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STATE OF MAINE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES (Filing No. H-164) llOTH LEGISLATURE FIRST REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT" \mathcal{A} " to H.P. 632, L.D. 713, Bill, "AN ACT Relating to the Licensing of Hearing Aid Dealers and Fitters."

Amend the Bill by striking out sections 1, 2 and 3 and inserting in their place the following:

'Sec. 1. 32 MRSA §1658-M, as enacted by PL 1975, c. 463, §3, is amended by adding at the end a new paragraph to read:

No biennial renewal certificate may be issued by the board during 1982 and any following year until such time as the applicant submits proof satisfactory to the board that during the 2 years perceding his application for renewal, he has participated in not fewer than 16 clock hours of courses of continuing education in fitting and dealing in hearing aids offered by an institution approved by the board. In the initial 2 years of the application of this paragraph, the board may reduce the number of hours of participation required based upon the number of days this paragraph is in effect during those initial 2 years.'

Further amend the Bill by renumbering section 4 to be section 2.

Statement of Fact

The purpose of this amendment is to remove that provision in the bill requiring hearing aid dealers to hold a bachelor's degree and to require that licensees receive 16 clock hours of continuing education every 2 years.

Reported by the Committee on Business Legislation. Reproduced and distributed under the direction of the Clerk of the House.

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