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An Act To Create a Senior Life Educator Certificate Program

Reference to the Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs suggested and ordered printed.

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Presented by Representative FAIRCLOTH of Bangor.
Cosponsored by Representative: LANSLEY of Sabattus.

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

4 **Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §13014-A is enacted to read:**

6 **§13014-A. Senior life educator certificate**

8 **1. Definition.** "Senior life educator certificate" means a
certificate issued to an individual who has achieved professional
standards in accordance with this section.

10 **2. Qualifications.** The state board shall adopt rules
governing the qualifications for a senior life educator
certificate that require that an applicant at a minimum:

14 **A.** Hold a master's degree or above from an accredited,
degree-granting postsecondary education institution in a
field specifically relevant to the subject being taught in
the classroom and have maintained a minimum grade point
average of at least 3.0 on a scale of 4.0, or the equivalent
of a "B" average, during the postbaccalaureate program; and

22 **B.** Have work experience in a field specifically relevant to
the subject being taught in the classroom as follows:

24 (1) Have 2 years or more of college teaching
experience at an accredited, degree-granting
postsecondary education institution and 5 years or more
of work experience in a field specifically relevant to
the subject being taught in the classroom; or

30 (2) Have 10 years or more of work experience in a
field specifically relevant to the subject being taught
in the classroom.

34 **3. Endorsements.** A senior life educator certificate must
be issued with an endorsement that specifies the grades and
subject area the teacher is qualified to teach as determined by
rules adopted by the state board. A holder of a senior life
educator certificate may not teach outside the area of
endorsement.

42 **4. Two-year limit.** A senior life educator certificate may
be issued for a 2-year period and may be renewed only in
accordance with section 13016.

46 The state board shall adopt rules to implement this section
and section 13016, subsection 5. Rules adopted pursuant to this
section are routine technical rules as defined in Title 5,
chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

