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An Act Regarding Licensure Requirements for Nurses

Received by the Secretary of the Senate on December 28, 2005. Referred to the Committee on Business, Research and Economic Development pursuant to Joint Rule 308.2 and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 401.

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

JOY J. O'BRIEN
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator MARTIN of Aroostook. (GOVERNOR'S BILL)
Cosponsored by Representative PERRY of Calais and
Senator: President EDMONDS of Cumberland, Representatives: CAIN of Orono,
MARRACHÉ of Waterville.

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

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Sec. 1. 32 MRSA §2205-A, sub-§1, ¶B, as enacted by PL 1985, c.
4 361, §2, is amended to read:

6 B. Has been duly licensed by examination by the nursing
board of a state or territory of the United States or a
8 province of Canada, provided that the examination is
considered by the board to be equivalent in all essentials
10 to Maine's examination and provided that the license of the
applicant is in good standing and that there is no cause for
12 suspension or revocation of that license. Acceptable
examinations include the State Board Examination, State
14 Board Test Pool Examination, the National Council Licensure
Examination and, for a person licensed prior to December 31,
16 2006, the Canadian Nurses' Association Testing Service
Examination; and

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Sec. 2. 32 MRSA §2254-A, sub-§1, ¶B, as enacted by PL 1985, c.
20 361, §4, is amended to read:

22 B. Has been duly licensed by examination by the nursing
board of a state or territory of the United States or a
24 province of Canada, provided that the examination is
considered by the board to be equivalent in all essentials
26 to Maine's examination and provided that the license of the
applicant is in good standing and that there is no cause for
28 suspension or revocation of that license. Acceptable
examinations include the State Board Test Pool Examination,
30 the National Council Licensure Examination and, for a person
licensed prior to December 31, 2006, the Canadian Nurses'
32 Association Testing Service Examination; and

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SUMMARY

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Under this bill, acceptance of the Canadian Nurses'
38 Association Testing Service Examination for licensure of nurses
in the State ends on December 31, 2006, after which the exam
40 standard must match higher federal requirements.