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STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
114TH LEGISLATURE
SECOND REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1148, L.D. 1591, Bill, "An Act Relating to the Status of Nursing Professions in Maine"

Amend the bill by striking out everything after the title and before the statement of fact and inserting in its place the following:

Emergency preamble. Whereas, Acts of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

Whereas, a critical shortage of nursing professionals exists within the State; and

Whereas, the State Board of Nursing faces an imminent financial shortfall; 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,

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

Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §12004-I, sub-§73-A is enacted to read:

<u>73-A. Occu-</u>	<u>Nursing</u>	<u>Not</u>	<u>32 MRSA</u>
<u>pations: Nursing</u>	<u>Education</u>	<u>Autho-</u>	<u>§2157</u>
	<u>Mobility</u>	<u>rized</u>	
	<u>Advisory</u>		
	<u>Group</u>		

Sec. 2. 32 MRSA §2157 is enacted to read:

§2157. Nursing Education Mobility Advisory Group

The board shall establish the Nursing Education Mobility

2 Advisory Group, as authorized by Title 5, section 12004-I,
3 subsection 73-A. The group consists of members appointed by the
4 board. The board shall decide how many members to appoint.

5 The group shall examine the nursing education system,
6 including, but not limited to, the degree to which educational
7 credit is transferrable among the various nursing degrees, and,
8 based upon its findings, shall facilitate career mobility in
9 nursing.

10 The group shall report to the board by January 15th annually.

11 **Sec. 3. 32 MRSA §2206. first ¶,** as amended by PL 1985, c. 724,
12 §20, is further amended to read:

13 The license of every registered nurse licensed under this
14 chapter shall be renewed annually, except as otherwise provided.
15 At least 30 days before the anniversary of his that person's
16 birth, the board shall mail an application for renewal of license
17 to each professional nurse who holds a valid license, which
18 application shall be mailed to the most recent address of that
19 person as it appears on the records of the board. That person
20 shall complete the renewal application and return it to the board
21 with a renewal fee of \$10 \$20 before the anniversary of his that
22 person's birth. Upon receipt of the application and fee, the
23 board shall verify the accuracy of the application and issue to
24 the applicant a certificate of renewal of license for the year
25 expiring on the anniversary of the applicant's birth.

26 **Sec. 4. 32 MRSA §2206, 2nd ¶,** as repealed and replaced by PL
27 1983, c. 176, Pt. A, §13, is amended to read:

28 Any registered nurse, ~~who allows his license to lapse by~~
29 ~~failing~~ fails to renew the license as provided, may be reinstated
30 by the board on satisfactory explanation for failure to renew his
31 the license and on payment of a reinstatement fee of \$5 \$10, in
32 addition to the current renewal fee.

33 **Sec. 5. 32 MRSA §2207. sub-§§1 to 3,** as amended by PL 1975, c.
34 114, §3, are further amended to read:

35 1. **Examination.** By ~~For~~ examination+-Fee , a fee of \$40 \$60
36 payable on application+ ;

37 2. **Reexamination.** By ~~For~~ reexamination+-Fee , a fee to be
38 determined by the board based on the number of areas to be
39 covered and not to exceed \$40 \$60; and

40 3. **Endorsement.** By ~~For~~ endorsement+-Fee , a fee of \$40 \$60
41 payable on application.

2 Sec. 6. 32 MRSA §2255, first ¶, as amended by PL 1985, c. 724,
§26, is further amended to read:

4 The license of every practical nurse licensed under this
chapter shall be renewed annually, except as otherwise provided.
6 At least 30 days before the anniversary of his that person's
birth, the board shall mail an application for renewal of license
8 to each practical nurse who holds a valid license, which
application shall be mailed to the most recent address of the
10 person as it appears on the records of the board. That person
shall complete the renewal application and return it to the board
12 with a renewal fee of ~~\$10~~ \$20 before the anniversary of his that
person's birth. Upon receipt of the application and fee, the
14 board shall verify the accuracy of the application and issue to
the applicant a certificate of renewal of license for the year
16 expiring on the anniversary of the applicant's birth.

18 Sec. 7. 32 MRSA §2255, 2nd ¶, as repealed and replaced by PL
1983, c. 176, Pt. A, §14, is amended to read:

20 Any practical nurse who ~~allows--his--license--to--lapse--by~~
22 ~~failing~~ fails to renew the license as provided, may be reinstated
by the board on satisfactory explanation for failure to renew his
24 the license and on payment of a reinstatement fee of \$5 \$10, in
addition to the renewal fee.

26 Sec. 8. 32 MRSA §2256, sub-§§1 and 2, as amended by PL 1975, c.
28 114, §6, are further amended to read:

30 1. **Examination.** By ~~For~~ examination+-Fee , a fee of \$30 \$50
payable on application;

32 2. **Reexamination.** By ~~For~~ reexamination+-Fee , a fee to be
34 determined by the board and shall not exceed \$30 \$50; and

36 Sec. 9. 32 MRSA §2256, sub-§3, as amended by PL 1975, c. 114,
38 §7, is further amended to read:

40 3. **Endorsement.** By ~~For~~ endorsement+-Fee , a fee of \$30 \$50
payable on application.

42 Sec. 10. **Allocation.** The following funds are allocated from
Other Special Revenue to carry out the purposes of this Act.

	1989-90	1990-91
46 PROFESSIONAL AND FINANCIAL		
48 REGULATION, DEPARTMENT OF		
50 State Board of Nursing		
52 All Other	\$40,000	\$150,000

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Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this Act takes effect when approved.

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FISCAL NOTE

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This bill will have the following effect on revenues:

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1989-90

1990-91

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Other Special Revenue funds

\$40,000

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STATEMENT OF FACT

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This amendment creates an advisory group within the State Board of Nursing to study and address career mobility issues in nursing.

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The amendment also increases license application and renewal fees assessed by the board.

Reported by the Committee on Human Resources
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