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L.D. 1445

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STATE OF MAINE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
112TH LEGISLATURE  
FIRST REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "H" to H.P. 1003, L.D. 1445, Bill, "AN ACT to Require Recognition of Nursing Licenses Granted in other Jurisdictions."

Amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and inserting in its place the following:

'Sec. 1. 32 MRSA §2205 is repealed.

Sec. 2. 32 MRSA §2205-A is enacted to read:

§2205-A. Licensure of persons licensed by another jurisdiction

The board may issue a license to practice professional nursing as a registered professional nurse under the following circumstances.

1. Applicants licensed by other states, United States territories and Canadian provinces. The board may issue a license without examination of the applicant by the board to an applicant licensed to practice by a state or territory of the United States or a province of Canada if the applicant:

A. Has graduated from an educational program approved by the official approving authority of a state or territory of the United States or a province of Canada, which at the time of graduation had standards considered by the board to be equivalent to those of Maine schools;

E. Has been duly licensed by examination and certification by the nursing board of a state or territory of the United States or a province of Canada, provided that the examination is consid-

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1 ered by the board to be equivalent in all  
2 essentials to Maine's examination and provided  
3 that the license of the applicant is in good  
4 standing and that there is no cause for suspen-  
5 sion or revocation of that license. Acceptable  
6 examinations include the State Board Examination,  
7 State Board Test Pool Examination, the National  
8 Council Licensure Examination and the Canadian  
9 Nurses' Association Testing Service Examination;  
10 and

11 C. If licensed in the other jurisdiction by  
12 passing an examination in a language other than  
13 English, has passed the Test of English as a For-  
14 foreign Language. The board shall provide informa-  
15 tion regarding the test to applicants who are re-  
16 quired to take that test.

17 2. Applicants licensed by other jurisdictions.  
18 The board may issue a license to an applicant li-  
19 censed to practice by a jurisdiction other than those  
20 listed in subsection 1, if the applicant:

21 A. Has graduated from an educational program ap-  
22 proved by the official approving authority of a  
23 jurisdiction other than those listed in subsec-  
24 tion 1, which at the time of graduation had stan-  
25 dards considered by the board to be equivalent to  
26 those of Maine schools;

27 B. Has been duly licensed by examination and  
28 certification by the nursing board of a jurisdic-  
29 tion other than those listed in subsection 1,  
30 provided that the examination is considered by  
31 the board to be equivalent in all essentials to  
32 Maine's examination and provided that the license  
33 of the applicant is in good standing and that  
34 there is no cause for suspension or revocation of  
35 that license;

36 C. Has passed the National Council Licensure Ex-  
37 amination for registered nurses; and

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1 D. If licensed in the other jurisdiction by  
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 §2254-A. Licensure of persons licensed by another  
10 jurisdiction

11 The board may issue a license to practice as a  
12 licensed practical nurse under the following circum-  
13 stances:

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-  
17 cant by the board to an applicant licensed to prac-  
18 tice by a state or territory of the United States or  
19 a province of Canada if the applicant:

20 A. Has graduated from an educational program ap-  
21 proved by the official approving authority of a  
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-  
30 ered by the board to be equivalent in all  
31 essentials to Maine's examination and provided  
32 that the license of the applicant is in good  
33 standing and that there is no cause for suspen-  
34 sion or revocation of that license. Acceptable

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1 examinations include the State Board Test Pool  
2 Examination, the National Council Licensure Exam-  
3 ination and the Canadian Nurses' Association  
4 Testing Service Examination; and

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25 the board to be equivalent in all essentials to  
26 Maine's examination and provided that the license  
27 of the applicant is in good standing and that  
28 there is no cause for suspension or revocation of  
29 that license;

30 C. Has passed the National Council Licensure Ex-  
31 amination for practical nurses; and

32 D. If licensed in the other jurisdiction by  
33 passing an examination in a language other than  
34 English, has either passed the Test of English as  
35 a Foreign Language or fulfilled the requirements  
36 of paragraph C by passing a test given in En-

