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An Act to Require that Temporary Nurse Agencies Verify Certified Nursing Assistants' Eligibility Before Hiring Certified Nursing Assistants.

Submitted by the Department of Human Services pursuant to Joint Rule 204. Received by the Clerk of the House on December 5, 2001. Referred to the Committee on Health and Human Services pursuant to Joint Rule 308.2 and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 401.

MILLICENT M. MacFARLAND, Clerk

Presented by Representative SNOWE-MELLO of Poland. Cosponsored by Representative FULLER of Manchester.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as f	follows:
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-	Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §2131, sub-§1-A is enacted to read:
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	1-A. Verifying certified nursing assistant eligibility. A
6	health care institution, facility or organization, including a
	temporary nurse agency employing a certified nursing assistant,
8	shall, before hiring a certified nursing assistant, verify that
	the certified nursing assistant is listed on the Maine Registry
10	of Certified Nursing Assistants established under section 1812-G
	with no annotations to prohibit the hiring of that individual
12	according to state and federal regulations.
14	Sec. 2. 22 MRSA §2131, sub-§4, as enacted by PL 1989, c. 579,
	§4, is amended to read:

4. Penalty. Any person who operates a temporary nurse agency without registering or who fails to verify the inclusion of a certified nursing assistant on the Maine Registry of Certified Nursing Assistants before hiring that certified nursing assistant pursuant to subsection 1-A commits a civil violation for which a forfeiture of \$100 may be adjudged. Each day constitutes a separate violation.

SUMMARY

This bill requires a temporary nurse agency to verify the inclusion of a certified nursing assistant on the Maine Registry of Certified Nursing Assistants before hiring that certified nursing assistant.