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House of Representatives, February 9, 2017

An Act To Allow Advanced Practice Registered Nurses Who Have Attained Certain Degrees To Use the Title of Doctor

Reference to the Committee on Labor, Commerce, Research and Economic Development suggested and ordered printed.

R(+ B. Hunt

ROBERT B. HUNT Clerk

Presented by Representative PERRY of Calais. Cosponsored by Senator MAKER of Washington and Representatives: CHACE of Durham, FARNSWORTH of Portland, MADIGAN of Rumford.

1	Be it enacted	by the Peo	ple of the	State of Maine	as follows:
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2 Sec. 1. 32 MRSA §2205-B, sub-§6 is enacted to read:

6. Title. A person who is approved to practice as an advanced practice registered nurse who has attained a doctor of nursing practice degree may use the prefix "Doctor" or "Dr." as long as the suffix "DNP" follows the person's name. A person who is approved to practice as an advanced practice registered nurse who has attained a doctor of philosophy in nursing degree may use the prefix "Doctor" or "Dr." as long as the suffix "Ph.D." follows the person's name.

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SUMMARY

Under this bill, an advanced practice registered nurse who has attained a doctor of nursing practice degree may use the prefix "Doctor" or "Dr." as long as the suffix "DNP" follows the person's name and an advanced practice registered nurse who has attained a doctor of philosophy in nursing degree may use the prefix "Doctor" or "Dr." as long as the suffix "Ph.D." follows the person's name.