

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# 120th MAINE LEGISLATURE

## FIRST REGULAR SESSION-2001

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Legislative Document

No. 1472

H.P. 1103

House of Representatives, March 8, 2001

### **An Act to Create Limited Licenses for Retired Physicians.**

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

*Millicent M. MacFarland*

MILLICENT M. MacFARLAND, Clerk

Presented by Representative SHIELDS of Auburn.  
Cosponsored by Senator SMALL of Sagadahoc and  
Representatives: DUDLEY of Portland, DUGAY of Cherryfield, LOVETT of Scarborough,  
MAYO of Bath, McDONOUGH of Portland, NUTTING of Oakland.

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

**Sec. 1. 32 MRSA §3279-A is enacted to read:**

**§3279-A. Limited license to practice medicine; requirements; limitations of practice**

**1. Requirements.** A person desiring to obtain a limited license to practice medicine must:

A. Submit to the board an application and a verified affidavit stating that the applicant has been licensed to practice medicine in this State or in any state or territory of the United States or the District of Columbia for at least 10 years and is retired from the practice of medicine and that the applicant's license was in good standing at retirement;

B. Meet the requirements in section 3271 or 3275 and section 3280-A; and

C. Notwithstanding sections 3271, 3275 and 3280-A, pay a fee of \$25 for a limited license or the renewal of a limited license.

**2. Continuing education.** The board may not require more than 5 hours of continuing education annually as a requirement of renewal under this section of a limited license.

**3. Patients limited.** A physician with a limited license under this section may provide services only in accordance with this subsection. A physician with a limited license may provide primary care and preventive health care services without compensation. These services may be provided to family members or at facilities described in Title 24, section 2904.

**4. Services limited.** As used in this section, primary care and preventive health care services are limited to noninvasive procedures and do not include obstetrical care or any specialized care or treatment but may include injections, the suturing of minor lacerations and incisions of boils or superficial abscesses.

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**SUMMARY**

This bill permits a retired physician to obtain a limited license to practice medicine. A limited license allows a physician to provide primary care and preventive health care services without compensation. These services may be provided to family members or at certain facilities operated by nonprofit organizations or the government.