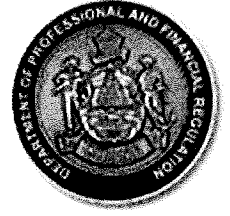




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L.D. 1166**

An Act to Change the Professional Title and Identification of Physician Assistants to Physician Associates

**Presented by Representative Cloutier
Before the Joint Standing Committee on Health Coverage, Insurance & Financial Services**

April 3, 2025 at 1:00 p.m.

Senator Bailey, Representative Mathieson, and members of the Health Coverage, Insurance and Financial Services Committee, I am Tim Terranova, Executive Director of the Maine Board of Licensure in Medicine ("BOLIM"). I am here today to testify neither for nor against LD 1166.

BOLIM licenses and regulates allopathic physicians and physician assistants in Maine. BOLIM is composed of 11 members: 6 physicians who actively practice medicine; 2 physician assistants who actively render medical services; and 3 public members. BOLIM's mission is to protect the public by ensuring its licensees are ethical, professional and competent. It fulfills this mission by licensing, regulating, and educating physicians and physician assistants.

The proposed change in title is neither a scope of practice issue nor a public safety issue. For those reasons BOLIM is neither for nor against this bill. BOLIM appreciates the ability to work with the sponsor and association presenting the bill in crafting amendments that address the technical concerns that could have led to unintended consequences. If this bill is passed, BOLIM is prepared to update the language on its website, applications and other materials.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide these comments regarding LD 1166. I would be happy to answer questions now or at the work session.

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