

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# 115th MAINE LEGISLATURE

## FIRST REGULAR SESSION-1991

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Legislative Document

No. 1201

H.P. 835

House of Representatives, March 20, 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 KONTOS of Windham.

Cosponsored by Representative GEAN of Alfred, Representative VIGUE of Winslow and Representative LEBOWITZ of Bangor.

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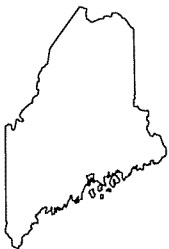
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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD  
NINETEEN HUNDRED AND NINETY-ONE

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**An Act to Amend the Laws Pertaining to Pastoral Counseling  
Professionals.**

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

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32 MRSA §13858, sub-§3-A, ¶B, as enacted by PL 1989, c. 895,  
4 §12, is amended to read:

6 B. Received a Master of Divinity degree, or an equivalent  
7 degree approved by the board, from an accredited institution  
8 or program approved by the board. Academic preparation  
9 includes a minimum graduate core curriculum to include 20  
10 credit hours of counseling and human relations and 400 hours  
11 of clinical pastoral education;

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14 STATEMENT OF FACT

16 This bill amends the requirement for the licensure of a  
17 licensed pastoral counselor. Current law requires that to  
18 qualify as a licensed pastoral counselor a person must have a  
19 Master of Divinity degree. The bill amends the qualifications to  
20 include that a person either has a Master of Divinity degree or  
21 an equivalent degree from an accredited institution or program  
22 approved by the Board of Counseling Professionals Licensure.