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129th MAINE LEGISLATURE

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H.P. 389

House of Representatives, January 31, 2019

**Resolve, Directing Professional Licensing and Certification Boards
To Study the Barriers To Obtaining Professional Licensure and
Certification**

Reference to the Committee on Innovation, Development, Economic Advancement and Business suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "R B. Hunt".

ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

Presented by Representative MORALES of South Portland.
Cosponsored by Senator BELLOWS of Kennebec and
Representatives: ACKLEY of Monmouth, HYMANSON of York, MEYER of Eliot, SHARPE
of Durham, Senator: CARPENTER of Aroostook.

1 **Sec. 1. Review. Resolved:** That each professional licensing and certification
2 board under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 32, in consultation with the Department of
3 the Attorney General, shall undertake a thorough review of its rules and procedures and
4 survey its licensees and certificate holders and applicants for licensure or certification to
5 research barriers to obtaining licensure and certification, including existing deficiencies
6 in reciprocity provisions. Each board shall submit a report to the Joint Standing
7 Committee on Innovation, Development, Economic Advancement and Business by
8 January 15, 2020 with its findings under this section and any proposed alterations to its
9 rules and procedures. The joint standing committee shall review the reports and suggest
10 changes to the licensing and certification boards, which may submit rules pursuant to
11 Title 5, chapter 375. The joint standing committee may submit legislation related to any
12 report under this section to the Second Regular Session of the 129th Legislature.

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SUMMARY

14 This resolve directs each professional licensing and certification board under the
15 Maine Revised Statutes, Title 32, in consultation with the Department of the Attorney
16 General, to undertake a thorough review of its rules and procedures and survey its
17 licensees and certificate holders and applicants for licensure or certification to research
18 barriers to obtaining licensure and certification, including existing deficiencies in
19 reciprocity provisions. Each board is directed to submit a report to the Joint Standing
20 Committee on Innovation, Development, Economic Advancement and Business by
21 January 15, 2020 with its findings and any proposed changes to its rules and procedures.
22 The joint standing committee is directed to review and suggest alterations to the licensing
23 and certification boards, which may submit rules pursuant to Title 5, chapter 375. The
24 joint standing committee is authorized to submit legislation related to any report under
25 this section to the Second Regular Session of the 129th Legislature.