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with the curriculum approved by State Board of Nursing and must still fulfill all standards established by the department and by the board.

### **LD 792 An Act To Make Technical Changes to the Eligibility Provisions of the Higher Opportunity for Pathways to Employment Program**

#### **ENACTED LAW SUMMARY**

Public Law 2021, chapter 149 provides that a participant's or applicant's participation in the Higher Opportunity for Pathways to Employment Program must be approved if that participant's or applicant's field or occupation is identified as providing opportunity for employment in a high-wage, in-demand job or a job with an annual job opening rate of at least 10% as determined by the Center for Workforce Research and Information within the Department of Labor. It also provides that, if the applicant's or participant's education plan does not provide such an opportunity, the plan must be approved by the Commissioner of Health and Human Services or the commissioner's designee if it results in a postsecondary certificate, degree or similar credential universally recognized and accepted by a trade or industry or a similarly accepted degree or credential that will likely substantially improve the participant's earnings and benefits.

### **LD 799 An Act To Amend the Procedures for Veterinarians in the Controlled Substances Prescription Monitoring Program**

#### **ENACTED LAW SUMMARY**

Public Law 2021, chapter 83 delays until July 1, 2025 the implementation of the requirement that a veterinarian whose scope of practice includes prescribing a benzodiazepine or an opioid medication prescribe all benzodiazepine or opioid medication electronically.

### **LD 819 An Act To Reduce Lung Cancer Rates in Maine by Creating a Voluntary Radon Testing and Mitigation Program for Landlords, Homeowners and Home Builders**

#### **ENACTED LAW SUMMARY**

Public Law 2021, chapter 470 establishes the Maine Gold Standard for Radon Testing and Mitigation Initiative within the Department of Health and Human Services to reward, recognize, promote and assist, with a gold standard designation, landlords, homeowners and home builders who participate in radon testing and mitigation activities.