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	3. Plumbers' Exam	ining Boa	ard. The individual:	
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1 vision of a master plumber, that person shall 2 receive a journeyman's license, provided that the 3 work experience is obtained within 4 years of the 4 date upon which he was issued his journeyman-5 in-training license; or

6 Who is enrolled in a course of instruction in 7 plumbing at a Maine vocational-technical insti-8 July 1, 1983, shall tute on receive а 9 journeyman's license upon successful completion 10 of that course of instruction and passage of the 11 journeyman's examination.

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Sec. 2. 32 MRSA §1354, 2nd ¶ is amended to read:

13 The passing grade on any examination shall be not 14 less than 70%. A candidate failing one examination 15 may apply for reexamination, which may be granted 16 upon payment of a fee established by the board. Any 17 candidate for registration having an average grade of less than 50% may not apply for reexamination for one 18 19 year, unless this waiting period is reduced or waived 20 by the board.

- 21 Sec. 3. 32 MRSA §1400, sub-§1-A is enacted to 22 read:
- 231-A. Board."Board" means the State Board of24Funeral Service.

25 Sec. 4. 32 MRSA §1400, sub-§5, as enacted by PL 26 1967, c. 253, §1, is amended to read:

27 Practice of funeral service. "Practice of funeral service" shall mean means a person engaged in 28 the care or disposition of the human dead or in the 29 30 practice of disinfecting and preparing by embalming 31 or otherwise the human dead for the funeral service, 32 transportation, burial or cremation, or the practice 33 of helping to meet the emotions and disposition of 34 the bereaved, or in the practice of funeral directing 35 or embalming as presently known, whether under these 36 titles or designations or otherwise. It shall mean а 37 person who makes arrangements for funeral services or 38 who sells funeral supplies to the public or who makes 39 financial arrangements for the rendering of such ser-40 vices or the sale of such supplies.

1 A license for the practice of funeral service as used 2 in this chapter shall be the license given to a 3 person who is engaged in the practice of funeral ser-4 vice as above defined.

5 Sec. 5. 32 MRSA §1400, sub-§6, as amended by PL 6 1971, c. 326, §1, is further amended to read:

7 6. <u>Practitioner trainee</u>. "Resident trainee" 8 "<u>Practitioner trainee</u>" means a person who is engaged 9 in preparing to become licensed for the practice of 10 funeral service under the personal supervision and 11 instruction of a person duly licensed for the prac-12 tice of funeral service, and who is duly registered 13 as such and approved by the board.

14 Sec. 6. 32 MRSA §1400-A is enacted to read:

15 §1400-A. Prohibition

16 It is unlawful for any person to engage in the 17 practice of funeral service or to hold himself out to 18 the public as practicing funeral services within this 19 State without a license granted by the board pursuant 20 to this chapter.

21 Sec. 7. 32 MRSA §1501, first ¶, as amended by PL 22 1971, c. 598, §70, is further amended to read:

23 The State Board of Funeral Service is authorized 24 and empowered to determine the qualifications neces-25 sary to enable any person to lawfully engage in the funeral service profession and to operate a funeral 26 27 establishment. The board shall examine all applicants 28 for licenses for the practice of funeral service and shall issue a license to all persons who successfully 29 30 pass such examination. To be licensed for the practice of funeral service under this section chapter, a 31 32 person must be at least 18 years of age, a resident 33 of this State and a citizen of the United States; of 34 good moral character, have successfully completed a prescribed course at a school or schools approved by 35 36 the Maine State Board of Funeral Service, and must 37 have served as a resident practitioner trainee for not less than 12 months under the personal super-38 vision of a person licensed for the practice of 39 40 funeral service or a prior equivalent license, and

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approved by the board. Each applicant shall demon strate that he is trustworthy and competent to engage
 in the profession of funeral service in such manner
 as to safeguard the interest of the public.

5 Sec. 8. 32 MRSA §1501, 4th ¶, as repealed and 6 replaced by PL 1967, c. 253, §6, is amended to read:

All branch establishments must be operated by a
person or persons holding a funeral director's license or a license for the profession of funeral service, and the license or a copy thereof must be displayed in all such branch establishments.

12 Sec. 9. 32 MRSA §1503-A, as amended by PL 1969, 13 c. 285, §4, is further amended to read:

14 §1503-A. Practitioner trainee

15 In order for any person to receive credit for 16 time served as a resident practitioner trainee, he 17 shall serve in full-time employment with a funeral establishment approved by the Maine State Board of Funeral Service under the instruction and supervision 18 19 of the a person licensed for the practice of funeral 20 21 service and actively engaged in the practice thereof. 22 He must register as a resident practitioner trainee 23 with the board on a form supplied by the board. Upon his terminating his employment, he shall notify the 24 25 immediately, giving the date of such terminaboard 26 tion. The resident practitioner trainee must repeat 27 this procedure with all subsequent employers accu-28 rately showing the dates of beginning and of termi-29 apprenticeship employment. Before a funeral nating service license will be issued, the resident practi-tioner trainee must file with the board a certifica-30 31 32 tion of his trainee time served, signed by his 33 employer or employers, before a notary public. Resi-34 dent Practitioner trainee requirements shall be 35 satisfied in the case of an applicant who presents 36 proof that he or she is presently licensed in another 37 state at the time he or she makes application for 38 such license in this State.

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 Sec. 10. 32
 MRSA §1658-L, 3rd ¶, as amended by

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 PL 1981, c. 703, Pt. A, §66, is further amended to

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 read:

1 Any notice required to be given by the board to a 2 person who holds a license shall be mailed to him by 3 eertified mail at the address of the last place of 4 business of which he has notified the board.

5 Sec. 11. 32 MRSA §3111, sub-§7, as enacted by PL 6 1979, c. 555, §2, is amended to read:

7 7. <u>Referral.</u> "Referral" means the request of a 8 doctor of medicine, surgery, osteopathy<u>, podiatry</u> or 9 dentistry to a physical therapist to accept one of 10 his patients for treatment.

11 Sec. 12. 32 §3113, 3rd ¶, as enacted by PL 1979, 12 c. 555, §2, is amended to read:

13 Nothing in this chapter shall be construed as 14 authorizing a physical therapist or physical therapist assistant, licensed or not, to practice medi-15 16 cine, osteopathy, dentistry, chiropractic or any 17 other form of healing. A licensed physical therapist 18 physical therapist assistant shall not administer or drugs or use roentgen rays or radium for diagnostic 19 20 or thereapeutic purposes or electricity for surgical 21 purposes, or treat human beings by use of physical 22 measures, activities or devices except upon the 23 referral of a duly licensed doctor of medicine, sur-24 osteopathy, podiatry or dentistry. A licensed gery, 25 physical therapist assistant shall act only under the 26 direction of a physical therapist licensed to practice in this State. 27

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 Sec. 13.
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 MRSA §3301, sub-§1, as repealed and

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 replaced by PL 1977, c.
 469, §1, is repealed.

30 Sec. 14. 32 MRSA §3301, sub-§2-A is enacted to 31 read:

32	2-A. Journeyman-in-training	license. A "jour-
33	neyman-in-training license" means	that license issued
34	to a person who is in the proces	ss of accumulating
35	experience in order to qualify	y for a journeyman
36	plumber's license, pursuant to see	ction 3501, subsec-
37	tion 2, paragraph B, who has me	et the education re-
38	quirements set forth in that	paragraph and has
39	achieved a passing grade, as deter	rmined by the board,
40	on the journeyman's examinat	tion. A licensed

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1 journeyman-in-training may assist in making plumbing 2 installations under the direct supervision of a jour-3 neyman plumber or a master plumber, but may not act 4 or represent himself as a journeyman plumber, as de-5 fined in subsection 3. A journeyman-in-training li-6 cense shall be issued for a single nonrenewable 7 period of 4 years, and such a license may be issued 8 only once to any individual. The fee for а 9 journeyman-in-training license shall be \$8.

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Sec. 15. 32 MRSA §3301, sub-§5, as repealed and replaced by PL 1977, c. 469, §4, is amended to read:

12 5. Master plumber. "Master plumber" shall mean 13 any person, firm or corporation, qualified means under this chapter, engaging in, or about to engage 14 15 in, the business of installing plumbing or plumbing 16 systems. The license shall specify the name of the 17 person, whey in case of a firm, shall be one of its 18 members or employees and in case of a corporation, 19 one of its officers or employees passing the examina-20 tion, by which he or it shall be authorized to enter 21 upon or engage in business as set forth in this chapter firm or corporation to whom the license is issued 22 23 and in the case of a firm or corporation the license 24 shall further specify the licensed master plumber in whose name it is issued, pursuant to the requirements 25 26 of section 3507. In the case of a firm or corpora-27 tion, the license shall become void upon the death of, or the severance from the company of, that 28 29 The biennial fee for a master plumber's lipersen-30 cense shall be \$80.

 Sec. 16.
 32 MRSA §3301, sub-§6, as enacted by PL

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 1975, c. 118, §2, is amended to read:

33 6. Trainee plumber. "Trainee plumber" shall mean 34 means any person who is engaged in assisting in 35 making plumbing installations under the direct super-36 vision of a journeyman plumber or master plumber but dees not qualify under subsection 1, whether for purpose of learning the trade or otherwise. 37 the 38 The 39 biennial fee for a trainee plumber license shall be \$4. 40

41 Sec. 17. 32 MRSA §3301, sub-§7, as enacted by PL 42 1977, c. 469, §5, is repealed.

1 Sec. 18. 32 MRSA §3302, sub-§3, as enacted by PL 2 1977, c. 469, §6, is repealed and the following 3 enacted in its place: 3. Supervision of trainee plumbers. A master or 4 5 journeyman plumber shall have no more than 3 trainee 6 plumbers working with him under his personal super-7 vision. 8 Sec. 19. 32 MRSA §3501, sub-§2, as amended by PL 1981, c. 470, Pt. A, §153, is repealed and the fol-9 10 lowing enacted in its place: 11 2. Journeyman or limited license. The board may issue a journeyman plumber or limited plumber li-cense to persons who submit an application therefor 12 13 on a form prescribed by the board and who provide 14 satisfactory evidence of the following qualifica-15 16 tions: 17 A. A minimum of 4,000 hours of work in the field 18 of plumbing installations as a trainee plumber 19 under the supervision of a master plumber, or the equivalent thereof, and obtaining a passing grade 20 21 as determined by the board on the journeyman's 22 examination; or 23 B. A minimum of 2,000 hours of work in the field of plumbing installations as a journeyman-in-24 25 training under the supervision of a master plumber, provided that the work experience is 26 within 4 years of the date upon 27 obtained 28 which applicant was issued his journeythe 29 man-in-training license. A journeyman-in-training license shall be issued upon sworn application therefor to any person who has satisfactorily 30 31 32 completed one academic year of instruction in plumbing at a Maine vocational-technical insti-33 34 tute and who has obtained a passing grade, as 35 determined by the board on the journeyman's examination. Any person who is enrolled in a course 36 instruction in plumbing at a 37 of Maine 38 vocational-technical institute on July 1, 1983, may be licensed as a journeyman upon successful 39 completion of that course of instruction and pas-40 41 sage of the journeyman's examination.

1 Sec. 20. 32 MRSA §3501, sub-§2-A is enacted to 2 read:

3	2-A. Master plumber license. The board may
4	issue a master plumber license to a person who sub-
5	mits an application therefor on a form prescribed by
6	the board and who provides satisfactory evidence of
7	the following qualifications:
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8	A. A minimum of 2,000 hours of work in the field
9	of plumbing installations as a journeyman plumber
10	or a minimum of 8,000 hours of work in the field
11	of plumbing installations as a trainee plumber
12	under the supervision of a master plumber, or the
13	equivalent; and
10	equivalenc, and
14	B. Obtaining a passing grade, as determined by
15	the board on the master's examination.
15	the board on the master's examination.
16	Sec. 21. 32 MRSA §3501, sub-§3, as amended by PL
17	1977, c. 469, §15, is repealed and the following
18	enacted in its place:
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19	3. Trainee license. The board may issue a
20	trainee plumber license without examination to any
21	person who submits a written application therefor on
22	a form prescribed by the board and who provides
23	satisfactory evidence that he has entered the employ
24	of a licensed master plumber to assist him as a
25	plumber's trainee. Any person employed as a trainee
26	plumber shall apply for a license within 10 business
27	days after the day he commences employment.
28	Sec. 22. 32 MRSA §3504, as amended by PL 1981,
29	c. 703, Pt. A, §80, is further amended by adding at
30	the end a new paragraph to read:
31	All journeyman-in-training licenses shall be
32	issued for a single nonrenewable period of 4 years
33	and shall not be subject to the requirements of this
34	section, except that each person holding such a li-
35	cense shall be notified by the board of the date of
36	its expiration in the manner provided in this
37	section.
38	Sec. 23. 32 MRSA §3507, as amended by PL 1965,
39	c. 234, §9, is repealed and the following enacted in
40	its place:

40 its place:

1 §3507. Corporations, firms and partnerships

2 The board may issue a master plumber license to a corporation, firm or partnership which submits 3 an 4 application therefor on a form prescribed by the 5 board. Such a license shall not be issued unless the applicant provides satisfactory evidence that it has 6 7 a licensed master plumber directly in charge of its plumbing business activities who is an officer or 8 full-time employee, in the case of a corporation, or 9 10 a partner, member or full-time employee, in the case of a firm or partnership, and the license shall be 11 issued in the name of that master plumber. Upon the 12 13 death or severance from the company of the licensed master plumber in whose name the company licensed is 14 15 held, the company license shall automatically terminate 30 days from the date of that death or sever-16 17 ance, unless the company applies for reissuance of 18 its license in the name of another licensed master 19 plumber who is qualified under this section.

20Sec. 24. 32 MRSA §3831, as enacted by PL 1967,21c. 544, §82, is amended to read:

22 §3831. Registration; qualifications

23 Psychological examiner. Any person wishing to 1. 24 obtain the right to practice as a psychological exam-25 iner, who has not heretofore been licensed to do so, 26 shall, before it shall be lawful for him to practice 27 as a psychological examiner, make application to the 28 Board of Examiners of Psychologists through the 29 chairman, upon such form and in such manner as shall be adopted and prescribed by the board, and obtain from the board a license to do so. Unless such a 30 31 32 person has obtained a license, it shall be unlawful for him to practice, and if he shall practice as a 33 34 psychological examiner without first having obtained 35 such a license he shall be deemed to have violated this chapter. A candidate for such license shall fur-36 37 nish the board with satisfactory evidence that he is 38 of good moral character, has had a master's degree 39 reflecting comprehensive training in psychology from 40 accredited educational institution recognized by an 41 the board as maintaining satisfactory standards, Θ¥ 42 its academic equivalent in the opinion of the board, 43 has had at least one year of full-time supervised

1 experience in psychology of a type considered by the 2 board to be qualifying in nature, is competent as а 3 psychological examiner as shown by passing such exam-4 inations, written or oral, or both, as the board deems necessary, is not considered by the board to be 5 6 engaged in unethical practice, and has not within the 7 preceding 6 months failed an examination given by the board. The beard may in its discretion 8 refuse ŧe 9 grant a license to an applicant who is not an Ameri-10 ean eitigen-

11 2. Psychologist. Any person wishing to obtain right to practice as a psychologist, who has not 12 the 13 heretofore been licensed to do so, shall, before it 14 shall be lawful for him to practice psychology, make 15 application to the Board of Examiners of Psychol-16 ogists through the chairman, upon such form and in 17 such manner as shall be adopted and prescribed by the 18 board, and obtain from the board a license to do so. 19 Unless such a person has obtained a license, it shall be unlawful for him to practice, and if he shall practice psychology without first having obtained a 20 21 license, he shall be deemed to have violated this chapter. A candidate for such license shall furnish 22 23 24 the board with satisfactory evidence that he is of 25 good moral character; has received a doctorate degree reflecting comprehensive training in psychol-26 27 ogy from an accredited institution recognized by the 28 board as maintaining satisfactory standards, at the time the degree was granted, or, in lieu of degree, a 29 30 doctorate degree in a closely allied field, if it is 31 the opinion of the board that the training required 32 therefor is substantially similar; has had at least 33 2 years of experience in psychology of a type consid-34 ered by the board to be qualifying in nature; is 35 competent in psychology, as shown by passing such 36 examinations, written or oral, or both, as the board deems necessary₇; is not considered by the board to be engaged in unethical practice₇; and has not within 37 38 39 the preceding 6 months failed an examination given by 40 the board. The board may in its discretion refuse to 41 grant a license to an applicant who is not an Ameri-42 ean eitizen-

43 Sec. 25. 32 MRSA §3832, as enacted by PL 1967, 44 c. 544, §82, is amended to read:

1 §3832. Examination

Examination of applicants for a license to prac-2 3 tice psychology or as psychological examiner shall be made by the Board of Examiners of Psychologists at 4 5 least once a year according to methods and in such 6 subject fields as may be deemed by the board to be 7 the most practical and expeditious to test the appli-8 cant's qualifications. Such The examinations shall 9 include the basic psychological sciences. The board 10 shall require the examinations to be written or oral, 11 or both, provided that in any written examination applicant shall be designated by a number 12 such each 13 instead of his name so that his identity shall not be 14 disclosed to the members of the board until the exam-15 ination papers have been graded. The beard shall 16 grade the written examinations returned by the candi-17 date and shall keep them for at least 3 years. A can-18 didate shall be held to have passed the examination 19 upon the affirmative vote of 3 or more members of the 20 board. Any successful candidate may, upon written 21 request to the board, see his graded paper.

22 Sec. 26. 32 MRSA §3836, as amended by PL 1973,
 23 c. 625, §219, is further amended to read:

24 §3836. Licensure under special conditions

25 The board may, at any time at its discretion, 26 a certificate license without an assembled grant 27 examination to any person residing or employed in the 28 State who at the time of application is licensed or 29 certified by a similar board of another state whose 30 standards, in the opinion of the board, are not lower 31 than equivalent to those required by this chapter. board, at its discretion, may issue a temporary 32 The 33 license, at the appropriate level, to applicants for 34 а permanent license upon payment of a fee, to be established by the board, and successful completion of an oral examination, such license to be valid for 35 36 37 year from date of issue no more than one until are received from the next written examina-38 results 39 Failure to pass the written examination tion. will 40 terminate the temporary license.

41Sec. 27. 32MRSA §9607, first ¶, as enacted by42PL 1981, c. 456, Pt. A, §113, is amended to read:

Every commercial driver education school shall be assessed for the actual expenses incurred by the board or its agents for regular or special <u>inspec-</u> <u>tions</u>, investigations or enforcement activities undertaken under this chapter.

6 Sec. 28. 32 MRSA §9607, sub-§3, as enacted by PL 7 1981, c. 456, Pt. A, §113, is amended to read:

8 3. Assessment and payment procedures. The assessment shall include the proportionate part 9 of 10 the salaries of the board's agents while engaged in 11 these activities and related travel expenses. The 12 assessment shall be made by the commissioner as soon as feasible after the close of each inspection or 13 14 investigation and sent to the licensee. The amount of 15 assessment shall be paid to the Treasurer of State 16 within 30 days following receipt by the licensee. The 17 licensee shall receive a copy of the findings which result from each inspection or investigation no more 18 19 than 45 days after the findings are filed with the 20 board.

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STATEMENT OF FACT

22 This bill makes changes in the statutes of the 23 following licensing boards within the Department of Business Regulation: State Board of Registration for 24 25 Professional Engineers; State Board of Funeral Ser-26 vice; Board of Hearing Aid Dealers and Fitters; Board 27 of Examiners in Physical Therapy; Plumbers' Examining 28 Board; Board of Examiners of Psychologists; and Board 29 of Commercial Driver Education.

30 Sections 1, 14, 19 and 22. Under present law, 31 students that satisfactorily complete a one-year 32 plumbing full-time course in at Maine а 33 vocational-technical institute approved by the board 34 may sit for the journeyman exam and upon passing the 35 exam be issued a journeyman license.

The basic problem with this is that they have no practical experience. Upon being employed at journeyman wages and skills, it soon becomes apparent that they are lacking in practical experience, thus in many cases they are terminated by their employers. 1 This creates dissatisfaction by the employers and 2 discouragement with the journeyman through loss of 3 jobs.

4 These facts have been brought to the board's 5 attention by the journeymen who have experienced this 6 lack of field experience and by the contractors who 7 have employed these individuals. The vocational 8 schools themselves have concurred in the board's con-9 cerns regarding this matter.

These 10 sections establish new а 11 journeyman-in-training license to be issued to these students upon passing the journeyman examination, and 12 13 require one year of field experience be obtained within 4 years before a full journeyman's license can 14 15 be issued.

16 Section 2 gives the State Board of Registration 17 for Professional Engineers the authority to modify or 18 waive the current one-year reapplication waiting 19 period for persons with grades of less than 50% on 20 the licensing exam.

State Board 21 Sections 3 to 9 concern the of 22 Funeral Service. Section 3 simply defines the term "board" as referring to the State Board of Funeral 23 Sections 4 and 6 prohibit the practice of 24 Service. 25 funeral service without a license from the board. 26 Sections 5 and 9 change the designation "resident trainee" to "practitioner trainee" because residency 27 as a requirement for trainee. 28 not intended is Section 7 clarifies the statutory language regarding 29 Section 8 adds lan-30 qualifications for licensing. 31 guage to effectuate apparent legislative intent.

32 Section 10 deletes the requirement that certain
33 notices mailed to licensees by the Board of Hearing
34 Aid Dealers and Fitters be sent by certified mail,
35 which is an unnecessary expense.

36 Sections 11 and 12 authorize licensed physical 37 therapists to accept referrals from podiatrists in 38 addition to other health care providers, correcting 39 an apparent oversight in the current law.

Sections 13 to 23 relate to the plumbers' licens-1 2 ing law. Sections 13, 16, 17, 18 and 21 delete the 3 category of apprentice plumber's license and adjust 4 current language to include those persons under the 5 trainee category since there is no distinction in 6 these functions under the license law. This change 7 is needed so that Maine licensed trainee plumbers are 8 differentiated from apprentice plumbers as that term 9 is used by the State Apprenticeship Council, as the 10 requirements for an apprentice in that program are 11 substantially different than those of the Plumbers' 12 Examining Board.

Sections 15 and 23 modify vague provisions in the 13 14 current law to clarify that a firm, corporation or 15 partnership which engages in the plumbing business 16 requires a license which must be issued in the name 17 of the licensed master in charge, and to further 18 clarify that this license is separate from and in ad-19 dition to the license required for the individual 20 master plumber.

21 Section 20 increases by 2,000 hours the amount of 22 experience required for an individual taking the master's exam without taking his journeyman exam first, for fairness to the individual who takes his 23 24 journeyman exam after passing same, holds this li-cense for 1 year before taking his master's exam, 25 26 thereby gaining more experience. This would encour-27 28 age a trainee to take his journeyman exam and then 29 his master's exam rather than skip the journeyman 30 exam.

31 Sections 24 to 26 relate to the psychologists' licensing law. Sections 24 and 25 clarify the stan-32 33 dard to be applied by the Board of Examiners of Psv-34 chologists in determining whether applicants for 35 licensure have sufficient educational qualifications. 36 Section 26 clarifies the procedure under which the 37 board may grant a temporary license.

38 Sections 27 and 28 clarify existing language con-39 cerning inspections and investigations of commercial 40 driver education schools by the Board of Commercial 41 Driver Education.

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