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# 115th MAINE LEGISLATURE

## FIRST REGULAR SESSION-1991

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Legislative Document

No. 515

H.P. 361

House of Representatives, February 11, 1991

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

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ed Pert".

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative PARADIS of Frenchville.

Cosponsored by Representative PENDLETON of Scarborough and Representative GWADOSKY of Fairfield.

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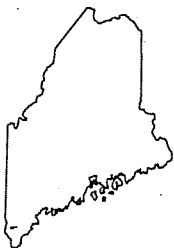
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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD  
NINETEEN HUNDRED AND NINETY-ONE

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**An Act to Expand Consumer Membership on the Board of Osteopathic  
Examination and Registration.**

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

32 MRSA §2561, as repealed and replaced by PL 1989, c. 878, Pt. A, §94, is amended to read:

**§2561. Membership; qualifications; tenure; vacancies**

The Board of Osteopathic Examination and Registration, as established by Title 5, section 12004-A, subsection 29, and in this chapter called the "board," shall--~~consist~~ consists of 7 persons appointed by the Governor. These persons shall must be residents of this State. ~~Five~~ Four of these persons shall must be graduates of a legally chartered college of osteopathic medicine or university having the power to confer degrees in osteopathic medicine and shall-~~have been~~ must be at the time of their appointment actively engaged in the practice of their profession in Maine for a period of at least 5 years, and ~~2~~ 3 of these persons shall must be representatives of the--public interest of consumers. None of the members representing the interests of consumers may be members of, or associated with, or have a financial interest in a health care provider or profession. Consumer groups may submit nominations to the Governor for the members to be appointed to represent the interest of consumers. Each appointment shall-~~be~~ is for a period of 5 years as the terms of the present members expire. Any vacancy in the board caused by death, resignation or for any other cause, except completion of a full term of service, shall must be filled by the appointment of a person, qualified as was the member whose place is filled, to hold office during the unexpired term of that member. Any member of the board may be removed from office for cause by the Governor.

**STATEMENT OF FACT**

This bill changes the membership of the Board of Osteopathic Examination and Registration to give the consuming public greater representation on the board. Greater participation by members representing the consumers of osteopathic medical services will give the consumers of those services a greater voice in the provision of osteopathic medical services throughout this State and at the same time exert a positive influence in reducing the health care costs associated with the practice of osteopathic medicine.