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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 382, L.D. 538, Bill, "An Act To Allow Advanced Practice Registered Nurses Who Have Attained Certain Degrees To Use the Title of Doctor"

Amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and before the summary and inserting the following:

'Sec. 1. 32 MRSA §3270, first ¶, as amended by PL 1995, c. 671, §11, is further amended to read:

Unless licensed by the board, an individual may not practice medicine or surgery or a branch of medicine or surgery or claim to be legally licensed to practice medicine or surgery or a branch of medicine or surgery within the State by diagnosing, relieving in any degree or curing, or professing or attempting to diagnose, relieve or cure a human disease, ailment, defect or complaint, whether physical or mental, or of physical and mental origin, by attendance or by advice, or by prescribing or furnishing a drug, medicine, appliance, manipulation, method or a therapeutic agent whatsoever or in any other manner unless otherwise provided by statutes of this State. An individual licensed under chapter 36 may prefix the title "Doctor" or the letters "Dr." to that individual's name, as provided in section 2581, or a chiropractor licensed by this State may prefix the title "Doctor" or the letters "Dr." to that individual's name when accompanied by the word "Chiropractor," or a dentist duly licensed by this State may prefix the title "Doctor" or the letters "Dr." to that individual's name or a naturopathic doctor licensed by this State may prefix the title "Doctor" or the letters "Dr." to that individual's name when accompanied by the word "Naturopathy" or the words "Naturopathic Medicine" or an optometrist duly licensed under the laws of this State may prefix the title "Doctor" or the letters "Dr." to that individual's name when accompanied by the word "Optometrist" or a podiatrist licensed under the laws of this State may prefix the title "Doctor" or the letters "Dr." to that individual's name when accompanied by the word "Podiatrist" or "Chiropodist" or a nurse licensed under the laws of this State as an advanced practice registered nurse who has attained a doctor of nursing practice degree or a doctor of philosophy in nursing degree may use the prefix "Doctor" or "Dr." as long as the appropriate suffix "DNP" or "Ph.D." follows the individual's name.'

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

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SUMMARY

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This amendment is the minority report of the committee and strikes and replaces the bill. The amendment retains the language of the bill, which allows an advanced practice register nurse to use the prefix "Doctor" or "Dr.," but moves the language to the existing statute that authorizes other licensed professionals to use the prefixes "Doctor" and "Dr."

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