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**STATE OF MAINE  
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118TH LEGISLATURE  
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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1151, L.D. 1616, Bill, "An Act to Amend the Laws Regulating Occupational Therapy Practice"

Amend the bill in section 2 in that part designated "~~§2272.~~" by striking out all of subsection 5 and inserting in its place the following:

'5. Certified occupational therapy assistant. "Certified occupational therapy assistant" means an individual who has passed the certification examination of the National Board for Certification in Occupational Therapy for an occupational therapy assistant or who was certified as an occupational therapy assistant prior to June 1977 and who is licensed to practice occupational therapy under this chapter in the State under the supervision of an occupational therapist.'

Further amend the bill in section 2 in that part designated "~~§2272.~~" by striking out all of subsection 11 and inserting in its place the following:

'11. Occupational therapist. "Occupational therapist" means an individual who has passed the certification examination of the National Board for Certification in Occupational Therapy for an occupational therapist or meets the requirements of section 2279, subsection 6 and who is licensed to practice occupational therapy under this chapter in the State.'

Further amend the bill in section 5 in that part designated "~~§2278.~~" in the 2nd paragraph in the last line (page 5, line 38 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "not be renewed" and

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inserting in its place the following: 'be renewed one time at the discretion of the board'

Further amend the bill by inserting at the end before the summary the following:

**FISCAL NOTE**

The Board of Occupational Therapy Practice within the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation will incur some minor additional costs to revise certain rules. These costs can be absorbed within the board's existing budgeted resources.'

**SUMMARY**

This amendment replaces the definitions of certified occupational therapy assistant and occupational therapist in the original bill. The new definitions remove the requirement that an individual be in "good standing" with the National Board of Certification in Occupational Therapy. This amendment also allows the board to renew a temporary license one time for a person who has failed the examination. This amendment also adds a fiscal note to the bill.