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No. 120

S.P. 67

In Senate, January 10, 1991

Reference to the Committee on Business Legislation suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joy J. O'Brien".

JOY J. O'BRIEN
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator BALDACCI of Penobscot.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
NINETEEN HUNDRED AND NINETY-ONE

An Act to Amend the Board of Counseling Professionals Licensure Laws.



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

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3 **Sec. 1. 32 MRSA §13852, sub-§2**, as amended by PL 1989, c. 895,
4 §4 and affected by §21, is repealed and the following enacted in
5 its place:

6 **2. Members.** The board consists of the following 14 voting
7 members, each of whom must be a citizen of the United States and
8 a resident of the State. The Governor shall appoint the members
9 in paragraphs A to C as follows.

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11 A. Eight members must be counseling professionals licensed
12 under this chapter and include 2 counselors, 2 clinical
13 professional counselors, 2 marriage and family therapists
14 and 2 pastoral counselors. Each of these members must have
15 been actively engaged as a practitioner, educator or
16 researcher for at least 5 years immediately preceding
17 appointment.

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19 B. Two members must be counseling professionals who are not
20 licensed but meet the registration requirements of this
21 chapter and will be registered by October 1, 1992. After
22 that date these 2 members must be registered.

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24 C. Three members must be representatives of the general
25 public and may not be currently practicing counseling or
26 receiving compensation for counseling services. One of
27 these members must be a consumer of counseling services.

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29 D. One member, appointed by the Chancellor of the
30 University of Maine System, must be a member of the
31 university faculty involved in the training of counselors.

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33 **Sec. 2. Transition provisions.** The Governor shall appoint the 2
34 counselors who meet registration requirements and will be
35 registered by October 1, 1992 to the board for 3-year terms.
36 Their successors must be appointed pursuant to provisions that
37 apply to all other board members. The terms of appointment for
38 all other board members established prior to the effective date
39 of this Act are not affected by this law.
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43 **STATEMENT OF FACT**

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45 This bill repeals and replaces the current law concerning
46 membership of the Board of Counseling Professionals Licensure in
47 order to make it more understandable.

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49 At present the Board of Counseling Professionals Licensure
50 is comprised of 13 members including one nonvoting member who is
51 a counselor "currently not qualified for licensure." This bill
52 increases the size of the board to 14 members and includes 2
53 voting members who are counselors not licensed under this chapter
54 but who will be registered by October 1, 1992.