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**STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
121ST LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 849, L.D. 1146, Bill, "An Act To Allow Volunteer Social Work To Count towards Licensure"

Amend the bill by striking out the title and substituting the following:

'An Act To Allow Licensure of Graduates of Social Work Programs That Are in Candidacy for Accreditation'

Further amend the bill by striking out everything after the title and before the summary and inserting in its place the following:

'Emergency preamble. Whereas, Acts of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

Whereas, allowing licensure of graduates of social work or social welfare programs at institutions that are in candidacy for national accreditation would increase the number of qualified applicants for social work positions in the State without threatening the safety of the public; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore,

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

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

2 **Sec. 1. 32 MRSA §7053, sub-§2,** as amended by PL 1985, c. 736,
§11, is further amended to read:

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6 **2. Licensed master social worker.** As a licensed master
social worker, an applicant shall must have received either a
masters or doctoral degree in social work or social welfare from
8 an accredited educational institution or an institution in
candidacy for accreditation from the Council on Social Work
10 Education or a successor organization, shall must have
demonstrated to the satisfaction of the board adherence to the
12 ethics of the social work profession and shall must have
successfully completed the examination prescribed by the board.
14 After meeting these qualifications, the applicant shall must
receive a "licensed master social worker" license. In addition,
16 any person wishing to practice social work in a clinical setting
shall must receive a "licensed master social worker, conditional"
18 license.

20 **Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited in the
preamble, this Act takes effect when approved.'

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SUMMARY

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This amendment replaces the bill. The amendment allows
master social worker licensure of a graduate of a social work or
28 social welfare program of an institution in candidacy for
accreditation from the Council on Social Work Education or a
30 successor organization. The amendment also adds an emergency
preamble and an emergency clause.

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED
(See attached)



121st Maine Legislature
Office of Fiscal and Program Review

LD 1146

**An Act to Allow Licensure of Graduates of Social Work Programs that
are in Candidacy for Accreditation**

LR 0723(02)

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment " "
Committee: Business, Research and Economic Development

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

Minor cost increase - Other Special Revenue Funds

Fiscal Detail and Notes

Any additional cost to the State Board of Social Worker Licensure within the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation can be absorbed utilizing existing budgeted resources.