2274. Commissioner to secure state contract student positions

The Commissioner of Educational and Cultural Services shall directly, or through the New England Board of Higher Education, negotiate with out-of-state educational institutions to secure positions for state contract students in the fields of medicine, dentistry, optometry and veterinary medicine to the extent funds are appropriated and authorized.

STATEMENT OF FACT

This bill would provide assistance to Maine residents who wish to practice optometry within the State but who must go out-of-state for their education. Passage of this bill would provide competent professionals for whom there is a need. In the event a student fails to practice optometry in Maine upon completion of his education, he would repay the loan.