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BUSINESS AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

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**STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
120TH LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1267, L.D. 1718, Bill, "An Act Relating to Licensing Board Fee Caps"

Amend the bill by inserting after section 8 the following:

Sec. 9. 10 MRSA §8003, sub-§2-A, ¶D, as enacted by PL 1999, c. 687, Pt. C, §6, is amended to read:

D. To establish by rule and after reasonable notice to the affected board all fees necessary and appropriate for all boards, commissions and regulatory functions within the office, subject to any fee cap established by statute and applicable to that board, commission or regulatory function. The Director of the Office of Licensing and Registration shall set the criteria for all fees. The criteria must include, but are not limited to, the costs, statutory requirements, enforcement requirements and fees and expenses of each board, commission or regulatory function. Rules adopted pursuant to this paragraph are routine technical rules pursuant to Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter II-A;

Sec. 10. 10 MRSA §8004-A is enacted to read:

§8004-A. Legislative reports

The Director of the Office of Licensing and Registration shall report annually to the joint standing committee of the

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

2 Legislature having jurisdiction over professional licensing and
registration on the status of licensing fees and fee caps.'

4 Further amend the bill by relettering or renumbering any
6 nonconsecutive Part letter or section number to read
consecutively.

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

12 **FISCAL NOTE**

14 The Office of Licensing and Registration within the
16 Department of Professional and Financial Regulation will incur
some minor additional costs to report on the status of fees and
18 fee caps. These costs can be absorbed within the department's
existing budgeted resources.'

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SUMMARY

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24 This amendment requires the Director of Licensing and
Registration within the Department of Professional and Financial
26 Regulation to provide reasonable notice to the affected board of
any fee change proposed by rule. The amendment also establishes
28 a reporting requirement to the Legislature by the director
regarding fees and fee caps. It also adds a fiscal note to the
bill.