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House of Representatives, January 30, 2003

An Act to Enhance Public Participation in Matters Before Professional Licensing Boards

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

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Clerk

Presented by Representative BARSTOW of Gorham.

Cosponsored by Representatives: BULL of Freeport, DUPREY of Medway, EARLE of Damariscotta, FISCHER of Presque Isle, STONE of Berwick, WHEELER of Kittery, Senators: EDMONDS of Cumberland, MAYO of Sagadahoc.

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

4 **Sec. 1. 32 MRSA §59-C** is enacted to read:

6 **§59-C. Public testimony before professional or occupational**
 licensing board

8 A professional or occupational licensing board shall allow
10 members of the public a reasonable opportunity to provide oral
12 testimony to the board at any hearing or meeting conducted by the
 board that is open to the public if that testimony is relevant to
 an issue before the professional or occupational licensing board.

14 **SUMMARY**

16 This bill ensures members of the public a reasonable
18 opportunity to provide oral testimony at public meetings of
20 professional or occupational licensing boards if that testimony
 is relevant to an issue before the professional or occupational
 licensing board.