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## **Resolve, Directing the Commissioner of Professional and Financial Regulation To Create a Working Group To Study Barriers to Credentialing**

**Sec. 1 Commissioner of Professional and Financial Regulation to create a working group to study credentialing. Resolved:** That the Commissioner of Professional and Financial Regulation shall create a working group to study barriers to credentialing of:

1. Skilled individuals who have foreign credentials; and
2. Holders of professional and occupational licenses in other states.

The commissioner shall appoint to the working group no fewer than 8 and no more than 10 persons who represent licensing boards and professional organizations served by the licensing boards of professions in the State for which there is a need for and an opportunity to credential skilled individuals with foreign credentials and those with out-of-state licenses. The working group shall consider and develop recommendations for alternative pathways for skilled individuals with foreign credentials to be credentialed in the State and shall review options for license portability for out-of-state licensees.

**Sec. 2 Report. Resolved:** That, by January 15, 2020, the working group created pursuant to section 1 shall submit a report of the working group's progress along with any recommendations and suggested legislation to the Commissioner of Professional and Financial Regulation. The commissioner shall submit the report with any recommendations and suggested legislation to the Joint Standing Committee on Innovation, Development, Economic Advancement and Business by February 15, 2020. The committee may report out a bill relating to the subject matter of the report to the Second Regular Session of the 129th Legislature. In the event the working group or the commissioner requires additional time to complete the work, the Joint Standing Committee on Innovation, Development, Economic Advancement and Business may extend the reporting deadline.

### **SUMMARY**

This resolve directs the Commissioner of Professional and Financial Regulation to create a working group to study credentialing skilled individuals with foreign credentials and those with licenses in other states. The working group consists of 8 to 10 persons representing licensing boards and professional organizations served by the licensing boards in professions in the State for which there is a need for and an opportunity to credential skilled individuals with foreign credentials and those with out-of-state licenses. The working group is required to submit its report along with any recommendations and suggested legislation to the Commissioner of Professional and Financial Regulation. The commissioner is required to submit the report with any recommendations and suggested legislation to the Joint Standing Committee on Innovation, Development, Economic Advancement and Business. The committee is permitted to report out a bill relating to the subject matter of the report to the Second Regular Session of the 129th Legislature. In the event the working group or the commissioner requires additional time to complete the work, the Joint Standing Committee on Innovation, Development, Economic Advancement and Business may extend the reporting deadline.

SP0625, LD 1841, item 1, 129th Maine State Legislature  
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**FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED**  
**(See attached)**