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An Act To Encourage Professionals To Move to the State

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

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JOSEPH G. CARLETON, JR.
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator MASON of Androscoggin.
Cosponsored by Representative TIMBERLAKE of Turner and
Senators: COLLINS of York, FARNHAM of Penobscot, MARTIN of Kennebec, PLOWMAN
of Penobscot, Representatives: CLARK of Easton, CRAFTS of Lisbon, LIBBY of Waterboro,
WOOD of Sabattus.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 32 MRSA c. 1-A, sub-c. 4** is enacted to read:

3 **SUBCHAPTER 4**

4 **LICENSEES FROM OTHER JURISDICTIONS**

5 **§60-Q. Licensees from other jurisdictions**

6 Notwithstanding any other provision in this Title, if a person holds an active license
7 from another jurisdiction for an occupation or profession under this Title, upon
8 application by the licensee, that license must be accepted by the Department of
9 Professional and Financial Regulation and the pertinent occupational or professional
10 licensing board established in Title 5, section 12004-A if the license is in good standing
11 in the other jurisdiction and upon payment of the initial license fee under this Title for
12 that occupation or profession. The department or occupational or professional licensing
13 board established in Title 5, section 12004-A may deny acceptance of the license only
14 upon a showing that the acceptance would be detrimental to the health, safety or welfare
15 of the public in the State. A denial of a license under this section is subject to the
16 provisions of Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 5.

17 **SUMMARY**

18 This bill requires that a professional license from another jurisdiction be accepted by
19 the State upon application by the licensee if the license is active and the licensee is in
20 good standing and upon payment of the initial license fee in this State for that profession.
21 The license may be denied only upon a showing that acceptance of the license would be
22 detrimental to the health, safety or welfare of the public in the State. A denial of
23 acceptance of a license from another jurisdiction is subject to a hearing under the Maine
24 Administrative Procedure Act.