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An Act To Expand Access to the Workforce through Apprenticeships

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D M Grant'.

DAREK M. GRANT
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator FARRIN of Somerset.
Cosponsored by Representative HIGGINS of Dover-Foxcroft and
Senators: GUERIN of Penobscot, HERBIG of Waldo, KEIM of Oxford, VITELLI of
Sagadahoc, Representatives: AUSTIN of Gray, STETKIS of Canaan.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 32 MRSA c. 1-A, sub-c. 4** is enacted to read:

3 **SUBCHAPTER 4**

4 **EXPANDED WORKFORCE ACCESS ACT**

5 **§60-P. Short title**

6 This subchapter may be known and cited as "the Expanded Workforce Access Act."

7 **§60-Q. Definitions**

8 As used in this subchapter, unless the context otherwise indicates, the following
9 terms have the following meanings.

10 **1. Applicant.** "Applicant" means an individual who applies to a licensing authority
11 for a license.

12 **2. Apprenticeship.** "Apprenticeship" means a program that meets the federal
13 guidelines set out in 29 Code of Federal Regulations, Part 29 and 29 United States Code,
14 Section 50.

15 **3. Licensing authority.** "Licensing authority" means:

16 A. The Board of Licensing of Auctioneers with respect to an application for
17 licensure as an auctioneer under chapter 5-B;

18 B. The Board of Licensing of Dietetic Practice with respect to an application for
19 licensure as a dietetic technician under chapter 104;

20 C. The State Board of Veterinary Medicine with respect to an application for
21 licensure as a licensed veterinary technician under chapter 71-A;

22 D. The Maine Board of Pharmacy with respect to an application for licensure as a
23 pharmacy technician under chapter 117;

24 E. The Emergency Medical Services Board with respect to an application for
25 licensure as a basic emergency medical technician under chapter 2-B;

26 F. The Maine Water Well Commission with respect to an application for licensure as
27 a well driller, geothermal heat exchange well driller, geothermal heat exchange well
28 pump installer or pump installer under chapter 69-C; and

29 G. The Department of Professional and Financial Regulation with respect to an
30 application for licensure under:

31 (1) Chapter 127-A as an athletic trainer;

32 (2) Chapter 126 to practice cosmetology, barbering, limited barbering, nail
33 technology or aesthetics;

- 1 5. A basic emergency medical technician;
- 2 6. A well driller, geothermal heat exchange well driller, geothermal heat exchange
- 3 well pump installer or pump installer;
- 4 7. An athletic trainer;
- 5 8. A cosmetologist, barber, limited barber, nail technician or aesthetician;
- 6 9. A massage therapist or massage practitioner; and
- 7 10. A limited interpreter, limited transliterator, limited deaf interpreter, certified
- 8 interpreter, certified deaf interpreter or certified transliterator.