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the Joint Standing Committee on Innovation, Development, Economic Advancement and Business**

**LD 258 "An Act Making Unified Appropriations and Allocations from the General Fund and Other
Funds for the Expenditures of State Government and Changing Certain provisions of the Law Necessary
to the Proper Operations of State Government for the Fiscal Years Ending June 30, 2023, June 30, 2024
and June 30, 2025"**

Good morning, Senator Rotundo, Representative Sachs, and Members of the Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs; Senator Curry, Representative Roberts and members of the Joint Standing Committee on Innovation, Development, Economic Advancement and Business. My name is Anne L. Head, and I am the Commissioner of the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation. I am here today to testify in support of the biennial budget bill, LD 258.

This budget advances the Governor's guiding belief that to build a stronger, more prosperous state where opportunity is available to all, then we must invest in the infrastructure that supports the people of Maine, our greatest asset.

That is why this budget proposal strengthens the very things that Maine people rely on every day to succeed, building on the strong success of the currently enacted budget and the last legislative session to tackle Maine's greatest challenges.

We have governed cautiously and in a fiscally prudent way over the past four years, making sure that – even in the hardest of times during the pandemic – we lived within our means. This budget proposal continues that practice.

We look forward to the discussions over the next several months as we outline each initiative and impact of the proposed investments.

I am pleased to present information to both committees regarding the Governor's biennial budget request for the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation's Administrative Services Division, Office of Professional and Occupational Regulation and the Board of Licensure for Professional Engineers, one of six licensing programs affiliated with the Department. The term "affiliated" indicates that these licensing programs have a

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statutory connection to the Department through the state budget process. Affiliated boards have their own staff, and each board develops its own budget under the general oversight of the Department.

In addition to the three programs I will be discussing today, there are four financial services agencies within the Department and five affiliated boards under the oversight of the Joint Standing Committee of Health Coverage, Insurance and Financial Services. These are the Bureau of Insurance, the Bureau of Financial Institutions, the Bureau of Consumer Credit Protection, the Office of Securities, the Board of Licensure in Medicine, Board of Nursing, Board of Optometry, Board of Dental Practice and Board of Osteopathic Licensure. Budget information on these programs will be presented on March 1st.

As a whole, the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation is charged with the important role of protecting the health, safety and welfare of citizens of Maine through the regulation of State-chartered financial institutions, the insurance industry, grantors of consumer credit, the securities industry, and numerous professions and occupations providing services to the public through licensing, examination, and auditing activities; by conducting programs aimed at increasing voluntary compliance with State laws; by investigating possible violations of law; and by undertaking enforcement actions. By encouraging the development of sound ethical businesses which serve the needs of Maine citizens, the Department fosters a healthy business environment through competent, impartial and efficient regulation.

It is important to note, that our budget contains no General Fund appropriations or initiatives. The Department is funded exclusively with dedicated revenue and relies on Other Special Revenue Funds as the sole source of revenue to fund Department operations.

Administrative Services Division – 0094

I will begin with the Administrative Services Division on pages A-557 and A-558. The Division, which includes the Commissioner's Office, provides overall management and administrative oversight for the Department's five regulatory agencies and six affiliated boards in the areas of policy development, legislative support, technology services, accounting, budgeting, facility management, personnel and information management, centralizing functions to ensure efficient operations and compliance with statutory and public service responsibilities. The Division is supported by Other Special Revenue Funds transferred from the agencies and boards within and affiliated with the Department.

The baseline budget request for this program provides funding to continue administrative support for Department. This program has five initiatives.

The 1st initiative reflects a net increase in funding for services provided by MaineIT. Please note that this account procures technology for all agencies within the Department, so the increase of \$87,705 in FY24 and \$87,892 in FY25 is the estimated increase in cost for the Administrative Service Division as well as the 5 other programs within the Department. Estimated cost of services provided by MaineIT is based on current usage and FY24/25 MaineIT rates.

The 2nd initiative increases funding for technology services not procured through MaineIT by \$502,970 annually. This program is responsible for the support and maintenance of the Agency License Management System (ALMS) software program. The ALMS software is currently used by several of the State's regulatory agencies for licensing, complaint management and reporting. Increasing the existing contract will accommodate changes needed to address the software's increased usage across multiple agencies, add enhancements required to implement new legislation, and to convert the software to a web-based user interface.

The 3rd initiative increases funding for services by the financial and human resources service center within the Department of Administrative and Financial Services by \$131,979 annually. As with services provided with MaineIT, this estimate represents the increased cost for all 6 programs within the Department. Estimated costs for service center support is based on estimates provided by DAFS.

The 4th initiative establishes and provides funding for a one Public Service Manager I position to serve as a communication liaison and training coordinator for ALMS users; understanding the business needs and processes of each of the ALMS programs to provide guidance on the most effective use of the tools and functionality available; providing training and training documentation; and facilitating streamlined and efficient use of the ALMS application. The estimated cost of the position including Personal Services and All Other is \$107,242 in FY2024 and \$113,062 in FY2025.

The final initiative at the top of page A-558 increases funding by \$20,532 in FY24 and \$20,525 in FY25 for the proposed reorganization of the Assistant to the Commissioner position to a Deputy Commissioner. The position acts on behalf of the Commissioner in the performance of statutory responsibilities by performing delegated functions and accepting delegated responsibilities. This proposed reorganization aligns the position compensation with the duties and responsibilities of the position.

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES - PROF & FIN REG 0094

What the Budget purchases:

The Commissioner's Office, through its Administrative Services Division, provides support services to all agencies in the department in the areas of budgeting, accounting, procurement, security, media, legislative support, reception, facility management and technology services.

	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Current</u>	<u>Budgeted</u>	<u>Budgeted</u>
	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
Program Summary - FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND				
All Other	10,030	10,030	10,030	10,030
Total	10,030	10,030	10,030	10,030

Program Summary - OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS				
Positions - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000
Personal Services	1,201,832	1,216,012	1,266,515	1,281,248
All Other	3,931,007	3,936,958	3,936,958	3,936,958
Total	5,132,839	5,152,970	5,203,473	5,218,206

			2023-24	2024-25
Initiative:	Provides funding for statewide technology services provided by the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Office of Information Technology.			

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS

All Other		87,705	87,792
Total		87,705	87,792

		2023-24	2024-25
Initiative:	Provides additional funding for an external technology services contract and related STA-CAP charges.		

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS

All Other		502,970	502,970
Total		502,970	502,970

		2023-24	2024-25
Initiative:	Provides funding for the Department's share of the cost for the financial and human resources service center within the Department of Administrative and Financial Services.		

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS

All Other		131,979	131,979
Total		131,979	131,979

		2023-24	2024-25
Initiative:	Establishes one Public Service Manager I position to improve business processes with additional training and testing support for agency licensing management system users and provides funding for related All Other costs.		

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS

Positions - LEGISLATIVE COUNT		1,000	1,000
Personal Services		106,609	112,394
All Other		633	668
Total		107,242	113,062

2023-24

2024-25

Initiative: Provides funding for the proposed reorganization of one Assistant to the Commissioner position to an Executive Director of Operations position and provides funding for related All Other costs.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS

Personal Services

20,411

20,404

All Other

121

121

Total

20,532

20,525

ActualCurrentBudgetedBudgeted

2021-22

2022-23

2023-24

2024-25

Revised Program Summary - FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND

All Other

10,030

10,030

10,030

10,030

Total

10,030

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10,030

Revised Program Summary - OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS

Positions - LEGISLATIVE COUNT

10,000

10,000

11,000

11,000

Personal Services

1,201,832

1,216,012

1,393,535

1,414,046

All Other

3,931,007

3,936,958

4,660,366

4,660,488

Total

5,132,839

5,152,970

6,053,901

6,074,534

Board of Licensure for Professional Engineers – 0369

The next program I will be discussing is the Board of Licensure for Professional Engineers on page A-561. The Board protects the public safety and welfare of the people of Maine through the licensing of qualified applicants for an engineer license and regulation of the practice of engineering. The Board is supported solely by Other Special Revenue Funds generated from licensing fees. The Board consists of seven members appointed by the Governor and employs an executive director and one administrative staff member.

The Board elects a Chair from its members. Brent Bridges P.E. is the current Board Chair.

The baseline budget request for this program continues funding for administrative operations such as staff, complaint investigation, and board member travel and compensation.

The Board has three initiatives.

The 1st initiative increases allocation by \$12,230 annually for professional services. The Board anticipates additional funding will be needed for expenses related to hearings.

The next initiative increases funding for services provided by the Office of the Attorney General by \$1,442 in FY24 and \$2,120 in FY25. Cost for legal services is based on estimates provided by the AG's Office.

The 3rd initiative increases allocation by \$21,403 in FY24 only. The Professional Engineers Board operates with a biennial license cycle, requiring additional allocation in even fiscal years for expenses associated with processing license renewals. This is a recurring initiative as the baseline budget is calculated from the odd fiscal year.

ENGINEERS - STATE BOARD OF LICENSURE FOR PROFESSIONAL 0369

What the Budget purchases:

The Maine State Board of Licensure for Professional Engineers was established in 1935 to safeguard the life, health and property of Maine citizens by regulating of the practice of engineering through the establishment and maintenance of professional standards. The Board is authorized to evaluate the qualifications and supervise the examination of applicants for certification as Engineer-Interns and licensure as Professional Engineers; to renew professional engineering licensure every two years upon compliance with requirements and payment of the required fee; to publish and distribute a roster of all professional engineers; to make an annual report; to make rules and regulations consistent with the statutes relating to professional engineering; to enforce the statutes, rules and regulations through investigation of alleged violations; and to conduct hearings as necessary.

	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Current</u>	<u>Budgeted</u>	<u>Budgeted</u>
	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
Program Summary - OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS				
Positions - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000
Personal Services	217,099	220,613	231,646	235,197
All Other	106,086	87,301	87,301	87,301
Total	323,185	307,914	318,947	322,498

2023-24 2024-25

Initiative: Provides funding for increased professional services contracts and related STA-CAP charges.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS

All Other

	12,231	12,230
Total	12,231	12,230

2023-24 2024-25

Initiative: Provides funding for cost increases for services provided by the Office of the Attorney General.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS

All Other

	1,442	2,120
Total	1,442	2,120

2023-24 2024-25

Initiative: Provides funding for credit card fees and portal fees related to online licensing services and related STA-CAP charges.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS

All Other

	21,403	0
Total	21,403	0

	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Current</u>	<u>Budgeted</u>	<u>Budgeted</u>
	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
Revised Program Summary - OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS				
Positions - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000
Personal Services	217,099	220,613	231,646	235,197
All Other	106,086	87,301	122,377	101,651
Total	323,185	307,914	354,023	336,848

Office of Professional and Occupational Regulation – 0352

The Office of Professional and Occupational Regulation (OPOR), on page A-567 and A-568, is an umbrella administrative agency for 37 professional and occupational regulatory programs. The Office protects the public against unqualified, incompetent and unethical practitioners through licensure, establishment of practice standards, inspection, complaint investigation and, when warranted, imposition of professional discipline. Full-time staff and board members appointed by the Governor implement license qualifications determined by the Legislature, set standards of practice and ethical behavior, and assist in conducting disciplinary proceedings. The program is funded with Other Special Revenue Funds, primarily from license fees.

The Other Special Revenue baseline budget request for this program is a consolidation of the budget requests for the 37 individual programs and provides allocation for shared administrative operations such as administrative staff, complaint investigation and rent, as well as providing funding for program-specific needs such as inspection staff and rulemaking.

The program also has \$200,000 baseline allocation in FY2024 for Federal Expenditures Fund ARPA funds. The Office received funding to support Governor Mill's 10-year Economic Development plan expanding Maine's workforce. Funds will be used to assist individuals seeking work in Maine to obtain their highest level of licensure.

The program has three initiatives relating to the Other Special Revenue Fund budget.

The 1st initiative transfers positions and allocation from the Board of Dental Practice to OPOR, reflecting a proposed change in status of the Board of Dental Practice from a program affiliated with the Department to a component program of the Office of Professional and Occupational Regulation. The Department can better support board function through this status change without impacting the Board's statutory authority or processes. The proposed restructuring will put the Board in an improved financial and staff resource position, enabling both the Board and OPOR to realize efficiencies through shared resources. Increases to position count and allocation in OPOR will be offset with decreases to the Board of Dental Practice. Both the Dental budget (page A-560) and proposed language (Part NNN) are scheduled for public hearing on March 1st, to be held in conjunction with the Joint Standing Committee on Health Coverage, Insurance and Financial Services, and a copy is attached for your reference.

The 2nd initiative increases funding for vehicle leased through DAFS Central Fleet Management by \$55,668 in FY2024 and \$67,848 in FY2025. Estimated cost is based on rates provide by Central Fleet Management.

The 3rd and final initiative for this program is requesting to establish headcount and make permanent one Public Service Executive II position previously established by Financial Order. This is a senior policy position that will provide advanced legal analysis skills to the Office of Professional and Occupational Regulation and advise the director on emerging policy issues. The position will enable the Office to meet higher demand for licensed behavioral and physical health practitioners and licensed trade professionals. This position is especially important due to the heightened focus on the Office's ability to manage all aspects of professional and occupational licensing for Maine and increased pressure on the agency to expedite the licensing process to expand Maine's workforce. There is also greater focus on legal licensing issues that emerge as states look for ways to encourage workers from other states and countries to join Maine's workforce. The estimated cost of the position including Personal Services and All Other is \$142,115 in FY24 and \$149,864 in FY25.

OFFICE OF PROFESSIONAL AND OCCUPATIONAL REGULATION 0352

What the Budget purchases:

The Office of Professional and Occupational Regulation is an umbrella administrative agency that regulates professions and occupations through licensure, enforcement of practice laws and professional standards and inspections of facilities and equipment. An administrative complaint process provides a mechanism for resolution of consumer complaints.

	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Current</u>	<u>Budgeted</u>	<u>Budgeted</u>
	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
Program Summary - OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS				
Positions - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	58,000	58,000	57,000	57,000
Personal Services	5,213,944	5,396,859	5,538,001	5,692,880
All Other	2,553,936	2,661,774	2,661,774	2,661,774
Total	7,767,880	8,058,633	8,199,775	8,354,654

Program Summary - FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND-ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY

All Other			200,000	500
Total	0	0	200,000	500

2023-24 2024-25

Initiative: Transfers Personal Services and All Other allocation from the Board of Dental Practice program to the Office of Professional and Occupational Regulation program within the same fund pursuant to the proposed amendment to Maine Revised Statutes, Title 10, section 8001, subsection 38 moving the Board of Dental Practice from a program affiliated with the Department to a component program of the Office of Professional and Occupational Regulation.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS

Positions - LEGISLATIVE COUNT		4,000	4,000
Personal Services		416,924	425,393
All Other		195,907	195,907
Total		612,831	621,300

2023-24 2024-25

Initiative: Provides funding for statewide Central Fleet Management services provided by the Department of Administrative and Financial Services.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS

All Other		55,668	67,848
Total		55,668	67,848

2023-24 2024-25

Initiative: Establishes one Public Service Executive II position as a senior policy position to provide advanced legal analysis skills to the Office of Professional and Occupational Regulation and advise the director on emerging public policy issues. This initiative also provides funding for related All Other costs.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS

Positions - LEGISLATIVE COUNT		1,000	1,000
Personal Services		140,413	148,069
All Other		1,702	1,795
Total		142,115	149,864

	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Current</u>	<u>Budgeted</u>	<u>Budgeted</u>
	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25

Revised Program Summary - OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS

Positions - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	58,000	58,000	62,000	62,000
Personal Services	5,213,944	5,396,859	6,095,338	6,266,342

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	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Current</u>	<u>Budgeted</u>	<u>Budgeted</u>
	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
Revised Program Summary - OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS				
All Other	2,553,936	2,661,774	2,915,051	2,927,324
Total	7,767,880	8,058,633	9,010,389	9,193,666
Revised Program Summary - FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND-ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY				
All Other			200,000	500
Total	0	0	200,000	500

DENTAL PRACTICE - BOARD OF 0384**What the Budget purchases:**

The Board of Dental Practice was originally established in 1891 to regulate the practice of dentistry. The board licenses qualified dentists, dental hygienists, dental radiographers, expanded function dental assistants and denturists. The board issues permits to qualified licensees to administer general anesthesia and moderate sedation as well as local anesthesia and nitrous oxide permits. The board investigates all complaints alleging violations/noncompliance of related rules and statutes, and imposes discipline when warranted.

	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Current</u>	<u>Budgeted</u>	<u>Budgeted</u>
	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
Program Summary - OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS				
Positions - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000
Personal Services	393,520	402,132	416,924	425,393
All Other	193,149	195,907	195,907	195,907
Total	586,669	598,039	612,831	621,300

2023-24 **2024-25**

Initiative: Transfers Personal Services and All Other allocation from the Board of Dental Practice program to the Office of Professional and Occupational Regulation program within the same fund pursuant to the proposed amendment to Maine Revised Statutes, Title 10, section 8001, subsection 38 moving the Board of Dental Practice from a program affiliated with the Department to a component program of the Office of Professional and Occupational Regulation.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS

Positions - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	-4,000	-4,000
Personal Services	(416,924)	(425,393)
All Other	(195,907)	(195,907)
Total	(612,831)	(621,300)

	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Current</u>	<u>Budgeted</u>	<u>Budgeted</u>
	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
Revised Program Summary - OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS				
Positions - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	4,000	4,000		
Personal Services	393,520	402,132		
All Other	193,149	195,907		
Total	586,669	598,039	0	0

PART NNN

Sec. NNN-1. 10 MRSA §8001, sub-§38 is amended to read:

MM. Board of Speech, Audiology and Hearing; ~~and~~
NN. Maine Fuel Board; ~~and~~
OO. Board of Dental Practice.

Sec. NNN-2. 10 MRSA §8001-A, sub-§3 is repealed.

Sec. NNN-3. 32 MRSA §18302, sub-§24 is repealed.

Sec. NNN-4. 32 MRSA §18302, sub-§38 is enacted to read:

38. Director. "Director" means the Director of the Office of Professional and Occupational Regulation within the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation.

Sec. NNN-5. 32 MRSA §18304, sub-§4 is repealed.

Sec. NNN-6. 32 MRSA §18322, sub-§3 is repealed.

Sec. NNN-7. 32 MRSA §18323, sub-§1 is repealed.

Sec. NNN-8. 32 MRSA §18323, sub-§2 is repealed.

Sec. NNN-9. 32 MRSA §18323, sub-§3 is repealed.

Sec. NNN-10. 32 MRSA §18323, sub-§4 is repealed.

Sec. NNN-11. 32 MRSA §18323, sub-§5 is repealed.

Sec. NNN-12. 32 MRSA §18323, sub-§6 is amended to read:

6. Executive director; duties. The Commissioner, with the advice of the Board of Dental Practice and subject to the Civil Service Law, shall appoint an executive director ~~The power to appoint an executive director who serves at the pleasure of the board and~~ who shall assist the board in carrying out its duties and responsibilities under this chapter. The executive director is responsible for the management of the board's affairs, ~~including the authority to employ and prescribe the duties of personnel within the guidelines,~~ policies and rules established by the board;

Sec. NNN-13. 32 MRSA §18323, sub-§7 is repealed.

Sec. NNN-14. 32 MRSA §18323, sub-§10 is enacted to read:

10. Subpoena authority. In addition to the provisions of Maine Revised Statutes, Title 10, section 8003, sub-section 5-A, the board may issue subpoenas in accordance with the terms of Title 5, section 9060, except that the authority applies to any state of an investigation and is not limited to an adjudicatory proceeding.

Sec. NNN-15. 32 MRSA §18323, sub-§11 is enacted to read:

11. Assessment of costs. When there is a finding of a violation, the board may assess the licensee for all or part of the actual expenses incurred by the board or its agents for investigations and enforcement duties performed.

“Actual expenses” include, but are not limited to, travel expenses and the proportionate part of the salaries and other expenses of investigators or inspectors, hourly costs of hearing officers, costs associated with record retrieval and the costs of transcribing or reproducing the administrative record.

The board, as soon as feasible after finding a violation, shall give the licensee notice of the assessment. The licensee shall pay the assessment in the time specified by the board, which may not be less than 30 days.

Sec. NNN-16. 32 MRSA §18325, sub-§1 is amended to read:

1. Disciplinary action. In addition to the provisions of Maine Revised Statutes, Title 10, section 8003, sub-section 5-A, ~~The~~ board may suspend, revoke, refuse to issue or renew a license pursuant to Title 5, section 10004. The following are grounds for an action to refuse to issue, modify, suspend, revoke or refuse to renew the license of a person licensed under this chapter:

Sec. NNN-17. 32 MRSA §18325, sub-§1-A is repealed.

Sec. NNN-18. 32 MRSA §18325, sub-§2 is amended to read:

2. Judicial review. Notwithstanding Title 10, section 8003, subsection 5-A, any nonconsensual revocation pursuant to Title 10, section 8003, subsection 5-A of a license or authority issued by the board may be imposed only after a hearing conforming to the requirements of Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 4 and is subject to judicial review exclusively in the Superior Court in accordance with Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 7.

Sec. NNN-19. 32 MRSA §18326 is repealed.

Sec. NNN-20. 32 MRSA §18327 is repealed.

Sec. NNN-21. 32 MRSA §18341, sub-§1 is amended to read:

1. Application. An applicant seeking an initial or a renewed license must submit an application with the fee established ~~under section 18323 by the Director~~ and any other materials required by the board.

Sec. NNN-22. 32 MRSA §18347-A is enacted to read:

Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the board may issue a temporary license for a period of 6 months and waive all licensing requirements, except for fees, to any applicant upon a showing of current, valid licensure in that profession in another state.

Sec. NNN-23. 32 MRSA §18349, sub-§2 is amended to read:

2. Late renewals. Licenses may be renewed up to 90 days after the date of expiration if the applicant meets the requirements of subsection 1 and pays a late fee established by the board ~~Director pursuant to section 18323, subsection 3.~~

Sec. NNN-24. 32 MRSA §18349, sub-§3 is amended to read:

3. Reinstatement. A person who submits an application for reinstatement more than 90 days after the license expiration date is subject to all requirements governing new applicants under this chapter, except that the board may, giving due consideration to the protection of the public, waive examination if that renewal application is received, together with the penalty fee established by the ~~board~~ Director pursuant to section 18323, subsection 3, within 2 years from the date of the license expiration.

Sec. NNN-25. 32 MRSA §18351 is amended to read:

A licensee who wants to retain licensure while not practicing may apply for an inactive status license. ~~The fee for inactive status licensure is set under section 18323, subsection 3.~~ During inactive status, the licensee must renew the license and pay the renewal fee set ~~under section 18323, subsection 3~~ by the Director, but is not required to meet the continuing education requirements under section 18350. The board shall adopt rules by which an inactive status license may be reinstated.

Sec. NNN-26. 32 MRSA §18352 is repealed.

Sec. NNN-27. Transition provisions.

1. All licenses, permits and registrations issued by the Maine Board of Dental Practice as an affiliated board that are in effect become, on the effective date of this Act, licenses, permits and registrations issued by the Maine Board of Dental Practice as a licensure program within the Office of Professional and Occupational Regulation.
2. Except to the extent that they conflict with the language of this Act, all rules adopted by the Maine Board of Dental Practice as an affiliated board that are in effect become, on the effective date of this Act, rules adopted by the Maine Board of Dental Practice as a licensure program within the Office of Professional and Occupational Regulation.
3. Except to the extent that they conflict with the language of this Act, all procedures and policies adopted by the Maine Board of Dental Practice as an affiliated board become, on the effective date of this Act, procedures and policies adopted by the Maine Board of Dental Practice as a licensure program within the Office of Professional and Occupational Regulation.
4. All contracts and agreements in effect immediately prior to the effective date of this Act with regarding to the Maine Board of Dental Practice as an affiliated board become, on the effective date of this Act, contracts and agreements of the Maine Board of Dental Practice as a licensure program within the Office of Professional and Occupational Regulation.
5. Any positions authorized and allocated subject to the personnel laws to the Maine Board of Dental Practice as an affiliated board become, on the effective date of this Act, positions authorized and allocated by the Maine Board of Dental Practice as a licensure program within the Office of Professional and Occupational Regulation.

6. All records, property and equipment previously belonging to or allocated for the use of the Maine Board of Dental Practice as an affiliated board become, on the effective date of this Act, the property of the Maine Board of Dental Practice as a licensure program within the Office of Professional and Occupational Regulation.
7. All forms, licenses, letterheads and similar items bearing the name of the Maine Board of Dental Practice as an affiliated board may be used until existing supplies of those items are exhausted.

PART NNN SUMMARY

This Part amends provisions of Title 10, Chapter 901 “Department of Professional and Financial Regulation” by moving the Board of Dental Professions identified in statute as an affiliated board into a licensure program within the Office of Professional and Occupational Regulation. This bill also amends several provisions of Title 32, Chapter 143 “Dental Professions” to make consistent statutory terms as part of the organizational restructuring.

Manufactured Housing Board – 0351

The last program I will be presenting is the Manufactured Housing Board, on the bottom half of page A-565, one of OPOR's professional licensing boards. This program receives a small Federal Expenditures Fund All Other allocation, allocating federal funds to enforce federal manufacturing and housing installation specifications for manufactured homes.

There are no new initiatives for this program.

MANUFACTURED HOUSING BOARD 0351				
What the Budget purchases:				
The Manufactured Housing Board protects the public by licensing and regulating manufacturers and dealers of manufactured housing doing business in Maine. The board enforces federal manufacturing and installation specifications for this kind of housing, inspects installations of manufactured housing units and assists consumers in resolving complaints with manufacturers and dealers. The board also administers the state warranty law applicable to manufactured housing. This program represents the United States Housing and Urban Development agency for the State of Maine and is authorized to discipline licensees when warranted.				
	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Current</u>	<u>Budgeted</u>	<u>Budgeted</u>
	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
Program Summary - FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND				
All Other	22,486	22,486	22,486	22,486
Total	22,486	22,486	22,486	22,486
			2023-24	2024-25
Initiative: NONE				
	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Current</u>	<u>Budgeted</u>	<u>Budgeted</u>
	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
Revised Program Summary - FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND				
All Other	22,486	22,486	22,486	22,486
Total	22,486	22,486	22,486	22,486

That concludes my testimony in support of the Governor's Biennial Budget Request. I thank you for your time and consideration, and I will be happy to answer any questions.