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STATE OF MAINE SENATE 108TH LEGISLATURE SECOND REGULAR SESSION

SENATE AMENDMENT " $_{\rm B}$ " to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1936, L.D. 2016, Bill, "AN ACT Relating to the State Board of Social Worker Registration."

Amend the Amendment by striking out all of the first 2 paragraphs on page 4 relating to "<u>\$7059.</u>" and inserting in their place the following:

'Further amend the Bill in section 3 by striking out all of that part designated " $\underline{$7059}$." and inserting in its place the following:

\$7059. Revocation and reissuance

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1. Board revocation. The board shall have the power in accordance with the Maine Administrative Procedure Act to revoke the registration of a certified, registered or associate social worker for:

A. Conviction of a violation of law by any court of competent jurisdiction which, if committed within this State, would:

(1) Constitute a Class C crime; or

(2) Be punishable by one year or more of imprisonment. 2. Administrative Court revocation. The board shall have the power to proceed in the Administrative Court seeking to revoke the registration of a certified, registered or associate social worker for any of the following reasons: SENATE AMENDMENT " B" to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1936 -2-L.D. 2016 -

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A. The practice of fraud or deceit in obtaining a certificate of registration under this chapter or in connection with service rendered as a certified, registered or associate social worker;

B. Addiction, as confirmed by medical findings, to the use of alcohol or other drugs, which has resulted in the certified registered or associate social worker being unable to perform his duties or perform those duties in a manner which would not endanger the health or safety of the clients to be served;

C. A medical finding of mental incompetency;
D. Aiding or abetting a person not duly certified as

a certified, registered or associate social worker in
representing himself as a certified, registered or
associate social worker in this State; or
E. Any gross negligence, incompetency or misconduct in
the practice of professional social work.

Any person may prefer charges against any certified, registered or associate social worker. Any charges shall be in writing, shall be sworn to by the person making them and shall be filed with the secretary of the board.

The board, for reasons it may deem sufficient, may reissue a certificate of registration as a certified, registered or associate social worker to any person whose certificate of registration has been revoked, provided 4 or more members

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> of the board vote in favor of that reissuance. A new certificate of registration as a certified, registered or associate social worker, to replace any certificate revoked, lost, destroyed or mutilated, may be issued, subject to the rules and regulations of the board. A charge of \$3 shall be made for that issuance.'

Statement of Fact

The purpose of this amendment is to provide consistency with the Maine Administrative Procedure Act.

(Pherce) NAME:

COUNTY: Kennebec

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