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JOY J. O'BRIEN Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator CLARK of Cumberland. Cosponsored by Representative WEBSTER of Cape Elizabeth, Senator DUTREMBLE of York and Senator BALDACCI of Penobscot.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED AND NINETY

An Act to Amend the Counseling Licensing Laws.

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

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Sec. 1. 32 MRSA §13851, sub-§4, as enacted by PL 1989, c. 465, \S and 5, is amended to read:

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Conditional license. "Conditional license" means a 6 4. time-limited license granted to an individual who has met all the 8 requirements for licensure as defined in section 13858 and is in the process of obtaining 2 years of supervised experience beyond 10the master degree or an individual who was practicing counseling or marriage and family therapy at the time the law was implemented and is actively seeking additional education or 12 supervision to comply with all requirements for licensure as 14 defined in section 13858.

Sec. 2. 32 MRSA §13854, sub-§1, as enacted by PL 1989, c. 465, \S and 5, is amended to read:

Licensing required. Effective October 1, 1990 1992, no
person, unless specifically exempted by this chapter, may practice counseling or profess to be a clinical professional
counselor, professional counselor, marriage and family therapist, or conditional license holder unless licensed in accordance with
this chapter.

STATEMENT OF FACT

This bill amends the licensing requirements for professional counselors by delaying the required licensure date until October 1992, and by expanding the number of persons who may be covered by a conditional license.