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An Act Concerning the Acupuncture Certificate of Licensure Laws.

Referred to the Committee on Business and Economic Development and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 14.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "May M. Ross".

MAY M. ROSS
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator PINGREE of Knox.

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

4 **Sec. 1. 32 MRSA §12408, sub-§3**, as amended by PL 1993, c. 35,
§1, is further amended to read:

6 **3. Current practitioners.** Persons who were practicing
7 acupuncture in the State as of ~~August 9, 1989~~, January 1, 1996
8 and meet either group of qualifications listed in this section
9 ~~shall be~~ are eligible if they are at least 21 years old. The
10 qualification groups are:

12 A. Experienced-based group. The requirements for the
13 experienced-based group are:

14 (1) A minimum of 2 1/2 years of practicing acupuncture
15 in the State as of ~~August 9, 1989~~ January 1, 1996;

18 (2) A minimum of 1,000 hours of classroom instruction
19 in acupuncture and related subjects at an institute
20 approved by the board; and

22 (3) A minimum of 300 hours of clinical experience in
23 acupuncture; and

24 B. Test-based group. The requirements for the test-based
25 group are:

28 (1) A minimum of 6 months of practicing acupuncture in
29 the State as of ~~August 9, 1989~~ January 1, 1996;

32 (2) Certification by the National Commission for the
33 Certification of Acupuncturists;

34 (3) A minimum of 1,000 hours of classroom instruction
35 in acupuncture and related subjects at an institution
36 approved by the Acupuncture Licensing Board; and

38 (4) A minimum of 300 hours of clinical experience in
39 acupuncture.

42 **STATEMENT OF FACT**

44 This bill expands the so-called grandfather provision in the
45 Acupuncture Licensing Board laws from August 9, 1989 to January
46 1, 1996.