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3 ONE HUNDRED AND TENTH LEGISLATURE
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5 **Legislative Document**

No. 1724

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7 S. P. 739 Office of the Secretary of the Senate
8 Submitted by the Department of Business Regulation pursuant to
9 Joint Rule 24. Reference to the Committee on Business Legislation
10 suggested and 1,400 ordered printed.

11 MAY M. ROSS, Secretary of the Senate
12 Presented by Senator Conley of Cumberland.
13 Cosponsor: Representative Locke of Sebec.
14 Representative H. Martin of Van Buren.
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16 STATE OF MAINE
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18 IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
19 NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-TWO
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21 AN ACT to Adjust the Fees for Licenses
22 Issued by the Arborist Examining Board.
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24 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:

25 **Sec. 1.** 32 MRSA §2001, ~~last ¶~~, 2nd sentence, as
26 amended by PL 1965, c. 226, §72, is further amended to read:

27 Board members not of state agencies shall be paid daily fees
28 of ~~\$20~~ \$40 per day involved, plus current state mileage and
29 living expenses incurred on those days.

30 **Sec. 2.** 32 MRSA §2053, first sentence, as last amended
31 by PL 1973, c. 460, §18, is further amended to read:

1 Applications for examination shall be in writing on
2 forms prescribed by the bureau, shall be notarized and shall
3 be accompanied by the application fee of \$5 \$25.

4 **Sec. 3.** 32 MRSA §2055, 3rd ¶ is amended to read:

5 Examination ~~Examinations~~ shall be given ~~but at least~~
6 once a year unless hardship can be proven to the satisfac-
7 tion of the board at such times and places as the board
8 shall determine. The grading and passing of applicants
9 shall be exclusively the responsibility of the board.

10 **Sec. 4.** 32 MRSA §2055, 4th ¶, as amended by PL 1965,
11 c.226, §75, is further amended to read:

12 Applicants failing the first examination may apply and
13 take the next or subsequent subsequently scheduled examina-
14 tion upon payment of the required application fee. A ~~no ad-~~
15 ~~ditional fee privilege for a 2nd- examination- shall- extend~~
16 ~~only through the date of the next annual examination.~~

17 **Sec. 5.** 32 MRSA §2057, first ¶, as repealed and
18 replaced by PL 1977, c. 360, §27, is amended to read:

19 Licenses for arborists shall expire ~~biennially~~ annually
20 on December 31st, or at such other times as the Commissioner
21 of Business Regulation may designate, and shall become
22 invalid on that date unless renewed.

23 **Sec. 6.** 32 MRSA §2058, first sentence, as repealed and
24 replaced by PL 1977, c. 360, §28, is amended to read:

25 It shall be the duty of the board to notify every
26 person licensed under this subchapter of the date of expira-
27 tion of his certificate and the amount of fee required for
28 its renewal ~~for a 2 year period~~.

29 **Sec. 7.** 32 MRSA §2058, last sentence, as repealed and
30 replaced by PL 1977, c. 360, §28, is amended to read:

31 Lost licenses shall be replaced on application by the li-
32 censed arborist and payment of ~~\$1~~ \$2.

33 **Sec. 8.** 32 MRSA §2059, as amended by PL 1977, c. 360,
34 §29, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

35 §2059. Fees

1 A \$25 fee shall accompany each application for examina-
2 tion and shall not be returnable. When an applicant is
3 notified that he is eligible for a license following exami-
4 nation, he shall remit an additional \$15 to cover the annual
5 license fee of \$15 before a license is issued.

6 The fee for an annual renewal license shall be \$15.

7 Statement of Fact

8 Licensing fees, upon which the Arborist Examining Board
9 operates, have not increased since 1949. This bill will
10 increase the annual arborist license cost from \$5 to \$15,
11 and increases the board member's per diem allowance from \$20
12 to \$40. The bill also changes the license renewal term from
13 2 years to one year in order to eliminate the financial
14 impact of biennial licensing on this very small operation.

15 This bill will increase the board's annual income from
16 approximately \$1,000 to \$3,000.