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**STATE OF MAINE
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SENATE AMENDMENT "A " to S.P. 784, L.D. 2199, Bill, "An Act Concerning Licensure of Chiropractors"

Amend the bill in section 2 in subsection 1-A in the last line (page 1, line 41 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "~~abnormalities.~~" and inserting in its place the following: 'abnormalities. Except as provided in section 502, chiropractic acupuncture may only be practiced by a licensee who has received a chiropractic acupuncture certification from the board.'

Further amend the bill in section 3 in the first paragraph in the 4th line from the end (page 2, line 21 in L.D.) by inserting after the following: "acupuncture" the following: 'by certified licensees. The rules must set forth the requirements for chiropractic acupuncture certification, which must include, but are not limited to, a minimum number of classroom hours of education in acupuncture theory and techniques; a component of supervised clinical acupuncture training or documented clinical acupuncture experience for licensees practicing chiropractic acupuncture prior to April 30, 1999; and instruction in exposure control for blood-borne pathogens and registration as a biomedical waste generator pursuant to Title 38, section 1319-O, subsection 3. Licensees who can prove to the satisfaction of the board that they were engaged in the practice of chiropractic acupuncture prior to April 30, 1999 may continue to practice chiropractic acupuncture but must comply with all of the certification requirements set forth in board rules within 2 years from the adoption of the rules'

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SENATE AMENDMENT " " to S.P. 784, L.D. 2199

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

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'FISCAL NOTE

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8 The additional costs associated with issuing certifications
to chiropractors who engage in chiropractic acupuncture can be
absorbed by the Office of Licensing and Registration utilizing
10 existing budgeted resources.

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14 Requiring certain chiropractors to become registered as
biomedical waste generators will result in insignificant
increases of dedicated revenue to the Department of Environmental
Protection from registration fees.'

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SUMMARY

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22 This amendment requires that chiropractors engaging in
acupuncture obtain a chiropractic acupuncture certification from
the Board of Chiropractic Licensure. Certification requirements
will be developed by the Board of Chiropractic Licensure by rule
24 and must include minimum education, training and disease control
components. The supervised clinical training component may be
26 fulfilled either in conjunction with the required education or in
a separate clinical setting. The amendment allows chiropractors
28 who were engaged in the practice of chiropractic acupuncture
prior to April 30, 1999 to continue that practice; however, they
30 must comply with all of the certification requirements within 2
years of the adoption of the rules.

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The amendment also adds a fiscal note to the bill.

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