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6	STATE OF MAINE
7	HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
8	129TH LEGISLATURE
9	FIRST REGULAR SESSION
10 11 12 13	COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1209, L.D. 1685, Bill, "An Act To Facilitate Entry of Immigrants into the Workforce"  Amend the bill in section 1 in §1100-AA in subsection 4 in paragraph B in the last 2 lines (page 2, lines 41 and 42 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "applied for, but has
l4 l5	not received, a denial of the work permit application" and inserting the following: 'a pending application for a work permit'
16 17	Amend the bill in section 1 in §1100-AA in subsection 5 in the 4th line (page 3, line 5 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "6" and inserting the following: '7'
18 19	Amend the bill by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or section number to read consecutively.
20	SUMMARY
21 22	The amendment clarifies language regarding applications for work permits and makes technical edits to the bill.
23	FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED
24	(See attached)

L.D. 1685



## 129th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1685

LR 1169(02)

An Act To Facilitate Entry of Immigrants into the Workforce

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment '\( \frac{\mathcal{H}}{\tau} \) (\( \fr

## **Fiscal Note**

	FY 2019-20	FY 2020-21	Projections FY 2021-22	Projections FY 2022-23
Net Cost (Savings) General Fund	\$75,000	\$75,000	\$75,000	\$75,000
Appropriations/Allocations General Fund	\$75,000	\$75,000	\$75,000	\$75,000

## Fiscal Detail and Notes

The bill establishes the Foreign Credentialing and Skills Recognition Revolving Loan Program to be administered by the Finance Authority of Maine (FAME) to provide interest-free loans to eligible immigrants who need assistance while awaiting federal employment authorization. The bill includes ongoing General Fund appropriations of \$75,000 per year beginning in fiscal year 2019-20 to a newly created Foreign Credentialing and Skills Recognition Revolving Loan Program Fund within FAME to fund the loan program. The bill also provides that FAME may charge the fund up to 5% for it's cost to administer the program. FAME anticipates that this funding will be sufficient to cover its administrative costs.