

L.D. 1445 1 2 (Filing No. H-227) 3 STATE OF MAINE 4 HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 5 112TH LEGISLATURE 6 FIRST REGULAR SESSION COMMITTEE AMENDMENT " \mathcal{H} " to H.P. 1003, L.D. 7 1445, Bill, "AN ACT to Require Recognition of Nursing 8 9 Licenses Granted in other Jurisdictions." 10 Amend the bill by striking out everything after 11 the enacting clause and inserting in its place the 12 following: 13 'Sec. 1. 32 MRSA §2205 is repealed. 14 Sec. 2. 32 MRSA §2205-A is enacted to read: 15 §2205-A. Licensure of persons licensed by another 16 jurisdiction The board may issue a license to practice profes-17 18 sional nursing as a registered professional nurse un-19 der the following circumstances. Applicants licensed by other states, 20 United States territories and Canadian provinces. The board 21 may issue a license without examination of the appli-22 23 cant by the board to an applicant licensed to prac-24 tice by a state or territory of the United States or 25 a province of Canada if the applicant: 26 A. Has graduated from an educational program ap-27 proved by the official approving authority of a 28 state or territory of the United States or a 29 province of Canada, which at the time of graduation had standards considered by the board to be 30 equivalent to those of Maine schools; 31 <u>B. Has been duly licensed by examination and certification by the nursing board of a state or</u> 32 33 34 territory of the United States or a province of 35 Canada, provided that the examination is considCOMMITTEE AMENDMENT " ${\cal A}$ " to H.P. 1003, L.D. 1445

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2	passing an examination in a language other than
3	English, has either passed the Test of English as
4	a Foreign Language or fulfilled the requirements
5	of paragraph C by passing a test given in En-
6	glish.
7	Sec. 3. 32 MRSA §2254 is repealed.
8	Sec. 4. 32 MRSA §2254-A is enacted to read:
9 10	§2254-A. Licensure of persons licensed by another jurisdiction
11 12 13	The board may issue a license to practice as a licensed practical nurse under the following circumstances:
14	1. Applicants licensed by other states, United
15	States territories and Canadian provinces. The board
16	may issue a license without examination of the appli-
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18	tice by a state or territory of the United States or
19	a province of Canada if the applicant:
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22	state or territory of the United States or a
23	province of Canada, which at the time of gradua-
24	tion had standards considered by the board to be
25	equivalent to those of Maine schools;
26	B. Has been duly licensed by examination and
27	certification by the nursing board of a state or
28	territory of the United States or a province of
29	Canada, provided that the examination is consid-
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STATEMENT OF FACT

3 This amendment provides for licensing standards 4 for registered nurses and practical nurses licensed 5 by jurisdictions other than Maine, including other 6 states, United States territories and other nations.

7 Applicants licensed by a state or territory of the United States or a Canadian province who have 8 9 graduated from an approved program with standards the 10 board deems to be equivalent to Maine schools, have 11 passed an examination given by the other jurisdiction 12 that the board considers to be equivalent to Maine's 13 examination and hold a valid license from the other 14 jurisdiction may be issued a license by the board. 15 It provides for English examination only when the ap-16 plicant has taken a certification examination in a 17 foreign language. This will assure the safety of pa-18 tients when carrying out orders received in English. 19 Canadian nurses are treated in a manner equivalent to 20 the United States nurses because their education and 21 training is similar.

Applicants licensed by a foreign jurisdiction other than Canada may be issued a license by the 22 23 board if they have graduated from an approved educa-24 tional program with standards the board deems to be equivalent to Maine schools, have passed an examina-25 26 27 tion given by the other jurisdiction that the board 28 deems to be equivalent to Maine's examination, hold a 29 valid license from the other jurisdiction and have 30 passed the National Council Licensure Exam. If li-31 censed in the other jurisdiction by passing an exami-32 nation not in English, the applicant must have passed 33 the Test of English as a Foreign Language or have 34 taken the National Council Licensure Exam in English.

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