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CHAPTER 173
H.P. 1096 - L.D. 1592

**An Act To Remove Barriers to
Professional Licensing for
Veterans**

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

Sec. 1. 10 MRSA §8003, sub-§2-A, ¶¶K and L, as enacted by PL 1999, c. 687, Pt. C, §6, are amended to read:

K. To prepare and submit to the commissioner an annual report of the office's operations, activities and goals; and

L. To study jurisdictional overlap between the department's boards and commissions and other state agencies for purposes of streamlining and consolidating related legal authorities and administrative processes;

Sec. 2. 10 MRSA §8003, sub-§2-A, ¶¶M and N are enacted to read:

M. To exercise discretionary authority, after consultation with licensing boards if applicable, to review and determine on a case-by-case basis examination and licensing eligibility for applications for licensure submitted by individuals who identify themselves as veterans with military service, experience and training; and

N. To exercise discretionary authority to waive examination fees and license fees for applicants for licensure who identify themselves as veterans with military service, experience and training.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 174
H.P. 1017 - L.D. 1478

**An Act To Provide Support for
Sustainable Economic
Development in Rural Maine**

Emergency preamble. Whereas, acts and resolves of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

Whereas, investing in the rehabilitation and revitalization of nonproductive industrial and manufacturing sites will provide an economic boost to rural communities that have experienced severe economic decline and employment loss; and

Whereas, delaying the effective date of this bill will unnecessarily prolong the economic challenges faced by these rural communities; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore,

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

Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §13120-P, sub-§4 is enacted to read:

4. Other use of program funds. The authority may use funds available for the program established in this section:

A. To implement the program established in this section; and

B. To provide technical assistance, planning grants and implementation grants to municipalities and other entities eligible for assistance under section 13120-R.

Sec. 2. 5 MRSA §§13120-R and 13120-S are enacted to read:

§13120-R. Rural Manufacturing and Industrial Site Redevelopment Program

1. Establishment; purpose. The Rural Manufacturing and Industrial Site Redevelopment Program is established within the authority to provide technical assistance, planning grants and implementation grants for the rehabilitation, revitalization and marketing of manufacturing and industrial sites in rural communities.

2. Technical assistance and planning grants. The authority may provide technical assistance and grants for redevelopment and marketing of a nonproductive industrial or manufacturing site to a municipality or the owner of the nonproductive industrial or manufacturing site. In awarding grants and providing technical assistance under this subsection, the authority shall give preference to nonproductive industrial or manufacturing sites located in communities that have experienced severe economic decline and employment loss due to the nonproductive nature of the site and insufficient technical or planning personnel or resources.

A. The authority shall work collaboratively with other state agencies and regional economic development organizations to provide technical assistance under this subsection.

B. A municipality that receives technical assistance or a planning grant under this subsection shall form a committee, whose membership in-