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(New Draft of H.P. 314, L.D. 413)
(New Title)
FIRST REGULAR SESSION

ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTEENTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

NO. 1609

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Business Legislation and printed under Joint Rule 2.

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Original bill sponsored by Speaker MARTIN of Eagle Lake.
Cosponsored by President PRAY of Penobscot.

STATE OF MAINE

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

1 **AN ACT to Amend the Postgraduate Residency**
2 **Requirements for Certain Physicians.**
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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, Maine requires 2 years of postgraduate
8 training for registration with the Board of Registra-
9 tion in Medicine; and

10 Whereas, most states only require one year of
11 postgraduate training; and

1 The new draft reduces the 2-year requirements to
2 one year only for doctors who have gone through the
3 State's program for postgraduate education in the
4 field of medicine and who return to practice in an
5 underserved area of Maine. The state contracts with
6 specific medical schools for 23 medical education
7 spaces which are filled by students, of whom approxi-
8 mately 60% return to a type or area of practice in
9 Maine each year which would qualify them for debt
10 forgiveness. In the past forgiveness was based on
11 the specialty in which the doctor was to practice.
12 Beginning with the 1981 contract students, service in
13 an underserved speciality or geographic area is to be
14 the basis for forgiveness.

15 This new draft has the purpose of encouraging
16 qualified physicians to practice in underserved medi-
17 cal specialty or geographic areas of the State, of
18 providing further encouragement for state contract
19 students to return to the State and of allowing stu-
20 dents who entered the contract programs prior to 1984
21 to operate under the same licensing standards as were
22 in effect at the time of their original contract.

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