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H. P. 1018

House of Representatives, March 16, 1979

On Motion of Mr. Howe of South Portland, referred to the Committee on Business Legislation. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Miss Aloupis of Bangor.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-NINE

**AN ACT to Amend the Law Relating to the State Board of Social Worker
Registration.**

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

32 MRSA § 7003, sub-§ 3, is enacted to read:

3. Employment by a nursing home. The person is employed by a nursing home licensed under Title 22, section 1811 and that person is engaging in the independent practice of social work on behalf of a nursing home.

STATEMENT OF FACT

Public Law 1977, c. 673, created a State Board of Social Worker Registration and required persons who hold themselves out to the general public as possessing the skills of social workers to register with the board. The chapter contained exemptions for governmental employees and for the employees of hospitals. However, the chapter neglected to provide a similar exemption for the employees of nursing homes. Like the employees of hospitals, social workers in nursing homes do not solicit business from the general public and are employed by nursing homes pursuant to requirements of state and federal regulations.