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**128TH LEGISLATURE**

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**SECOND REGULAR SESSION**

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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1294, L.D. 1857, Bill, "An Act To Implement the Recommendations of the Commission To Streamline Veterans' Licensing and Certification Regarding Licensed Practical Nurses"

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Amend the bill by striking out the title and substituting the following:

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**'An Act To Address Maine's Nursing Shortage by Creating an Apprenticeship Pathway for Licensure of Health Care-trained Veterans and Expanding Access to Nursing Education'**

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Amend the bill in section 1 in §2251-A in subsection 2 in the 2nd line (page 1, line 9 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "state-approved" and inserting the following: '~~state-approved~~ board-approved nursing education'

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Amend the bill in section 1 in §2251-A in subsection 3 in paragraph B in the last line (page 1, line 16 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "and"

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Amend the bill in section 1 in §2251-A in subsection 3 in paragraph C in the first line (page 1, line 17 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "duty." and inserting the following: 'duty; and'

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Amend the bill in section 1 in §2251-A in subsection 3 by inserting at the end the following:

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'D. Completed a board-approved nursing education program for the preparation of applicants who meet the requirements of paragraphs A to C to practice practical nursing.'

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Amend the bill in section 1 in §2251-A by inserting at the end the following:

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'4. Rulemaking. The board shall adopt major substantive rules as defined in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A to establish the requirements for approval of a nursing education program pursuant to subsection 3, paragraph D.'

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Amend the bill by adding after section 1 the following:

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1       **Sec. 2. Development of provisional rules.** The State Board of Nursing shall  
2 provisionally adopt rules for the approval of a program to prepare veterans with health  
3 care training and experience for licensure as licensed practical nurses under the Maine  
4 Revised Statutes, Title 32, section 2251-A, subsection 4 no later than March 1, 2019. To  
5 the extent permitted by Title 5, chapter 375, the board shall invite the participation of  
6 stakeholders, including but not limited to representatives of hospitals, nursing homes,  
7 nursing education programs, the Department of Labor, Maine Apprenticeship Program  
8 and the Department of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management in the rule-  
9 making process, including the drafting of proposed rules and changes after the public  
10 hearing process.

11       **Sec. 3. Appropriations and allocations.** The following appropriations and  
12 allocations are made.

13       **COMMUNITY COLLEGE SYSTEM, BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE MAINE**

14       **Maine Community College System - Board of Trustees 0556**

15 Initiative: Provides ongoing funds to support the hiring of additional nursing faculty to  
16 create a new cohort of nursing students at Central Maine Community College.

17	<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2017-18</b>	<b>2018-19</b>
18	All Other	\$0	\$200,000
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20	<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$200,000</u>

21       **Maine Community College System - Board of Trustees 0556**

22 Initiative: Provides ongoing funds to support the hiring of additional nursing faculty and  
23 the acquisition of equipment and instructional space to expand student capacity at Eastern  
24 Maine Community College.

25	<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2017-18</b>	<b>2018-19</b>
26	All Other	\$0	\$250,000
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28	<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$250,000</u>

29       **Maine Community College System - Board of Trustees 0556**

30 Initiative: Provides one-time funds to support the acquisition of a nursing simulator at  
31 Northern Maine Community College.

32	<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2017-18</b>	<b>2018-19</b>
33	All Other	\$0	\$200,000
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35	<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$200,000</u>

36       **Maine Community College System - Board of Trustees 0556**

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1 Initiative: Provides ongoing funds to support the hiring of additional nursing faculty and  
2 the acquisition of equipment to create a summer cohort of nursing students at Southern  
3 Maine Community College.

4	<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2017-18</b>	<b>2018-19</b>
5	All Other	\$0	\$200,000
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7	<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$200,000</u>

8	<b>COMMUNITY COLLEGE SYSTEM, BOARD OF</b>		
9	<b>TRUSTEES OF THE MAINE</b>		
10	<b>DEPARTMENT TOTALS</b>	<b>2017-18</b>	<b>2018-19</b>
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12	<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$850,000</b>
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14	<b>DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS</b>	<u><b>\$0</b></u>	<u><b>\$850,000</b></u>
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16 **SUMMARY**

17 The bill authorizes a person with specific military training and experience to take the  
18 examination for licensure as a licensed practical nurse. This amendment requires such a  
19 person to complete a practical nursing preparation program approved by the State Board  
20 of Nursing and designed specifically for applicants with military training and experience  
21 prior to taking the licensing examination. The program may include a combination of  
22 apprenticeship and traditional educational experiences. The board is directed to adopt  
23 provisional, major substantive rules establishing the requirements for approval of the  
24 program by March 1, 2019 and is directed to invite the participation of stakeholders in the  
25 rule-making process.

26 The amendment implements a recommendation of the Task Force on Maine's 21st  
27 Century Economy and Workforce by providing \$650,000 in ongoing funding to support  
28 the hiring of additional nursing faculty and the acquisition of equipment and instructional  
29 space to expand nursing classes at Southern Maine Community College, Central Maine  
30 Community College and Eastern Maine Community College as well as \$200,000 in one-  
31 time funding to support the acquisition of a nursing simulator at Northern Maine  
32 Community College.

33 The amendment also adds an appropriations and allocations section.

34 **FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED**

35 (See attached)

**COMMITTEE AMENDMENT**



# 128th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1857

LR 2960(02)

## An Act To Implement the Recommendations of the Commission To Streamline Veterans' Licensing and Certification Regarding Licensed Practical Nurses

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment *A (H-718)*  
 Committee: Labor, Commerce, Research and Economic Development  
 Fiscal Note Required: Yes

### Fiscal Note

	FY 2017-18	FY 2018-19	Projections FY 2019-20	Projections FY 2020-21
<b>Net Cost (Savings)</b>				
General Fund	\$0	\$850,000	\$650,000	\$650,000
<b>Appropriations/Allocations</b>				
General Fund	\$0	\$850,000	\$650,000	\$650,000

#### Fiscal Detail and Notes

This bill includes General Funds appropriations totaling \$850,000 in fiscal year 2018-19 to the Maine Community College System to support the hiring of additional nursing faculty and the acquisition of equipment and instruction space to expand nursing classes. Of this amount, \$600,000 per year is provided on an ongoing basis to the following: Southern Maine Community College (\$200,000), Central Maine Community College (\$200,000) and Eastern Maine Community College (\$200,000). One-time funding of \$250,000 in fiscal year 2018-19 is provided to Northern Maine Community College to support the acquisition of a nursing simulator.

Additional costs to the State Board of Nursing, affiliated with the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation, to implement the requirements of this legislation can be absorbed within existing budgeted resources. Additional dedicated revenue received from licensing fees is expected to be minimal.