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An Act To Update the Licensure Renewal Provision of the Board of Licensure in Medicine

Submitted by the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation pursuant to Joint Rule 204.

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

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading 'Heather J.R. Priest'.

HEATHER J.R. PRIEST
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator BELLOWS of Kennebec.

Cosponsored by Representative AUSTIN of Gray and

Senators: CUSHING of Penobscot, GRATWICK of Penobscot, VOLK of Cumberland,

Representatives: BROOKS of Lewiston, FECTEAU of Biddeford, HYMANSON of York,

LOCKMAN of Amherst, MASTRACCIO of Sanford.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 32 MRSA §3280-A, sub-§1, ¶B**, as enacted by PL 1993, c. 526, §2 and
3 affected by §4, is amended to read:

4 B. At least 60 days prior to expiration of a current license, the board shall ~~mail to~~
5 notify each licensee ~~at the licensee's last known address a notice~~ of the requirement to
6 renew the license ~~with appropriate application forms for the renewal. Whenever a~~
7 ~~licensee fails, prior to the expiration of the licensee's current license, to return to the~~
8 ~~board a completed application either to renew the license or to withdraw from~~
9 ~~licensure, the board shall notify the licensee as soon as possible at the licensee's last~~
10 ~~known address that the license renewal is past due. Thirty days after the notice has~~
11 ~~been sent, if the application has neither been submitted by the licensee nor returned~~
12 ~~by the United States Postal Service as undeliverable, the board shall notify the~~
13 ~~licensee by certified mail, return receipt requested, that the licensee's license has been~~
14 ~~administratively suspended for 30 days. If an administratively complete relicensure~~
15 ~~application, pursuant to subsection 3, paragraph B, has not been submitted within the~~
16 ~~30-day period of administrative suspension, the license immediately and~~
17 ~~automatically lapses. The board may not restore the license prior to completion of~~
18 ~~the reinstatement proceedings pursuant to subsection 4. If an administratively~~
19 ~~complete license renewal application, as determined pursuant to subsection 3,~~
20 ~~paragraph B, has not been submitted prior to the expiration date of the existing~~
21 ~~license, the license immediately and automatically expires. A license may be~~
22 ~~reinstated within 90 days after the date of expiration upon payment of the renewal fee~~
23 ~~and late fee. If an administratively complete renewal application is not submitted~~
24 ~~within 90 days of the date of the expiration of the license, the license immediately~~
25 ~~and automatically lapses. The board may reinstate a license that has lapsed pursuant~~
26 ~~to subsection 4.~~

27 **SUMMARY**

28 This bill removes certain explicit notification requirements of the Board of Licensure
29 in Medicine to a physician whose license is about to expire or has expired. This bill
30 allows the board to reinstate the license of a physician whose license has expired if,
31 within 90 days following the expiration of the license, the physician pays a renewal fee
32 and a late fee.