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No. 1182

H.P. 848

House of Representatives, February 11, 1999

An Act to Amend the Qualifications of Weighmasters.

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 TESSIER of Fairfield.
Cosponsored by Senator PINGREE of Knox and
Representatives: COWGER of Hallowell, POWERS of Rockport, TOWNSEND of Portland,
Senator: HARRIMAN of Cumberland.

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

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3 **Sec. 1. 10 MRSA §2501**, as amended by PL 1997, c. 454, §6, is
4 repealed and the following enacted in its place:

6 **§2501. Qualifications**

8 1. Individual license. A person wishing to be a licensed
9 public weighmaster shall make application to the state sealer
10 upon forms provided by the state sealer, and each application
11 must be accompanied by a fee of \$25. When the state sealer
12 receives an application and is satisfied that the applicant is of
13 good moral character, has the ability to weigh accurately and to
14 make correct weight certificates, has passed such oral or written
15 examination as the state sealer may require and makes an oath to
16 execute the requisite duties satisfactorily, the state sealer
17 shall grant the applicant a license as a public weighmaster. A
18 license expires on December 31st annually or in a manner
19 consistent with the Maine Administrative Procedure Act, whichever
20 is later, unless sooner revoked or suspended under section 2506.
21 A licensed public weighmaster shall, at the public weighmaster's
22 own expense, procure an impression seal. The public weighmaster's
23 name and the word "Maine" must be inscribed around the outer
24 margin of the seal and the words "licensed public weighmaster"
25 must appear in the center of the seal. The seal must be impressed
26 upon each weight certificate issued by the licensed public
27 weighmaster.

28 2. Corporate license. A business, company or corporation
29 wishing to be a licensed public weighmaster shall make
30 application to the state sealer upon forms provided by the state
31 sealer, and each application must be accompanied by a fee of
32 \$250. When the state sealer receives an application and is
33 satisfied that the business, company or corporation has the
34 ability to train its employees to weigh accurately and to make
35 correct weight certificates, the employees passed such oral or
36 written examination as the state sealer may require and the
37 employees make an oath to execute the requisite duties
38 satisfactorily, the state sealer shall grant the business,
39 company or corporation a license as a public weighmaster. A
40 license expires on December 31st annually or in a manner
41 consistent with the Maine Administrative Procedure Act, whichever
42 is later, unless sooner revoked or suspended under section 2506.
43 A licensed public weighmaster shall, at the public weighmaster's
44 own expense, procure an impression seal. The business, company
45 or corporation name and the word "Maine" must be inscribed around
46 the outer margin of the seal and the words "licensed public
47 weighmaster" must appear in the center of the seal. The seal
48 must be impressed upon each weight certificate issued by the
49 licensed public weighmaster. All employees of the business,
50 company or corporation are deemed to be operating under the

2 public weighmaster license of the business, company or
3 corporation.

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SUMMARY

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This bill establishes a corporate public weighmaster license.