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BUSINESS AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

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**STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
117TH LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1008, L.D. 1419, Bill, "An Act to Modify the Licensure Act for Substance Abuse Counselors"

Amend the bill by striking out all of section 12 and inserting in its place the following:

'Sec. 12. 32 MRSA §6212, sub-§12 is enacted to read:

12. Clinical supervision. The board may certify or approve psychiatrists, psychologists, clinical doctoral level professional counselors and physicians for purposes of direct clinical supervision of licensed practitioners in the field of alcohol and drug counseling. Other members of any mental health profession must meet the criteria set forth by the International Certification and Reciprocity Consortium, the National Association of Alcohol and Drug Abuse Counselors and the rules of the board.'

Further amend the bill in section 26 in that part designated "§6219." in the last paragraph in the 3rd and 4th lines from the end (page 12, lines 15 and 16 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "250 hours of supervised experience within the core functions defined by rule of the board and" and inserting in its place the following: '~~250-hours-of-supervised-experience-within-the-core-functions-defined-by-rule-of-the-board-and~~'

Further amend the bill in section 26 in that part designated "§6219." in the 2nd line from the end (page 12, line 17 in L.D.) by inserting after the following: "education" the following: 'as defined by rule by the board.'

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

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

4 **FISCAL NOTE**

6 Elimination of certain licensure fee categories may result
in insignificant increases of dedicated revenue to the State
8 Board of Alcohol and Drug Counselors within the Department of
Professional and Financial Regulation from license fees.

10 The State Board of Alcohol and Drug Counselors will incur
12 some minor additional costs to adopt certain rules, administer
certain regulatory changes and make changes to the board's
14 various documents and publications to reflect a change in the
board's statutory name. These costs can be absorbed within the
16 board's existing budgeted resources.'

18 **STATEMENT OF FACT**

20 The bill requires those persons supervising alcohol and drug
22 abuse counselors to meet the criteria of several national
organizations and the rules of the State Board of Alcohol and
24 Drug Counselors. This amendment exempts psychiatrists,
psychologists, doctoral level clinical counselors and physicians
26 from that requirement.

28 This amendment removes the requirement for 250 hours of
supervised experience as a requirement for biennial license
30 renewal for a substance abuse counselor. This will leave the one
mandatory requirement of 50 hours of continuing education related
32 to alcohol and drug abuse counseling and such other continued
professional learning and training as the board may require.

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