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1 SECOND REGULAR SESSION
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3 ONE HUNDRED AND TWELFTH LEGISLATURE
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5 Legislative Document

No. 1716
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7 H.P. 1209 House of Representatives, December 23, 1985
8 Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council
pursuant to Joint Rule 26.

9 Received by the Clerk of the House on December 23, 1985. Referred to
the Committee on Business and Commerce and 1,600 ordered printed
10 pursuant to Joint Rule 14.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk
Presented by Representative Daggett of Manchester.

11 Cosponsored by Representative Carroll of Gray, Representative Nelson of
Portland and Senator Bustin of Kennebec.

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14 IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
15 NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-SIX
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17 AN ACT to Amend the Postgraduate Training
18 Requirement for Licensure of
19 Physicians.
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21 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as
22 follows:

23 32 MRSA §3271, sub-§2, as enacted by PL 1983, c.
24 741, §1, is amended to read:

25 2. Postgraduate training. Each applicant who
26 has graduated from an accredited medical school on or
27 after January 1, 1970 is required to have satisfacto-
28 rily completed at least 24 months in a graduate edu-
29 cational program approved by the Accreditation Coun-
30 cil on Graduate Medical Education, the Canadian Medi-
31 cal Association or the Royal College of Physicians
32 and Surgeons of Canada. Each applicant who has grad-
33 uated from an accredited medical school prior to Jan-
34 uary 1, 1970, is required to have satisfactorily com-
35 pleted at least 12 months in a graduate educational
36 program approved by the Accreditation Council on

1 Graduate Medical Education, the Canadian Medical As-
2 sociation or the Royal College of Physicians and Sur-
3 geons of Canada. Each applicant who has graduated
4 from an unaccredited medical school is required to
5 have satisfactorily completed at least 36 months in a
6 graduate educational program approved by the Accredi-
7 tation Council on Graduate Medical Education, the Ca-
8 nadian Medical Association or the Royal College of
9 Physicians and Surgeons of Canada. Notwithstanding
10 this subsection, any applicant who is board certified
11 in family practice and who graduated prior to July 1,
12 1974, is board certifiable, board certified or board
13 eligible in emergency medicine and who graduated pri-
14 or to July 1, 1982, shall be deemed to meet the post-
15 graduate training requirements of this subsection.

16 STATEMENT OF FACT

17 The 1984 changes in medical licensure provide
18 that an applicant after January 1, 1970, must have
19 either 2 or 3 years' training in a postgraduate edu-
20 cational program. A small category of emergency medi-
21 cine and family practice physicians graduating be-
22 tween January 1, 1970, and July 1, 1982, are board
23 certifiable, board certified or board eligible in
24 their respective specialties on the basis of practice
25 eligibility clauses. These clauses have now been ter-
26 minated so that anyone graduating after the summer of
27 1982 will not be eligible for board certification un-
28 der the practice eligibility clause. The result is a
29 group of well-trained emergency medicine and family
30 practice physicians who are excluded from licensing
31 in this State.

32 In some cases, hospitals in the State have had
33 difficulty acquiring qualified staff because of the
34 licensure requirement. This bill allows this narrow
35 group to be eligible for licensure in the State, if
36 they meet the requirements of the other provisions of
37 the licensure law.

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