

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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Reported by Representative ROLDE from the Committee on
Audit and Program Review pursuant to the Maine Revised
Statutes Annotated, Title 3, Section 501.

Reference to the Committee on Business Legislation
suggested and printing ordered under Joint Rule 18.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-SEVEN

1 AN ACT Relating to the Social Worker License
2 Renewal Fees.
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4 Emergency preamble. Whereas, Acts of the Legis-
5 lature do not become effective until 90 days after
6 adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

7 Whereas, the 90-day period will not terminate un-
8 til after the next biennial professional license re-
9 newal period; and

10 Whereas, in the absence of this legislation the
11 expenditures of the State Board of Social Worker Reg-
12 istration will exceed their revenues; and

13 Whereas, a deficit in the board's budget will in-
14 duce obligations for the Department of Professional
15 and Financial Regulation; and

1 Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature,
2 these facts create an emergency within the meaning of
3 the Constitution of Maine and require the following
4 legislation as immediately necessary for the preser-
5 vation of the public peace, health and safety; now,
6 therefore,

7 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as
8 follows:

9 32 MRSA §7060, first ¶, as last amended by PL
10 1985, c. 736, §19, is further amended to read:

11 Licenses shall expire biennially on December 31st
12 or at such other times as the Commissioner of Busi-
13 ness, ~~Occupational~~ and Professional and Financial
14 Regulation may designate. Biennial fees for renewal
15 of license shall be set by the board in an amount not
16 to exceed ~~\$50~~ \$125 and shall be due and payable bien-
17 nially on or before the ~~first day of~~ January 1st. Ev-
18 ery 2nd renewal shall be contingent upon evidence of
19 participation in a continuing professional education
20 course or program as approved by the board. A li-
21 cense may be renewed up to 90 days after the date of
22 expiration upon payment of a late fee of \$10 in addi-
23 tion to the renewal fee. Any person who submits an
24 application for renewal more than 90 days after the
25 renewal date shall be subject to all requirements
26 governing new applicants under this chapter, except
27 that the board may in its discretion, giving due con-
28 sideration to the protection of the public, waive ex-
29 amination if the renewal application is made within 2
30 years from the date of the expiration.

31 Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited
32 in the preamble, this Act shall take effect when ap-
33 proved.

1 STATEMENT OF FACT

2 The purpose of this bill is to increase the cur-
3 rent limit of \$50 on the license renewal fees up to
4 the level of the first time license fee of \$125 in an
5 attempt to offset an impending deficit in the budget
6 of the Board of Social Worker Registration.

7 The proposed bill would increase the dedicated
8 revenue of the State Board of Social Worker Registra-
9 tion by \$38,550 in fiscal year 1987.

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