

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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No. 1498

H.P. 1063

House of Representatives, May 4, 1995

An Act to Increase Access to Primary Care Physician Services in Maine.

Reference to the Committee on Business and Economic Development suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Joseph W. Mayo".

JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative CAMPBELL of Holden.
Cosponsored by Representatives: BAILEY of Township 27, BRENNAN of Portland,
CAMERON of Rumford, DEXTER of Kingfield, FITZPATRICK of Durham, LIBBY of
Buxton, LUMBRA of Bangor, MORRISON of Bangor, SAXL of Bangor, WINN of
Glenburn, YACKOBITZ of Hermon, Senators: CAREY of Kennebec, FAIRCLOTH of
Penobscot, PENDEXTER of Cumberland, RUHLIN of Penobscot, SMALL of Sagadahoc.

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

4 **Sec. 1. 32 MRSA §3279, sub-§2-A** is enacted to read:

6 **2-A. Joint-program resident.** An applicant who is enrolled
8 in a program of premedical, medical and graduate medical training
10 conducted jointly by a college or university accredited by the
12 New England Association of Schools and Colleges, a medical school
14 accredited by the Liaison Committee on Medical Education and a
16 graduate educational program approved by the Accreditation
18 Council on Graduate Medical Education may receive a temporary
20 educational certificate from the board to act as a hospital
22 resident as part of that graduate educational program if the
24 applicant is concurrently enrolled in the final year of medical
training and the initial year of graduate medical education. The
board may not issue a certificate pursuant to this subsection for
a period longer than that required to obtain the M.D. degree.
The period during which the certificate is in force may not be
considered in determining satisfaction of the requirement for
postgraduate medical education under section 3271, subsection 2.

STATEMENT OF FACT

26 This bill allows students enrolled in a program that
28 combines undergraduate, medical and graduate education to be
30 temporarily certified as residents while enrolled in their final
year of medical school, thus increasing the number of residents
available to work in hospitals. Following completion of the
final year of individual training, the person may be certified as
a hospital resident.