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Good afternoon, Representative Mathieson and esteemed colleagues of the Committee on Health Coverage, Insurance, and Financial Services. As you know, I am Senator Donna Bailey, and I represent Senate District 31, which includes Buxton, Old Orchard Beach and Saco. I am pleased to be here today as the sponsor of DPFR's bill **LD 1990, "An Act to Update the Requirements for Psychology Licensure."**

This bill amends the licensure requirements for psychologists by removing a time limitation on the Board's ability to accept successful passage of the required examinations. It was brought to my attention that an applicant failed the Board's jurisprudence examination by one point in August. Although they retook the examination and passed in October, they cannot obtain licensure until the six-month window expires in February of 2026. This limitation is not only creating a barrier to the Board's application process but also is preventing an otherwise qualified behavioral health practitioner from obtaining licensure.

Thank you for your attention. I would be happy to answer any questions, but I recommend that you wait until the representative of the Department shares a little more information about the bill.



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