

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# 131st MAINE LEGISLATURE

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House of Representatives, March 14, 2023

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**An Act to Amend the Laws Governing the Foreign Credentialing  
and Skills Recognition Revolving Loan Program**

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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 CLOUTIER of Lewiston.  
Cosponsored by Senator ROTUNDO of Androscoggin and  
Representatives: ABDI of Lewiston, BRENNAN of Portland, DHALAC of South Portland,  
LAJOIE of Lewiston, LaROCHELLE of Augusta, ROBERTS of South Berwick, ZAGER of  
Portland, Senator: DAUGHTRY of Cumberland.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 10 MRSA c. 110, sub-c. 13, headnote** is amended to read:

3 **SUBCHAPTER 13**

4 **FOREIGN CREDENTIALING AND SKILLS RECOGNITION REVOLVING**  
5 **LOAN GRANT PROGRAM**

6 **Sec. 2. 10 MRSA §1100-AA**, as amended by PL 2021, c. 133, §§1 to 6, is further  
7 amended by amending the section headnote to read:

8 **§1100-AA. Foreign Credentialing and Skills Recognition Revolving Loan Grant**  
9 **Program**

10 **Sec. 3. 10 MRSA §1100-AA, sub-§1, ¶B**, as enacted by PL 2019, c. 447, §1, is  
11 amended to read:

12 B. "Fund" means the Foreign Credentialing and Skills Recognition Revolving Loan  
13 Grant Program Fund, established in subsection 3.

14 **Sec. 4. 10 MRSA §1100-AA, sub-§1, ¶D**, as enacted by PL 2019, c. 447, §1, is  
15 amended to read:

16 D. "Program" means the Foreign Credentialing and Skills Recognition Revolving  
17 Loan Grant Program, established in subsection 2.

18 **Sec. 5. 10 MRSA §1100-AA, sub-§2**, as enacted by PL 2019, c. 447, §1, is  
19 amended to read:

20 **2. Program established.** The Foreign Credentialing and Skills Recognition  
21 Revolving Loan Grant Program is established to provide financial assistance to immigrants  
22 who need assistance in paying for eligible costs.

23 **Sec. 6. 10 MRSA §1100-AA, sub-§3**, as enacted by PL 2019, c. 447, §1, is  
24 amended to read:

25 **3. Fund established.** The Foreign Credentialing and Skills Recognition Revolving  
26 Loan Grant Program Fund is established as a nonlapsing revolving fund to be administered  
27 by the authority. All amounts appropriated to the program must be deposited into the fund  
28 as well as all amounts repaid to the program by persons receiving loans under the program.  
29 Amounts in the fund must be used by the authority for purposes authorized in this section.

30 **Sec. 7. 10 MRSA §1100-AA, sub-§5**, as enacted by PL 2019, c. 447, §1, is  
31 amended to read:

32 **5. Disbursement from the fund.** Upon approval of an immigrant, the authority shall  
33 determine the amount to be disbursed from the fund to the immigrant. Funds must be  
34 disbursed directly to and used by the immigrant pursuant to a contract entered into between  
35 the immigrant and the authority in accordance with subsection 7. Funds must be disbursed  
36 by the authority in one lump sum in the form of ~~an interest-free loan~~ a grant. An immigrant  
37 may not receive more than the maximum amount established by the authority, regardless  
38 of whether the immigrant submits one or multiple applications to the fund.

