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L.D. 1623

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3 BUSINESS, RESEARCH AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

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5 STATE OF MAINE

6 SENATE

7 123RD LEGISLATURE

8 FIRST REGULAR SESSION

9 COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 567, L.D. 1623, Bill, "An Act To
10 Create the Board of Speech-language Pathology, Audiology and Hearing Aid Dealing and
11 Fitting"

12 Amend the bill in Part C in section 3 in §17304 by striking out all of the first indented
13 paragraph (page 11, lines 2 to 6 in L.D.) and inserting the following:

14 'Audiologists identify, assess, manage and interpret test results related to disorders of
15 human hearing, balance and other neural systems, including the dispensing of hearing
16 aids. Audiologists also supervise programs and services related to human communication
17 and its disorders; counsel families, individuals and caregivers; and provide consultation,
18 make referrals and develop preventative programs.'

19 Amend the bill by inserting after Part C the following:

20 PART D

21 Sec. D-1. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and
22 allocations are made.

23 PROFESSIONAL AND FINANCIAL REGULATION, DEPARTMENT OF
24 Licensing and Enforcement 0352

25 Initiative: Reduces allocation for the per diem and all other costs associated with the
26 elimination of 7 board members from the Board of Hearing Aid Dealers and Fitters and
27 the Board of Examiners on Speech-language Pathology and Audiology.

28 OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2007-08	2008-09
29 Personal Services	(\$2,940)	(\$2,940)
30 All Other	(\$3,612)	(\$3,612)

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 567, L.D. 1623

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1 OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL (\$6,552) (\$6,552)
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3 **SUMMARY**

4 This amendment clarifies the scope of practice for audiologists and maintains current
5 audiology practice standards. It also adds an appropriations and allocations section.

6 **FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED**
7 (See attached)



123rd MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1623

LR 597(02)

An Act To Create the Board of Speech-language Pathology, Audiology and Hearing Aid Dealing and Fitting

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment "A "

Committee: Business, Research and Economic Development

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

	2007-08	2008-09	Projections 2009-10	Projections 2010-11
Appropriations/Allocations				
Other Special Revenue Funds	(\$6,552)	(\$6,552)	(\$6,552)	(\$6,552)
Revenue				
Other Special Revenue Funds	(\$31,200)	(\$31,200)	(\$31,200)	(\$31,200)

Fiscal Detail and Notes

This bill includes ongoing Other Special Revenue Funds deallocations of \$6,552 per year beginning in fiscal year 2007-08 for the Office of Licensing and Registration within the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation to reflect the elimination of 7 Board members from the Board of Hearing Aid Dealers and Fitters and the Board of Examiners on Speech-language Pathology and Audiology. The elimination of the requirement that Licensed Audiologists obtain separate Hearing Aid licenses as well as the elimination of the requirement for business licenses will reduce dedicated revenue from licensing fees by \$31,200 per year. Fees may have to be increased in order to offset the revenue loss.