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In Senate, January 12, 2000

An Act to Clarify the Authority of the Maine Board of Optometry.

(EMERGENCY)

Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.

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

JOY J. O'BRIEN Secretary of the Senate

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Presented by Senator KONTOS of Cumberland. Cosponsored by Senator MacKINNON of York, Representatives: O'NEAL of Limestone, TOBIN of Windham.

	Emergency preamble. Whereas, Acts of the Legislature do not
2	become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and
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6	Whereas, the State Board of Optometry has always budgeted for and paid for independent staffing at its offices; and
8	Whereas, the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation has recently advised the board that it can not have
10	outside staffing; and
12	Whereas, the board has a budget that has been approved that funds the independent staff positions; and
14	Whereas, in order to continue the board's practice of using
16	independent staff, this legislation must be approved immediately; and
18	Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts
20	create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately
22	necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore,
24	Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:
26	Sec. 1. 32 MRSA §2416, as amended by PL 1993, c. 600, Pt. A,
28	§145, is further amended by inserting at the end a new paragraph to read:
30	The board way omploy fig the calary of and prescribe the
32	The board may employ, fix the salary of and prescribe the duties of other personnel as the board determines necessary.
34	Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this Act takes effect when approved.
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38	SUMMARY
40	This bill allows the State Board of Optometry to hire such independent staff as may be necessary to conduct the business of
42	the board.