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No. 994

S.P. 334

In Senate, February 24, 2005

An Act To Increase Access to Dental Care by Accepting All Regional Board Examinations for Initial Licensure of Dentists

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

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joy J. O'Brien".

JOY J. O'BRIEN
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator DAVIS of Piscataquis.
Cosponsored by Representative CLARK of Millinocket.

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

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Sec. 1. 32 MRSA §1083. as amended by PL 1993, c. 600, Pt. A,
4 §65, is further amended to read:

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§1083. Application for examination; subjects; reexamination

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The board may at its discretion recognize the results of an
10 examination given by the National Board of Dental Examiners or an
accredited clinical testing agency approved by the board in lieu
of or in addition to the examination or examinations that it may
12 require. The board shall recognize a passing grade on an
examination given by any regional testing agency. The board may
14 require as part of the examination a clinical demonstration of
the candidate's skill in dentistry. An applicant who fails to
16 pass the first examination to the satisfaction of the board is
entitled to one reexamination. Applicants for licensure shall
18 pay a fee set by the board for the examination.

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SUMMARY

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This bill provides that the Board of Dental Examiners shall
24 accept as part of its requirements for licensure a passing grade
from any regional testing agency as an alternative to an
26 examination by a northeast regional testing agency.