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	JOY J. O'BRIEN, Secretary of the Senate
Presented by Senator Pray of	Penobscot.
S	TATE OF MAINE
	E YEAR OF OUR LORD UNDRED AND EIGHTY-THREE
AN ACT to Regu	late Gymnastic Instructors.
Be it enacted by the follows:	People of the State of Maine as
32 MRSA c. 96 is	enacted to read:
	CHAPTER 96
GYMN	ASTIC INSTRUCTORS
	SUBCHAPTER I
GEN	ERAL PROVISIONS
§9651. Definitions	
As used in th otherwise indicates, following meanings.	is chapter, unless the context the following terms have the

11. Board."Board" means the Board of Gymnastic2Instruction.

3 <u>2. Commissioner. "Commissioner" means the Com-</u> 4 missioner of Business Regulation.

5 3. Gymnastics. "Gymnastics" means exercise con-6 sisting of calisthenics and performance on apparatus 7 including, but not limited to, rings, bars, 8 trampolene and balance beams.

9 <u>4. Instructor. "Instructor" means any person</u> 10 <u>engaged in teaching gymnastics.</u>

SUBCHAPTER II

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BOARD OF GYMNASTIC INSTRUCTION

13 §9661. Membership

14 The Board of Gymnastic Instruction shall be composed of 5 members appointed by the Governor. Two 15 members shall be gymnastic instructors, one member 16 17 shall be a gymnastic coach licensed by a nationally recognized athletic association, and 2 members shall 18 be representatives of the public. The term of office 19 of each member shall be 4 years, except that, of the instructors first appointed, one shall be appointed 20 21 22 for 3 years and one shall be appointed for one year. 23 The coach first appointed shall be appointed for 2 24 years.

25 §9662. Duties

26 The board shall meet at least quarterly. It 27 shall keep records of its proceedings and a register 28 of all licenses granted under this chapter.

29 <u>1. Rules. The board shall, with the advice and</u> 30 <u>consent of the commissioner and in accordance with</u> 31 <u>the Maine Administrative Procedure Act, Title 5,</u> 32 <u>chapter 375, adopt rules for the holding of examina-</u> 33 <u>tions and carrying out the other purposes of this</u> 34 <u>chapter.</u>

 ^{2.} License; refusal to issue or renew; suspen sion; revocation. The board shall investigate, or

cause to be investigated, all complaints involving a 1 gymnastic instructor and all cases of noncompliance 2 with, or violation of, this chapter or rules issued 3 under this chapter. The board may, after a hearing 4 in conformance with the Maine Administrative Proce-dure Act, Title 5, chapter 375, refuse to issue or 5 6 renew a license. The Administrative Court Judge may 7 suspend or revoke the license of any instructor found 8 guilty of violating any provision of this chapter or 9 10 of any lawful order or rule rendered or adopted by 11 the board. 12 §9663. Compensation and expenses of board members 13 Except for the public representatives, members of the board shall serve without compensation, but shall 14 receive expenses as provided for all state employees. 15 The public representatives shall each receive as com-16 17 pensation \$35 a day for no more than 4 days in each calendar year. 18 19 SUBCHAPTER III 20 LICENSURE 21 §9671. License required 22 No person may act as an gymnastic instructor without first being licensed under this chapter. 23 The board shall, with the approval of the commissioner, 24 establish rules governing the issuance and renewal of 25 26 license of instructors. In addition to requirements 27 set forth by the board, all applicants shall meet the following minimum requirements. 28 <u>1. Age and education. An applicant must be at least 21 years of age and be a graduate of an ac-</u> 29 30 credited high school or have been granted high school 31 32 equivalency status by the State. 33 2. Criminal conviction. An applicant must not 34 have been convicted of a crime involving moral turpi-35 tude. 36 3. Examination. An applicant must pass an exam-37 ination consisting of the knowledge of gymnastics as prescribed by the board. The board may not waive any 38

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- 1 part of the prescribed examination for an 2 instructor's license.
- 3 §9672. Display of license

Each person granted an instructor's license shall
display the license conspicuously on the premises
where the gymnastic instruction is conducted.

7 §9673. Licensing fees

8 Each application for an instructor's license 9 shall be accompanied by an application fee of \$20 10 which shall not be refunded. If the application is 11 approved by the board, the applicant, upon payment of 12 an additional fee of \$10, shall be granted a license, 13 which shall be valid during the calendar year of its 14 issue unless sooner revoked. The renewal fee is \$30.

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15 §9674. Disposition of fees

16 All fees received by the board under this chapter 17 shall be used to carry out the purposes of this chap-18 ter. Any balance of these fees shall not lapse, but 19 shall be carried forward as a continuing account to 20 be expended for the same purposes in the following 21 fiscal years.

22 §9675. Penalties

Any person who acts as a gymnastic instructor
 without a license commits a civil violation for which
 a forfeiture not to exceed \$500 may be adjudged.

26 STATEMENT OF FACT
27 The purpose of this bill is to require that 28 gymnastic instructors be licensed.
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