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An Act To Amend the American Sign Language Interpreters Licensing Laws

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

Sec. 1. 32 MRSA §1524-C, sub-§2, as enacted by PL 2019, c. 284, §12, is repealed.

Sec. 2. 32 MRSA §1524-C, sub-§3 is enacted to read:

3. Proof of education and training in the interpreting process. Documented proof of the following:

A. At least one of the following:

(1) An associate degree or higher in American Sign Language, American Sign Language interpreting or deaf studies from an accredited college or university; or

(2) For persons holding a limited license that is current on the effective date of this section, an alternative pathway approved by the Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf, Inc. or a comparable or successor organization recognized by the director; and

B. At least one of the following:

(1) A passing score on a national interpreter certification knowledge exam; or

(2) A passing score on a certified deaf interpreter knowledge exam administered by an organization that assesses language interpretation recognized by the director.

SUMMARY

This bill amends the American Sign Language interpreters licensing laws to clarify the requirements for licensure as a conditional interpreter or conditional deaf interpreter.