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**Testimony of Anne L. Head, Commissioner
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**Before the Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs and
the Joint Standing Committee on Health Coverage, Insurance and Financial Services**

***LD2214 - "An Act to Make Supplemental Appropriations and Allocations from the General
Fund and Other Funds for the Expenditures of State Government and to Change Certain
Provisions of the Law Necessary to the Proper Operations of State Government for the Fiscal
Years Ending June 30, 2024 and June 30, 2025"***

Public Hearing: February 28, 2024, 1:00 pm

Good morning, Senator Rotundo, Representative Sachs, and Members of the Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs; Senator Bailey, Representative Perry and members of the Joint Standing Committee on Health Coverage, Insurance and Financial Services. My name is Anne Head, and I am the Commissioner of the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation. I am here today to testify in support of the supplemental budget bill, LD2214.

I am pleased to present information to both committees regarding the Governor's supplemental budget request for the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation.

Today, I will present supplemental initiatives for the Board of Licensure in Medicine, Board of Nursing, Board of Osteopathic Licensure, and language part DDD for the Office of Professional and Occupational Regulation. Initiatives for the Office of Professional and Occupational Regulation and the Board of Licensure for Professional Engineers were presented on February 22nd.

Board of Licensure in Medicine – 0376

The first program I will discuss is the Board of Licensure in Medicine. The Board safeguards the lives and health of Maine citizens by licensing qualified applicants and regulating the medical practice of those licensees. The Board is supported solely by Other Special Revenue Funds generated from licensing fees. The Board comprises 11 members appointed by the Governor and employs an executive director and administrative staff.

Dr. Maroulla S. Gleaton, M.D. is the current Board Chair.

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The Board has a single supplemental initiative, at the middle of page A-118, requesting to continue and make permanent one part-time Office Assistant I position currently funded by Financial Order. It provides administrative support for the Board of Licensure in Medicine and a worksite for participants in Capitol Clubhouse. This position offers a training opportunity to people in the community to become part of the workforce and assist the Board with routine administrative tasks. Continuation of this position will provide an ongoing benefit to the Board and community.

LICENSURE IN MEDICINE - BOARD OF 0376

	2023-24	2024-25
Initiative: Continues and makes permanent one part-time Office Assistant I position previously continued by Financial Order 002855 F4 and provides funding for related All Other costs.		
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS		
Positions - LEGISLATIVE COUNT		0.500
Personal Services		20,689
All Other		146
Total	0	20,835
	2023-24	2024-25
Summary - OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS		
Positions - LEGISLATIVE COUNT		0.500
Personal Services		20,689
All Other		146
Total	0	20,835

Board of Nursing – 0372

The next initiative I will present is for the Maine State Board of Nursing. The Board protects the public through the regulation of nursing practice. The Board is supported solely by Other Special Revenue Funds generated from licensing fees. The Board comprises nine members appointed by the Governor and employs an executive director and administrative staff.

Valerie J. Fuller, D.N.P., is the current Board Chair.

The Board has a single initiative at the end of page A-118. The Board requests to increase allocation in fiscal year 2025 by \$25,098 to provide additional funding for leased space. The Board entered into a new lease agreement for the same location. The new lease includes a rate increase and additional space for the Board of Nursing.

NURSING - BOARD OF 0372

	2023-24	2024-25
Initiative: Provides funding for higher rent costs for leased office space and related STA-CAP cost.		
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS		
All Other		25,098
Total	0	25,098
	2023-24	2024-25
Summary - OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS		
All Other		25,098
Total	0	25,098

Board of Osteopathic Licensure – 0383

The next program I will be presenting is the Board of Osteopathic Licensure. The Board protects the public through the regulation of osteopathic medicine. The board is funded exclusively with Other Special Revenue Funds from licensing fees. The Board comprises 11 members appointed by the Governor and employs a single administrative employee.

The Board elects a Chair from its members. Melissa Michaud, PA-C, is the current Board Chair.

The program has a single at the bottom of page A-119. The Board requests to increase allocation in fiscal year 2025 by \$6,834 to provide additional funding for leased space. The Board entered into a new lease agreement to remain in their current location. The new lease includes a rate increase and a portion of shared space not included in their previous agreement.

OSTEOPATHIC LICENSURE - BOARD OF 0383		
	2023-24	2024-25
Initiative: Provides funding for higher rent costs for leased office space and related STA-CAP cost.		
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS		
All Other		6,834
Total	0	6,834
Summary - OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS		
All Other		6,834
Total	0	6,834
Total Agency/Department		
All Funds		284,266
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS		284,266

Language Part DDD

The final item I will discuss is language Part DDD at the bottom of page 74. During the 1st Special Session, the Legislature enacted Public Law 2023, chapter 329, “*An Act to Establish the Physical Therapy Licensure Compact.*” The intent of the legislation was to establish the compact effective January 1, 2026, and establish a position and allocations for the program one year prior to the effective of the compact (January 1, 2025) to give the Office sufficient time and resources to prepare for compact participation. This language updates the effective date of section 2 to January 1, 2025, as initially intended.

PART DDD

Sec. DDD-1. Public Law 2023, chapter 329, §3 is amended to read:

Sec. 3. Effective Dates. Section 1 of this Act takes effect January 1, 2026. Section 2 of this Act takes effect January 1, 2025.

That concludes my testimony in support of the Governor’s Supplemental Budget Request. Thank you for your time and consideration, and I will happily answer any questions.