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

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Kane of South Portland.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-ONE

AN ACT to Establish Statutory Compliance with Modern Technology and Procedure for Scoring Examinations.

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

5 MRSA § 632, 2nd ¶, as amended by PL 1975, c. 766, § 4, is further amended to read:

The names of all persons attaining the minimum final earned ratings established by the commissioner ~~in advance of the giving of the test~~ shall be placed upon the register in order of their ratings.

STATEMENT OF FACT

Pass/fail determinations and scoring formulas for newly constructed tests must consider each of the following: Effectiveness and reliability of questions asked; adverse impact of the scoring process on protected groups such as women and minorities; and comparison of education or training qualifications of the sample tested with raw test scores. This bill requires that analysis of these factors cannot take place until after the test is given.