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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1517, L.D. 2035, "An Act To Make Changes to the Laws Regarding Licensure of Certain Individuals from Other Jurisdictions"

Amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and inserting the following:

Sec. 1. 10 MRSA §8003, sub-§2-A, ¶O, as enacted by PL 2021, c. 167, §3, is amended to read:

O. To exercise discretionary authority, after consultation with the appropriate licensing board, commission or personnel administering a regulatory function of the office, to waive, on a case-by-case basis in situations of extreme and demonstrated hardship, documentation requirements for licensure submitted by applicants for licensure educated in or with relevant experience or licensure in ~~other jurisdictions, including other states, United States territories,~~ foreign nations and foreign administrative divisions, as long as the waiver does not reduce the requisite standards of proficiency for the licensed profession or occupation. The Director of the Office of Professional and Occupational Regulation may adopt rules to implement this paragraph. Rules adopted pursuant to this paragraph are routine technical rules pursuant to Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A;

Sec. 2. 10 MRSA §8003, sub-§2-A, ¶P, as enacted by PL 2021, c. 167, §4, is amended to read:

P. To exercise discretionary authority, after consultation with the appropriate licensing board, commission or personnel administering a regulatory function of the office, to waive, on a case-by-case basis in situations of extreme and demonstrated hardship, examination fees and license fees set pursuant to paragraph D for applicants for licensure educated in or with relevant experience or licensure in ~~other jurisdictions, including other states, United States territories,~~ foreign nations and foreign administrative divisions. The Director of the Office of Professional and Occupational Regulation may adopt rules to implement this paragraph. Rules adopted pursuant to

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1 this paragraph are routine technical rules pursuant to Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter
2 2-A;

3 **Sec. 3. 10 MRSA §8003-H, first ¶**, as enacted by PL 2021, c. 167, §10 and c. 289,
4 §1, is amended to read:

5 ~~The Office of Professional and Occupational Regulation, referred to in this section as~~
6 ~~"the office,"~~ Notwithstanding any provision of chapter 951 or Title 32 to the contrary that
7 pertains to the regulatory functions of the Office of Professional and Occupational
8 Regulation, referred to in this section as "the office," or that governs the licensing boards
9 and commissions within the office, the office, including the licensing boards and
10 commissions within the office, shall establish a process to issue a license by endorsement
11 to an applicant who presents proof of licensure by another jurisdiction of the United States
12 as long as the other jurisdiction maintains substantially equivalent license requirements for
13 the licensed profession or occupation and as long as:

14 **Sec. 4. 10 MRSA §9021, sub-§10** is enacted to read:

15 **10. License by endorsement.** Notwithstanding any provision of this chapter to the
16 contrary, the board, in accordance with section 8003-H and any applicable rules adopted
17 pursuant to that section, shall establish a process to issue a license by endorsement for each
18 license authorized under this chapter that the board determines is appropriate for licensure
19 by endorsement. An applicant may submit an application under the process established
20 under this subsection or any other licensure process authorized in this chapter.

21 **Sec. 5. 32 MRSA §63-B, sub-§9** is enacted to read:

22 **9. Licensure by endorsement.** Notwithstanding any provision of this chapter to the
23 contrary, the board, in accordance with Title 10, section 8003-H and any applicable rules
24 adopted pursuant to that section, shall establish a process to issue a license by endorsement
25 for each license authorized under this chapter that the board determines is appropriate for
26 licensure by endorsement. An applicant may submit an application under the process
27 established under this subsection or any other licensure process authorized in this chapter.

28 **Sec. 6. 32 MRSA §220-D** is enacted to read:

29 **§220-D. Licensure by endorsement**

30 Notwithstanding any provision of this chapter to the contrary, the board, in accordance
31 with Title 10, section 8003-H and any applicable rules adopted pursuant to that section,
32 shall establish a process to issue a license by endorsement for each license authorized under
33 this chapter that the board determines is appropriate for licensure by endorsement. An
34 applicant may submit an application under the process established under this section or any
35 other licensure process authorized in this chapter.

36 **Sec. 7. 32 MRSA §294-A** is enacted to read:

37 **§294-A. Licensure by endorsement**

38 Notwithstanding any provision of this chapter to the contrary, the board, in accordance
39 with Title 10, section 8003-H and any applicable rules adopted pursuant to that section,
40 shall establish a process to issue a license by endorsement for each license authorized under
41 this chapter that the board determines is appropriate for licensure by endorsement. An

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1 applicant may submit an application under the process established under this section or any
2 other licensure process authorized in this chapter.

3 **Sec. 8. 32 MRSA §552**, as amended by PL 2007, c. 695, Pt. B, §6, is further
4 amended by amending the section headnote to read:

5 **§552. Examination of applicants; subjects included; license; endorsement**

6 **Sec. 9. 32 MRSA §552-A** is enacted to read:

7 **§552-A. Licensure by endorsement**

8 Notwithstanding any provision of this chapter to the contrary, the board, in accordance
9 with Title 10, section 8003-H and any applicable rules adopted pursuant to that section,
10 shall establish a process to issue a license by endorsement for each license authorized under
11 this chapter that the board determines is appropriate for licensure by endorsement. An
12 applicant may submit an application under the process established under this section or any
13 other licensure process authorized in this chapter.

14 **Sec. 10. 32 MRSA §1201-B** is enacted to read:

15 **§1201-B. Licensure by endorsement**

16 Notwithstanding any provision of this chapter to the contrary, the board, in accordance
17 with Title 10, section 8003-H and any applicable rules adopted pursuant to that section,
18 shall establish a process to issue a license by endorsement for each license authorized under
19 this chapter that the board determines is appropriate for licensure by endorsement. An
20 applicant may submit an application under the process established under this section or any
21 other licensure process authorized in this chapter.

22 **Sec. 11. 32 MRSA §1501-D** is enacted to read:

23 **§1501-D. Licensure by endorsement**

24 Notwithstanding any provision of this chapter to the contrary, the board, in accordance
25 with Title 10, section 8003-H and any applicable rules adopted pursuant to that section,
26 shall establish a process to issue a license by endorsement for each license authorized under
27 this chapter that the board determines is appropriate for licensure by endorsement. An
28 applicant may submit an application under the process established under this section or any
29 other licensure process authorized in this chapter.

30 **Sec. 12. 32 MRSA §1525-B** is enacted to read:

31 **§1525-B. Licensure by endorsement**

32 Notwithstanding any provision of this chapter to the contrary, the director, in
33 accordance with Title 10, section 8003-H and any applicable rules adopted pursuant to that
34 section, shall establish a process to issue a license by endorsement for each license
35 authorized under this chapter that the director determines is appropriate for licensure by
36 endorsement. An applicant may submit an application under the process established under
37 this section or any other licensure process authorized in this chapter.

38 **Sec. 13. 32 MRSA §2279, sub-§6**, as amended by PL 1997, c. 294, §6, is amended
39 by enacting a new first blocked paragraph to read:

40 Notwithstanding any provision of this chapter to the contrary, the board, in accordance with
41 Title 10, section 8003-H and any applicable rules adopted pursuant to that section, shall

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1 establish a process to issue a license by endorsement for each license authorized under this
2 chapter that the board determines is appropriate for licensure by endorsement. An applicant
3 may submit an application under the process established under this section or any other
4 licensure process authorized in this chapter.

5 **Sec. 14. 32 MRSA §3114-B**, as enacted by PL 2007, c. 402, Pt. N, §6, is amended
6 by amending the section headnote to read:

7 **§3114-B. Endorsement Examination waiver**

8 **Sec. 15. 32 MRSA §3114-C** is enacted to read:

9 **§3114-C. Licensure by endorsement**

10 Notwithstanding any provision of this chapter to the contrary, the board, in accordance
11 with Title 10, section 8003-H and any applicable rules adopted pursuant to that section,
12 shall establish a process to issue a license by endorsement for each license authorized under
13 this chapter that the board determines is appropriate for licensure by endorsement. An
14 applicant may submit an application under the process established under this section or any
15 other licensure process authorized in this chapter.

16 **Sec. 16. 32 MRSA §3501-C** is enacted to read:

17 **§3501-C. Licensure by endorsement**

18 Notwithstanding any provision of this chapter to the contrary, the board, in accordance
19 with Title 10, section 8003-H and any applicable rules adopted pursuant to that section,
20 shall establish a process to issue a license by endorsement for each license authorized under
21 this chapter that the board determines is appropriate for licensure by endorsement. An
22 applicant may submit an application under the process established under this section or any
23 other licensure process authorized in this chapter.

24 **Sec. 17. 32 MRSA §3654**, as amended by PL 2007, c. 402, Pt. P, §12, is further
25 amended to read:

26 **§3654. Reciprocity; ~~endorsement~~; residency requirement**

27 The board may issue a license to practice podiatry by endorsement to an applicant who
28 has successfully passed the written examination of another state or of a national certifying
29 agency in podiatry recognized by the board if the written examination of the other state or
30 national certifying agency was equivalent to its own examination and if the applicant
31 satisfies in all other respects the requirements for licensure in section 3651-A. An applicant
32 for licensure by endorsement under this section who graduated after January 1, 1991 from
33 podiatric medical school under section 3651-A shall provide the board evidence of
34 satisfactory completion of at least one year of postgraduate clinical training in a podiatric
35 residency training program under section 3651-A. The application to the board must be
36 accompanied by the application fee and license fee as set under section 3652.

37 **Sec. 18. 32 MRSA §3654-A** is enacted to read:

38 **§3654-A. Licensure by endorsement**

39 Notwithstanding any provision of this chapter to the contrary, the board, in accordance
40 with Title 10, section 8003-H and any applicable rules adopted pursuant to that section,
41 shall establish a process to issue a license by endorsement for each license authorized under
42 this chapter that the board determines is appropriate for licensure by endorsement. An

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1 applicant may submit an application under the process established under this section or any
2 other licensure process authorized in this chapter.

3 **Sec. 19. 32 MRSA §3836**, as amended by PL 2007, c. 402, Pt. Q, §12, is further
4 amended by amending the section headnote to read:

5 **~~§3836. Endorsement; conditional~~ Conditional licensure**

6 **Sec. 20. 32 MRSA §3836-A** is enacted to read:

7 **§3836-A. Licensure by endorsement**

8 Notwithstanding any provision of this chapter to the contrary, the board, in accordance
9 with Title 10, section 8003-H and any applicable rules adopted pursuant to that section,
10 shall establish a process to issue a license by endorsement for each license authorized under
11 this chapter that the board determines is appropriate for licensure by endorsement. An
12 applicant may submit an application under the process established under this section or any
13 other licensure process authorized in this chapter.

14 **Sec. 21. 32 MRSA §4861**, as amended by PL 2015, c. 209, §14, is further amended
15 by amending the section headnote to read:

16 **§4861. Application for license; qualifications and examination; endorsement**

17 **Sec. 22. 32 MRSA §4861, sub-§5**, as amended by PL 2011, c. 189, §1, is further
18 amended to read:

19 **~~5. Licensure by endorsement~~ License from another jurisdiction.** The board shall
20 grant a license ~~by endorsement~~ to a veterinarian who:

- 21 A. Has submitted a complete application;
- 22 B. Has paid the examination and license fee as set under section 4863-A;
- 23 C. Holds a valid license issued by another state, United States territory, province of
- 24 Canada or other jurisdiction;
- 25 D-1. Has successfully passed an examination pursuant to subsection 1-A pertaining to
- 26 the practice of veterinary medicine as determined by board rule. The board may require
- 27 the applicant to submit to an examination covering the laws and rules pertaining to the
- 28 practice of veterinary medicine in this State; and
- 29 E. Has actively practiced clinical veterinary medicine for 3,000 hours during the 3
- 30 years preceding application.

31 Notwithstanding this subsection, the board shall waive the requirement that a veterinarian
32 pass an examination for veterinarians who have, during the 6 years preceding the
33 application, actively practiced clinical veterinary medicine for at least 6,000 hours without
34 disciplinary action relating to the practice of veterinary medicine by another state, United
35 States territory or province of Canada.

36 **Sec. 23. 32 MRSA §4861, sub-§6** is enacted to read:

37 **6. Licensure by endorsement.** Notwithstanding any provision of this chapter to the
38 contrary, the board, in accordance with Title 10, section 8003-H and any applicable rules
39 adopted pursuant to that section, shall establish a process to issue a license by endorsement
40 for each license authorized under this chapter that the board determines is appropriate for

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1 licensure by endorsement. An applicant may submit an application under the process
2 established under this subsection or any other licensure process authorized in this chapter.

3 **Sec. 24. 32 MRSA §4909, sub-§4**, as enacted by PL 2019, c. 285, §11, is amended
4 to read:

5 **4. ~~Licensure by endorsement~~ License from another jurisdiction.** The board, in its
6 discretion and upon payment of the application and license fees established pursuant to
7 section 4912, may issue a license as a geologist or soil scientist without written examination
8 to any person who is licensed as a geologist or soil scientist in any jurisdiction having
9 equivalent licensure requirements, if the applicant satisfies all other requirements of this
10 chapter.

11 **Sec. 25. 32 MRSA §4909-A** is enacted to read:

12 **§4909-A. Licensure by endorsement**

13 Notwithstanding any provision of this chapter to the contrary, the board, in accordance
14 with Title 10, section 8003-H and any applicable rules adopted pursuant to that section,
15 shall establish a process to issue a license by endorsement for each license authorized under
16 this chapter that the board determines is appropriate for licensure by endorsement. An
17 applicant may submit an application under the process established under this section or any
18 other licensure process authorized in this chapter.

19 **Sec. 26. 32 MRSA §5516**, as amended PL 2013, c. 527, §§6 and 7 and affected by
20 §9, is further amended by amending the section headnote to read:

21 **§5516. Nonresidents; applicants licensed in another jurisdiction; licensure by**
22 **endorsement**

23 **Sec. 27. 32 MRSA §5516, sub-§2, ¶D** is enacted to read:

24 D. Notwithstanding any provision of this chapter to the contrary, the board, in
25 accordance with Title 10, section 8003-H and any applicable rules adopted pursuant to
26 that section, shall establish a process to issue a license by endorsement for each license
27 authorized under this chapter that the board determines is appropriate for licensure by
28 endorsement. An applicant may submit an application under the process established
29 under this paragraph or any other licensure process authorized in this chapter.

30 **Sec. 28. 32 MRSA §6220**, as amended by PL 2007, c. 695, Pt. B, §14, is repealed
31 and the following enacted in its place:

32 **§6220. License from another jurisdiction; licensure by endorsement**

33 **1. License from another jurisdiction.** The board may waive the requirements of this
34 chapter and grant a registration, certificate or license to any applicant who presents proof
35 of authorization to practice by another jurisdiction of the United States or another country
36 that maintains professional standards considered by the board to be substantially equivalent
37 to or higher than those set forth in this chapter, as long as there is no cause for denial of a
38 registration, certificate or license under section 6217-B or Title 10, section 8003, subsection
39 5-A, paragraph A. The applicant must pay the application and license fee as set under
40 section 6215.

41 **2. Licensure by endorsement.** Notwithstanding any provision of this chapter to the
42 contrary, the board, in accordance with Title 10, section 8003-H and any applicable rules

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adopted pursuant to that section, shall establish a process to issue a license by endorsement for each license authorized under this chapter that the board determines is appropriate for licensure by endorsement. An applicant may submit an application under the process established under this subsection or any other licensure process authorized in this chapter.

Sec. 29. 32 MRSA §7054-C is enacted to read:

§7054-C. Licensure by endorsement

Notwithstanding any provision of this chapter to the contrary, the board, in accordance with Title 10, section 8003-H and any applicable rules adopted pursuant to that section, shall establish a process to issue a license by endorsement for each license authorized under this chapter that the board determines is appropriate for licensure by endorsement. An applicant may submit an application under the process established under this section or any other licensure process authorized in this chapter.

Sec. 30. 32 MRSA §9709-A is enacted to read:

§9709-A. Licensure by endorsement

Notwithstanding any provision of this chapter to the contrary, the board, in accordance with Title 10, section 8003-H and any applicable rules adopted pursuant to that section, shall establish a process to issue a license by endorsement for each license authorized under this chapter that the board determines is appropriate for licensure by endorsement. An applicant may submit an application under the process established under this section or any other licensure process authorized in this chapter.

Sec. 31. 32 MRSA §9857, as repealed and replaced by PL 2005, c. 511, §7, is amended by amending the section headnote to read:

§9857. Nonresidents; applicants licensed in another jurisdiction; licensure by endorsement

Sec. 32. 32 MRSA §9857, sub-§2, ¶D is enacted to read:

D. Notwithstanding any provision of this chapter to the contrary, the board, in accordance with Title 10, section 8003-H and any applicable rules adopted pursuant to that section, shall establish a process to issue a license by endorsement for each license authorized under this chapter that the board determines is appropriate for licensure by endorsement. An applicant may submit an application under the process established under this paragraph or any other licensure process authorized in this chapter.

Sec. 33. 32 MRSA §9907-A is enacted to read:

§9907-A. Licensure by endorsement

Notwithstanding any provision of this chapter to the contrary, the board, in accordance with Title 10, section 8003-H and any applicable rules adopted pursuant to that section, shall establish a process to issue a license by endorsement for each license authorized under this chapter that the board determines is appropriate for licensure by endorsement. An applicant may submit an application under the process established under this section or any other licensure process authorized in this chapter.

Sec. 34. 32 MRSA §12231-A is enacted to read:

§12231-A. Licensure by endorsement

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1 Notwithstanding any provision of this subchapter to the contrary, the board, in
2 accordance with Title 10, section 8003-H and any applicable rules adopted pursuant to that
3 section, shall establish a process to issue a license by endorsement for each license
4 authorized under this subchapter that the board determines is appropriate for licensure by
5 endorsement. An applicant may submit an application under the process established under
6 this section or any other licensure process authorized in this subchapter.

7 **Sec. 35. 32 MRSA §12513-B** is enacted to read:

8 **§12513-B. Licensure by endorsement**

9 Notwithstanding any provision of this subchapter to the contrary, the board, in
10 accordance with Title 10, section 8003-H and any applicable rules adopted pursuant to that
11 section, shall establish a process to issue a license by endorsement for each license
12 authorized under this subchapter that the board determines is appropriate for licensure by
13 endorsement. An applicant may submit an application under the process established under
14 this section or any other licensure process authorized in this subchapter.

15 **Sec. 36. 32 MRSA §12525-A** is enacted to read:

16 **§12525-A. Licensure by endorsement**

17 Notwithstanding any provision of this subchapter to the contrary, the board, in
18 accordance with Title 10, section 8003-H and any applicable rules adopted pursuant to that
19 section, shall establish a process to issue a license by endorsement for each license
20 authorized under this subchapter that the board determines is appropriate for licensure by
21 endorsement. An applicant may submit an application under the process established under
22 this section or any other licensure process authorized in this subchapter.

23 **Sec. 37. 32 MRSA §12534-A** is enacted to read:

24 **§12534-A. Licensure by endorsement**

25 Notwithstanding any provision of this subchapter to the contrary, the board, in
26 accordance with Title 10, section 8003-H and any applicable rules adopted pursuant to that
27 section, shall establish a process to issue a license by endorsement for each license
28 authorized under this subchapter that the board determines is appropriate for licensure by
29 endorsement. An applicant may submit an application under the process established under
30 this section or any other licensure process authorized in this subchapter.

31 **Sec. 38. 32 MRSA §12552-A** is enacted to read:

32 **§12552-A. Licensure by endorsement**

33 Notwithstanding any provision of this subchapter to the contrary, the board, in
34 accordance with Title 10, section 8003-H and any applicable rules adopted pursuant to that
35 section, shall establish a process to issue a license by endorsement for each license
36 authorized under this subchapter that the board determines is appropriate for licensure by
37 endorsement. An applicant may submit an application under the process established under
38 this section or any other licensure process authorized in this subchapter.

39 **Sec. 39. 32 MRSA §13193-A** is enacted to read:

40 **§13193-A. Licensure by endorsement**

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1 Notwithstanding any provision of this subchapter to the contrary, the commission, in
2 accordance with Title 10, section 8003-H and any applicable rules adopted pursuant to that
3 section, shall establish a process to issue a license by endorsement for each license
4 authorized under this subchapter that the commission determines is appropriate for
5 licensure by endorsement. An applicant may submit an application under the process
6 established under this section or any other licensure process authorized in this subchapter.

7 **Sec. 40. 32 MRSA §13857**, as amended by PL 2013, c. 217, Pt. G, §§1 and 2 and
8 Pt. K, §8, is further amended by amending the section headnote to read:

9 **§13857. Nonresidents; applicants licensed in another jurisdiction; licensure by**
10 **endorsement**

11 **Sec. 41. 32 MRSA §13857, sub-§2, ¶E** is enacted to read:

12 E. Notwithstanding any provision of this chapter to the contrary, the board, in
13 accordance with Title 10, section 8003-H and any applicable rules adopted pursuant to
14 that section, shall establish a process to issue a license by endorsement for each license
15 authorized under this chapter that the board determines is appropriate for licensure by
16 endorsement. An applicant may submit an application under the process established
17 under this paragraph or any other licensure process authorized in this chapter.

18 **Sec. 42. 32 MRSA §14024**, as amended by PL 2013, c. 547, §§2 and 3 and affected
19 by §19, is further amended by amending the section headnote to read:

20 **§14024. ~~Nonresidents and applicants~~ Applicants licensed in another jurisdiction;**
21 **licensure by endorsement**

22 **Sec. 43. 32 MRSA §14024, sub-§4** is enacted to read:

23 **4. Licensure by endorsement.** Notwithstanding any provision of this chapter to the
24 contrary, the board, in accordance with Title 10, section 8003-H and any applicable rules
25 adopted pursuant to that section, shall establish a process to issue a license by endorsement
26 for each license authorized under this chapter that the board determines is appropriate for
27 licensure by endorsement. An applicant may submit an application under the process
28 established under this subsection or any other licensure process authorized in this chapter.

29 **Sec. 44. 32 MRSA §14231**, as amended by PL 2019, c. 373, §36, is further amended
30 by amending the section headnote to read:

31 **§14231. ~~Endorsement; examination~~ Examination eligibility for out-of-state**
32 **applicants**

33 **Sec. 45. 32 MRSA §14231-A** is enacted to read:

34 **§14231-A. Licensure by endorsement**

35 Notwithstanding any provision of this chapter to the contrary, the director, in
36 accordance with Title 10, section 8003-H and any applicable rules adopted pursuant to that
37 section, shall establish a process to issue a license by endorsement for each license
38 authorized under this chapter that the director determines is appropriate for licensure by
39 endorsement. An applicant may submit an application under the process established under
40 this section or any other licensure process authorized in this chapter.

41 **Sec. 46. 32 MRSA §14306-H** is enacted to read:

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1 **§14306-H. Licensure by endorsement**

2 Notwithstanding any provision of this chapter to the contrary, the commissioner, in
3 accordance with Title 10, section 8003-H and any applicable rules adopted pursuant to that
4 section, shall establish a process to issue a license by endorsement for each license
5 authorized under this chapter that the commissioner determines is appropriate for licensure
6 by endorsement. An applicant may submit an application under the process established
7 under this section or any other licensure process authorized in this chapter.

8 **Sec. 47. 32 MRSA §14357-A** is enacted to read:

9 **§14357-A. Licensure by endorsement**

10 Notwithstanding any provision of this chapter to the contrary, the commissioner, in
11 accordance with Title 10, section 8003-H and any applicable rules adopted pursuant to that
12 section, shall establish a process to issue a license by endorsement for each license
13 authorized under this chapter that the commissioner determines is appropriate for licensure
14 by endorsement. An applicant may submit an application under the process established
15 under this section or any other licensure process authorized in this chapter.

16 **Sec. 48. 32 MRSA §15103-A, sub-§2, ¶E,** as enacted by PL 2013, c. 70, Pt. C,
17 §10, is amended to read:

18 E. Requirements for the nature and size of miniature boilers or pressure vessels to be
19 inspected; and

20 **Sec. 49. 32 MRSA §15103-A, sub-§2, ¶F,** as enacted by PL 2013, c. 70, Pt. C,
21 §10, is amended to read:

22 F. Criteria by which a temporary extension of an inspection certificate beyond 14
23 months in the case of boilers and beyond 38 months in the case of pressure vessels may
24 be authorized.; and

25 **Sec. 50. 32 MRSA §15103-A, sub-§2, ¶G** is enacted to read:

26 G. In accordance with Title 10, section 8003-H and any applicable rules adopted
27 pursuant to that section, a process to issue a license by endorsement for each license
28 authorized under this chapter that the director determines appropriate for licensure by
29 endorsement.

30 **Sec. 51. 32 MRSA §15207-A** is enacted to read:

31 **§15207-A. Licensure by endorsement**

32 Notwithstanding any provision of this chapter to the contrary, the director, in
33 accordance with Title 10, section 8003-H and any applicable rules adopted pursuant to that
34 section, shall establish a process to issue a license by endorsement for each license
35 authorized under this chapter that the director determines is appropriate for licensure by
36 endorsement. An applicant may submit an application under the process established under
37 this section or any other licensure process authorized in this chapter.

38 **Sec. 52. 32 MRSA §17303,** as enacted by PL 2007, c. 369, Pt. C, §3 and affected
39 by §5, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

40 **§17303. Licensure from another jurisdiction; licensure by endorsement**

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1. License from another jurisdiction. The board may waive the examination and grant licensure to an applicant who presents proof of current licensure in another jurisdiction that maintains professional standards determined by the board to be substantially equivalent to those set forth in this chapter, if no cause exists for denial of a license under section 17307.

2. Licensure by endorsement. Notwithstanding any provision of this chapter to the contrary, the board, in accordance with Title 10, section 8003-H and any applicable rules adopted pursuant to that section, shall establish a process to issue a license by endorsement for each license authorized under this chapter that the board determines is appropriate for licensure by endorsement. An applicant may submit an application under the process established under this subsection or any other licensure process authorized in this chapter.

Sec. 53. 32 MRSA §18142-A is enacted to read:

§18142-A. Licensure by endorsement

Notwithstanding any provision of this chapter to the contrary, the board, in accordance with Title 10, section 8003-H and any applicable rules adopted pursuant to that section, shall establish a process to issue a license by endorsement for each license authorized under this chapter that the board determines is appropriate for licensure by endorsement. An applicant may submit an application under the process established under this section or any other licensure process authorized in this chapter.

Sec. 54. 32 MRSA §18227-A is enacted to read:

§18227-A. Licensure by endorsement

Notwithstanding any provision of this chapter to the contrary, the board, in accordance with Title 10, section 8003-H and any applicable rules adopted pursuant to that section, shall establish a process to issue a license by endorsement for each license authorized under this chapter that the board determines is appropriate for licensure by endorsement. An applicant may submit an application under the process established under this section or any other licensure process authorized in this chapter.

Sec. 55. Transition. Notwithstanding the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 10, section 8003-H, until the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation, Office of Professional and Occupational Regulation and the licensing boards and commissions within the office have adopted rules to implement Title 10, section 8003-H, the office or any licensing board or commission within the office may issue a license by endorsement on a case-by-case basis if the office or licensing board or commission within the office determines that an applicant for licensure by endorsement has met the requirements of Title 10, section 8003-H.'

Amend the bill by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or section number to read consecutively.

SUMMARY

This amendment does the following.

1. It adds a reference to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 10, chapter 951, the laws governing manufactured housing, which is within the jurisdiction of the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation, Office of Professional and Occupational

ROS.

1 Regulation, to the section of the bill that provides that notwithstanding any provision of
2 Title 32 to the contrary, the Office of Professional and Occupational Regulation, including
3 the licensing boards and commissions within the office, is required to establish a process
4 to issue a license by endorsement.

5 2. It also clarifies that each licensing entity has the ability to determine which licenses
6 under their jurisdiction are appropriate for licensure by endorsement according to the
7 requirements in Title 10, section 8003-H.

8 3. It moves to an unallocated section the provision of the bill allowing the Office of
9 Professional and Occupational Regulation and the licensing boards and commissions within
10 the office to issue a license by endorsement on a case-by-case basis to an applicant for
11 licensure by endorsement that has met the requirements of Title 10, section 8003-H before
12 rules pursuant to the section are finally adopted.

13 **FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED**

14 (See attached)



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An Act To Make Changes to the Laws Regarding Licensure of Certain Individuals from Other Jurisdictions

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment *A (H-938)*
Committee: Innovation, Development, Economic Advancement and Business
Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

Minor cost increase - Other Special Revenue Funds

Fiscal Detail and Notes

Additional costs to the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation, Office of Professional and Occupational Regulation and to certain licensing entities within the office to implement the provisions of this legislation can be absorbed within existing budgeted resources.