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An Act To Remove Barriers to Professional Licensing for Veterans

Reference to the Committee on Labor, Commerce, Research and Economic Development suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "R. B. Hunt".

ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

Presented by Representative GOLDEN of Lewiston. (GOVERNOR'S BILL)
Cosponsored by Representatives: FARRIN of Norridgewock, FECTEAU of Biddeford,
HERBIG of Belfast, LUCHINI of Ellsworth, STETKIS of Canaan, Senators: BRAKEY of
Androscoggin, CARPENTER of Aroostook, MASON of Androscoggin.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 10 MRSA §8003, sub-§2-A, ¶¶K and L**, as enacted by PL 1999, c. 687,
3 Pt. C, §6, are amended to read:

4 K. To prepare and submit to the commissioner an annual report of the office's
5 operations, activities and goals; ~~and~~

6 L. To study jurisdictional overlap between the department's boards and commissions
7 and other state agencies for purposes of streamlining and consolidating related legal
8 authorities and administrative processes;

9 **Sec. 2. 10 MRSA §8003, sub-§2-A, ¶¶M and N** are enacted to read:

10 M. To exercise discretionary authority, after consultation with licensing boards if
11 applicable, to review and determine on a case-by-case basis examination and
12 licensing eligibility for applications for licensure submitted by individuals who
13 identify themselves as veterans with military service, experience and training; and

14 N. To exercise discretionary authority to waive examination and license fees for
15 applicants for licensure who identify themselves as veterans with military service,
16 experience and training.

17 **SUMMARY**

18 This bill grants the Director of the Office of Professional and Occupational
19 Regulation within the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation the authority
20 to modify licensing requirements of professional licensing boards administered by the
21 Office of Professional and Occupational Regulation on a case-by-case basis for applicants
22 for licensure who are military veterans.