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STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
116TH LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 982, L.D. 1313, Bill, "An Act to Amend the Laws Concerning Massage Therapists"

Amend the bill in section 3 in subsection 1 in the first paragraph in the 3rd line (page 1, line 29 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "registered"

Further amend the bill in section 3 in subsection 1 in the 2nd paragraph in the first line (page 1, line 33 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "registered"

Further amend the bill in section 3 in subsection 1 in the 2nd paragraph by striking out all of the 3rd sentence (page 1, lines 37 to 39 in L.D.) and inserting in its place the following: 'Registration expires yearly on ~~December--31st~~ the anniversary date of the individual's initial registration or on such other date as the commissioner determines.'

Further amend the bill in section 7 in that part designated "§14306-A." in subsection 1 in the first paragraph in the 3rd line (page 2, line 31 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "certified"

Further amend the bill in section 7 in that part designated "§14306-A." in subsection 1 in the 2nd paragraph in the first line (page 2, line 35 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "certified"

Further amend the bill in section 7 in that part designated "§14306-B." in subsection 1 in the next to the last line (page 3, line 12 in L.D.) by inserting before the following: "American" the following: 'Commission on Massage Training Accreditation/Approval, or its successor organization. Active members of the'

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2 Further amend the bill in section 7 in that part designated
3 "§14306-B." in subsection 1 in the last line (page 3, line 13 in
4 L.D.) by inserting after the following: "Association" the
5 following: 'or graduates of schools approved by the American
6 Massage Therapy Association may be certified without proof of
7 passing the National Certification Examination for Therapeutic
8 Massage and Bodywork until January 1, 1995'

10 Further amend the bill in section 8 in that part designated
11 "§14308." in subsection 3 in the first paragraph in the 5th line
12 from the end (page 5, line 6 in L.D.) by striking out the
13 following: "registered therapist or certified practitioner," and
14 inserting in its place the following: 'registered practitioner
15 or certified therapist,'

16 Further amend the bill by inserting at the end before the
17 statement of fact the following:

18 FISCAL NOTE

20 Broadening the definition of massage therapist, certain
21 changes in registration procedures and requirements and the
22 granting of reciprocity will result in insignificant increases of
23 dedicated revenues to the Department of Professional and
24 Financial Regulation from registration fees.

25 The Department of Professional and Financial Regulation will
26 incur some minor additional costs to adopt rules relating to
27 massage therapists. These costs can be absorbed within the
28 department's existing budgeted resources.'

30 STATEMENT OF FACT

32 Current law requires that persons be registered with the
33 State in order to call themselves massage therapists. Although
34 there is some confusion, the bill appears to require that persons
35 must be registered in order to call themselves registered massage
36 practitioners and must meet certain qualifications in order to
37 call themselves certified massage therapists. This amendment
38 requires that persons be registered in order to call themselves
39 massage practitioners and meet certain qualifications in order to
40 be certified and to call themselves massage therapists.

41 The bill requires that to be certified a person must pass an
42 examination or have graduated from a school accredited by the
43 American Massage Therapy Association. This amendment requires
44 that schools be accredited by the Commission on Massage Training
45 Accreditation/Approval, but until January 1, 1995 continues to

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2 accept those schools accredited by the Massage Therapy
Association and accepts membership in that association as a 3rd
4 means, after the examination and schooling, of fulfilling the
knowledge requirement for certification.

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