



Testimony of the Division of Licensing and Certification
Maine Department of Health and Human Services

Before the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services

In support of LD 764, *An Act to Improve the Efficiency of Certain Department of Health and Human Services Licensing Investigations*

Sponsor: Representative Meyer
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Senator Ingwersen, Representative Meyer and Members of the Committee on Health and Human Services. My name is Bill Montejo, I serve as the Director of the Division of Licensing and Certification in the Maine Department of Health and Human Services. I am here today to testify in support of LD 764, *An Act to Improve the Efficiency of Certain Department of Health and Human Services Licensing Investigations*.

I would like to thank Representative Meyer for sponsoring this bill. The intent of this bill is to establish clear authority for the commissioner, the commissioner's delegate or the legal counsel for the department to issue a subpoena for records or testimony as part of a licensing investigation that is consistent to the authority already established in statutes for investigations by Adult Protective Services at 22 M.R.S.A. § 3480, Child Protective Services at 22 M.R.S.A. § 4099, Maine Emergency Medical Services at 32 M.R.S.A. Ch. 2-B § 90-A, and many other licensing authorities at 10 M.R.S.A. § 8003-A.

Passage of the bill will allow the department to obtain records and testimony from parties that are relevant to an investigation, including medical records. This will result in a more thorough and timely investigation that affords some level of protection to those parties providing the material in response to the subpoena.

Thank you and I would be happy to address any questions you have.