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## **An Act To Clarify the Laws Regarding Physicians**

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

**Sec. 1. 24 MRSA §2505, first ¶**, as amended by PL 2003, c. 601, §1, is further amended to read:

Any professional competence committee within this State and any physician licensed to practice or otherwise lawfully practicing within this State shall, and any other person may, report the relevant facts to the appropriate board relating to the acts of any physician in this State if, in the opinion of the committee, physician or other person, the committee or individual has reasonable knowledge of acts of the physician amounting to gross or repeated medical malpractice, habitual drunkenness, addiction to the use of drugs, professional incompetence, unprofessional conduct or sexual misconduct identified by board rule. The failure of any such professional competence committee or any such physician to report as required is a civil violation for which a fine of not more than \$1,000 may be adjudged.

**Sec. 2. 32 MRSA §3271, sub-§7** is enacted to read:

**7. Special license categories.** The board may issue a license limited to the practice of administrative medicine as defined by routine technical rule of the board adopted pursuant to Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

**Sec. 3. 32 MRSA §3282-A, sub-§2, ¶F**, as amended by PL 1993, c. 600, Pt. A, §218, is further amended to read:

F. Unprofessional conduct. A licensee is considered to have engaged in unprofessional conduct if the licensee violates a standard of professional behavior, including disruptive behavior, that has been established in the practice for which the licensee is licensed;

### **SUMMARY**

This bill requires professional competence committees and physicians to report unprofessional conduct to the relevant regulatory board. Further, the bill amends the law concerning the Board of Licensure in Medicine by including disruptive behavior in the description of unprofessional conduct as grounds for discipline and by rule creates a license category limited to administrative medicine.