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| 4 5 | ONE HUNDRED AND TWELFTH LEGISLATURE |
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| , 8 9 | H.P. 1167 House of Representatives, November 8, 1985 Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council |
| 10 11 | pursuant to Joint Rule 26. Received by the Clerk of the House on November 8, 1985. Reference to the Committee on Labor suggested and ordered printed. EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk |
| 12 | Presented by Speaker Martin of Eagle Lake. Cosponsored by Representative Murphy of Kennebunk, Senator Perkins of Hancock and President Pray of Penobscot. |
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| 15 16 17 | IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-FIVE |
| 18 19 20 21 | AN ACT Concerning the Requirements for a Rehabilitation Administrator Under the Workers' Compensation Act. |
| 22 23 24 | Emergency preamble. Whereas, Acts of the Legis- lature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and |
| 25 26 27 28 | Whereas, reform legislation was passed on an emergency basis at the First Regular Session of the 112th Legislature regarding workers' compensation; and |
| 29 30 | Whereas, those emergency reforms include a reha- bilitation program; and |
| 31 32 33 | Whereas, the rehabilitation program must be set up immediately in order to cover injuries occurring on and after January 1, 1986; and |

1 Whereas, the hiring of an experienced and quali-2 fied rehabilitation administrator is vitally neces-3 sary to implement this law; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore,

10 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as 11 follows:

12 39 MRSA §82, sub-§2, as enacted by PL 1985, c. 13 372, Pt. A, §29, is amended to read:

14 Qualifications. The rehabilitation adminis-2. 15 trator must be certified as a certified rehabilita-16 tion counselor by the Commission on Rehabilitation 17 Counselor Certification or must become certified as 18 such within 10 months after the date of hiring, must 19 be qualified by training or by experience in management of rehabilitation evaluation services and must 20 21 be familiar with the workers' compensation system; or 22 must have an equivalent combination of training, professional experience or education. 23

24 **Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency 25 cited in the preamble, this Act shall take effect 26 when approved.

STATEMENT OF FACT

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28 The purpose of this bill is reflected in the 29 emergency preamble.

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