

STATE OF MAINE

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
TWO THOUSAND TWENTY-THREE

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H.P. 169 - L.D. 264

An Act to Clarify the Process for Admission to the Bar on Motion

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

Sec. 1. 4 MRSA §805-A, sub-§2, ¶C, as corrected by RR 2021, c. 1, Pt. B, §23, is repealed.

Sec. 2. 4 MRSA §805-A, sub-§2, ¶D is enacted to read:

D. Establishes that the applicant has satisfied all of the other requirements under the Maine Bar Admission Rules for the board to issue a certificate of qualification.

Sec. 3. 4 MRSA §805-A, sub-§3, as corrected by RR 2021, c. 1, Pt. B, §23, is amended to read:

3. Admission within one year of passing bar examination. The An applicant for admission by examination must be admitted to practice within one year from the time date that the applicant has been notified of that applicant's passing of the bar examination. This one-year period may be enlarged extended by successive one-year periods by a Justice of the Supreme Judicial Court on motion for good cause shown during the period.

Sec. 4. 4 MRSA §805-A, sub-§4 is enacted to read:

4. Admission within one year of applying for admission on motion. An applicant who is an attorney admitted to practice law in a state or territory of the United States or the District of Columbia who meets the requirements for admission on motion under the Maine Bar Admission Rules must be admitted to practice within one year from the date that the board of bar examiners receives the applicant's application. This period may be extended by a 6-month period by the board of bar examiners pursuant to the regulations of the board of bar examiners and then by successive one-year periods by a Justice of the Supreme Judicial Court on motion for good cause shown during the 6-month period or any succeeding one-year period.