

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# 125th MAINE LEGISLATURE

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H.P. 258

House of Representatives, February 7, 2011

**An Act To Permit Representation by Persons Other than Attorneys  
in Certain Hearings, Actions and Proceedings before the  
Department of Education**

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

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Heather J.R. Priest".

HEATHER J.R. PRIEST  
Clerk

Presented by Representative KENT of Woolwich.  
Cosponsored by Senator ALFOND of Cumberland and  
Representatives: LOVEJOY of Portland, NELSON of Falmouth, RANKIN of Hiram,  
STRANG BURGESS of Cumberland, VOLK of Scarborough, WAGNER of Lewiston.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 4 MRSA §807, sub-§3, ¶P**, as amended by PL 2009, c. 480, §2, is further  
3 amended to read:

4 P. A person who is not an attorney but who, as the executive director of the State  
5 Harness Racing Commission, is representing the Department of Agriculture, Food  
6 and Rural Resources at adjudicatory hearings before the commission in accordance  
7 with Title 8, section 263-C; ~~or~~

8 **Sec. 2. 4 MRSA §807, sub-§3, ¶Q**, as enacted by PL 2009, c. 480, §3, is  
9 amended to read:

10 Q. A person who is an attorney admitted to practice in another United States  
11 jurisdiction to the extent permitted by rules of professional conduct adopted by the  
12 Supreme Judicial Court; or

13 **Sec. 3. 4 MRSA §807, sub-§3, ¶R** is enacted to read:

14 R. A person who is not an attorney but who is representing or assisting a party in any  
15 hearing, action or proceeding before the Department of Education under Title 20-A,  
16 chapter 303.

17 **SUMMARY**

18 This bill permits persons who are not attorneys to represent parents and other parties  
19 in proceedings before the Department of Education relating to children with disabilities.