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BUSINESS AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

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**STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
118TH LEGISLATURE
FIRST SPECIAL SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1301, L.D. 1844, Bill, "An Act to Amend the Professional Service Corporation Act As It Relates to Eye Care Providers"

Amend the bill in section 1 in that part designated "\$705." in the first paragraph by striking out all of the last underlined sentence (page 1, lines 18 to 21 in L.D.) and inserting in its place the following: 'Notwithstanding any other provision of law, for the purposes of this chapter, optometrists licensed under Title 32, chapter 34-A and ophthalmologists licensed under Title 32, chapter 36 or 48 may organize and become the sole shareholders of the same professional corporation under the corporation laws for the sole and specific purpose of rendering their respective professional services that are considered to be complementary to one another.'

SUMMARY

The bill provides that for the purposes of the Professional Services Corporation Act, optometrists and ophthalmologists are considered to render the same professional service in order to allow those professionals to be shareholders of the same professional corporation. The amendment accomplishes the same goal of allowing optometrists and ophthalmologists to practice together in a professional corporation without defining their services to be the same. A technical reference was corrected in the amendment as a ophthalmologist may be licensed under the Board of Licensure in Medicine, Title 32, chapter 48, or under the Board of Osteopathic Licensure, Title 32, chapter 36.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT