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STATE OF MAINE  
SENATE  
117TH LEGISLATURE  
FIRST REGULAR SESSION

SENATE AMENDMENT "A " to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 498, L.D. 1357, Bill, "An Act to Create the Propane and Natural Gas Professional Act of 1995"

Amend the amendment in section 4 in that part designated "~~\$14804.~~" by striking out all of subsection 6 and inserting in its place the following:

'6. Budgets. The board shall submit to the commissioner its budgetary requirements. The board shall develop a biennial budget. For its first 5 years, annual expenditures may not exceed \$50,000 for the first year, \$120,000 for the 2nd year, \$123,000 for the 3rd year, \$127,000 for the 4th year and \$131,000 for the 5th year.

At a minimum, the budget must include the following information:

A. The expenditures the board intends to make in the following year, broken down by type and amount of expenditure; and

B. The receipts the board expects to receive in the following year, broken down by the type and the amount of the receipt.

The board shall hold public hearings, pursuant to the Maine Administrative Procedure Act and hear public comment with respect to the budget proposed by the board. At a minimum, one hearing must be in Cumberland County, one hearing must be in Penobscot County and one hearing must be in Aroostook County.'

**SENATE AMENDMENT**

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2 Further amend the amendment in section 4 in that part  
designated "§14804." in subsection 7 by inserting at the end the  
4 following: 'The commissioner shall consult with the board  
concerning the person or persons employed by the commissioner for  
6 the purposes of this Act and shall ensure that that person or  
those persons are thoroughly trained and licensed pursuant to  
8 this Act prior to carrying out those duties.'

10 Further amend the amendment in section 4 in that part  
designated "§14807." in subsection 2 in the last line (page 8,  
12 line 16 in amendment) by striking out the following:  
"commissioner" and inserting in its place the following: 'board'  
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16 Further amend the amendment in section 4 in that part  
designated "§14812." in the 2nd paragraph in last 2 lines (page  
10, lines 28 and 29 in amendment) by striking out the following:  
18 "same purposes in the following fiscal years" and inserting in  
its place the following: 'purpose of reducing fees imposed on  
20 licensees'

22 Further amend the amendment in section 4 by striking out all  
of the 2nd part designated "§14816." (page 11, lines 44 to 46 in  
24 amendment) and inserting in its place the following:

26 '§14817. Legislative review; repeal

28 This Act is repealed April 1, 1996. The board shall report  
to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having  
30 jurisdiction over business and economic development matters the  
extent to which the board and the industry at large, as regulated  
32 by the board, have developed regulations and methods of  
communication between the board and licensees, including, but not  
34 limited to, communication on all matters relating to the receipt  
and expenditure of funds, sufficient to ensure public health and  
36 safety and address the issue of whether some or all portions of  
the board's activities may be privatized.'  
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40 Further amend the amendment by striking out all of sections  
6 and 7 and inserting in their place the following:

42 'Sec. 6. Working capital advance. The State Controller is  
authorized to advance to the Department of Professional and  
44 Financial Regulation up to \$50,000 from the General Fund  
Unappropriated Surplus in fiscal year 1995-96 for the licensure  
46 of installers of propane and natural gas equipment. These funds  
will be used to provide the working capital advance necessary to  
48 fund the costs of the licensure of installers of propane and  
natural gas equipment until adequate dedicated revenues have been  
50 received. Funds advanced for this purpose must be returned to

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the General Fund Unappropriated Surplus no later than June 30,  
1996.

**Sec. 7. Allocation.** The following funds are allocated from  
Other Special Revenue funds to carry out the purposes of this Act.

1995-96

**PROFESSIONAL AND FINANCIAL  
REGULATION, DEPARTMENT OF**

**Propane and Natural Gas Board**

Personal Services	\$2,205
All Other	42,795
Capital Expenditures	5,000

Allocates funds for the  
licensure of installers of  
propane and natural gas  
equipment.

**DEPARTMENT OF PROFESSIONAL AND  
FINANCIAL REGULATION  
TOTAL**

\$50,000'

**FISCAL NOTE**

1995-96

**APPROPRIATIONS/ALLOCATIONS**

Other Funds	\$50,000
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**REVENUES**

Other Funds	\$143,500
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This amendment limits expenditures of the Propane and  
Natural Gas Board to \$50,000 in fiscal year 1995-96. The  
allocations to the board are adjusted downward. The estimate of  
dedicated revenue in fiscal year 1995-96 is unchanged.

The original expenditure estimate was for a total of  
\$100,365 in that fiscal year. This spending limitation will  
significantly restrict the services provided by the Department of  
Professional and Financial Regulation to assist the board in its  
daily operational needs.

**SENATE AMENDMENT**

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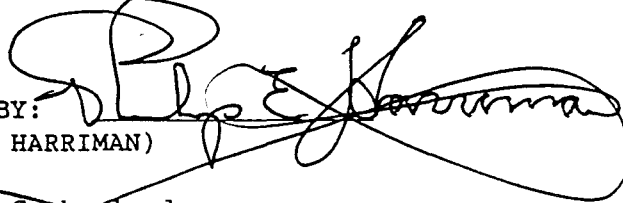
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The repeal of the board and its authorizing legislation on April 1, 1996 eliminates the dedicated revenue and the allocations in fiscal year 1996-97.

**STATEMENT OF FACT**

This amendment clarifies the intent of the bill with respect to the issues of expenditure of funds, communications between State Government and licensees and legislative review of the establishment of this new licensure regime and changes the allocation section of the committee amendment.

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