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**STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
124TH LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1007, L.D. 1455, Bill, "An Act To Establish the Maine Fuel Board"

Amend the bill in Part C in section 3 in chapter 139 in subchapter 3 in §18135 by striking out all of subsection 2 (page 10, lines 19 to 37 in L.D.) and inserting the following:

2. Professional qualifications. Each applicant for a propane and natural gas technician license must meet one of the following qualifications:

A. Successful completion of the certified employee training program of a national propane gas association; or

B. Successful completion of a board-approved propane or natural gas course at a Maine community college, career and technical education center or career and technical education region or a comparable institute of this State or another state and passage of an examination approved by the board.

An out-of-state applicant must present satisfactory evidence to the board of experience in installing, cleaning, servicing, altering and repairing propane and natural gas burning equipment.'

Amend the bill in Part C in section 3 in chapter 139 in subchapter 3 in §18137 by striking out all of subsection 2 (page 11, lines 15 to 18 in L.D.) and inserting the following:

2. License term. An applicant for a temporary plant operator or delivery technician license must apply for a temporary plant operator or delivery technician license within 90 days after first performing the functions listed in subsection 1 and may be issued a license for a 1-year term, which may not be renewed. A new temporary plant operator or delivery technician license may not be issued within 3 years following the date of issuance of the previous temporary plant operator or delivery technician license.'

Amend the bill in Part D by striking out all of section 16 (page 16, line 38 in L.D.) and inserting the following:

'PART E

Sec. E-1. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

**PROFESSIONAL AND FINANCIAL REGULATION, DEPARTMENT OF
Licensing and Enforcement 0352**

Initiative: Deallocates funds to reflect savings from reducing the number of board members from 15 to 8 as a result of combining the Oil and Solid Fuel Board and the Propane and Natural Gas Board to form the Maine Fuel Board.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2009-10	2010-11
Personal Services	(\$3,494)	(\$7,338)
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	(\$3,494)	(\$7,338)

Sec. E-2. Effective date. This Act takes effect January 1, 2010.'

SUMMARY

This amendment changes the professional qualification requirements in the bill for an applicant for a propane and natural gas technician license to require either the successful completion of a national propane gas association's certified employee training program or successful completion of a board-approved propane or natural gas course at a Maine community college, career and technical education center or career and technical education region or a comparable institute of this State or another state and passing an examination approved by the board. This amendment also reduces the license term for applicants for a temporary plant operator or delivery technician license. The amendment also adds an appropriations and allocations section.

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED

(See attached)



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LD 1455

LR 511(02)

An Act To Establish the Maine Fuel Board

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

Fiscal Note

	2009-10	2010-11	Projections 2011-12	Projections 2012-13
Appropriations/Allocations				
Other Special Revenue Funds	(\$3,494)	(\$7,338)	(\$7,338)	(\$7,338)

Fiscal Detail and Notes

This bill includes Other Special Revenue Funds deallocations of \$3,494 in fiscal year 2009-10 and \$7,338 in fiscal year 2010-11 to the Licensing and Regulation program within the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation due to the savings achieved by decreasing the number of board members from 15 to 8 as a result of combining the Oil and Solid Fuel Board and the Propane and Natural Gas Board to form the Maine Fuel Board.