

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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1 FIRST REGULAR SESSION  
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3 ONE HUNDRED AND ELEVENTH LEGISLATURE  
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5 Legislative Document

No. 438

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7 S.P. 147

In Senate, February 1, 1983

8 Referred to the Committee on Judiciary, sent down for concurrence and  
9 ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 24.

10 JOY J. O'BRIEN, Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator Trafton of Androscoggin.

Cosponsor: Representative Drinkwater of Belfast.

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12 STATE OF MAINE  
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14 IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD  
15 NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-THREE  
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17 AN ACT Substituting the Board of Over-  
18 seers of the Bar as the Keeper of the  
19 Records of Members of the Bar in  
20 Place of Administrative Assistant  
21 to the Chief Justice.  
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23 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as  
24 follows:

25 4 MRSA §807 first ¶, as amended by PL 1979, c.  
26 700, §2, is further amended to read:

27 Unless duly admitted to the bar of this State, no  
28 person ~~shall~~ may practice law or any branch thereof,  
29 or hold himself out to practice law or any branch  
30 thereof, within the State or before any court  
31 therein, or demand or receive any remuneration for  
32 such those services rendered in this State. Whoever,  
33 not being duly admitted to the bar of this State,

1 shall practice law or any branch thereof, or hold  
2 himself out to practice law or any branch thereof,  
3 within the State or before any court therein, or  
4 demand or receive any remuneration for ~~such~~ those  
5 services rendered in this State, shall be guilty of a  
6 Class E crime. This section shall not be construed  
7 to apply to practice before any Federal Court by any  
8 person duly admitted to practice therein; nor to a  
9 person pleading or managing his own cause in court;  
10 nor to the officer or employee of a corporation,  
11 partnership or governmental entity, who is not an  
12 attorney, but is appearing for that organization in  
13 an action cognizable as a small claim under Title 14,  
14 chapter 738. In all proceedings, the fact, as shown  
15 by the records of the ~~Administrative Assistant to the~~  
16 ~~Chief Justice~~ Board of Overseers of the Bar, that  
17 ~~such~~ that person is not recorded as a member of the  
18 bar shall be prima facie evidence that he is not a  
19 member of the bar licensed to practice law in the  
20 State.

21 STATEMENT OF FACT

22 This bill substitutes the Board of Overseers of  
23 the Bar as the keeper of the records of members of  
24 the bar for the Administrative Assistant to the Chief  
25 Justice, a position which no longer exists.

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