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STATE OF MAINE
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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1631, L.D. 2295, Bill, "An Act to Amend the Laws Governing Respiratory Care Practitioners"

Amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and before the emergency clause and inserting in its place the following:

Sec. 1. 32 MRSA §9706-A, sub-§1, as enacted by PL 1989, c. 450, §41, is amended to read:

1. **Licensed or credentialed persons.** Any medical health care personnel licensed ~~or registered in~~ by this State from or who currently hold a nationally recognized credential in a health care profession engaging in the delivery of respiratory care services for which they have been formally trained. That training must include supervised preclinical didactic and laboratory activities and supervised clinical activities and must be approved by the board or an accrediting agency recognized by the board. It also must include an evaluation of competence through a standardized testing mechanism that is determined by the board to be both valid and reliable;

Sec. 2. Transition. A person who, as of January 1, 1992, was performing arterial blood gas procedures for the purpose of acquiring blood samples or analyzing these samples and who was neither licensed nor exempted under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 32, chapter 97, must, in order to continue performing these procedures, within 2 years of the effective date of this Act, have either been licensed or become exempted under Title 32, chapter 97.

In order to qualify under this section a person must be actively pursuing licensure or exemption during this 2-year period.'

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STATEMENT OF FACT

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6 The original bill made specific exemptions to the licensing
8 requirements for respiratory care practitioners in order to allow
10 certain health care institutions to obtain blood samples and
12 conduct laboratory tests. This amendment eliminates that
provision in the original bill and exempts persons who hold a
nationally recognized credential in a medical profession and have
received formal training. It allows current practitioners 2
years to attain the required credentials and training.

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