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MEMORANDUM

To: Committee on Health Coverage, Insurance and Financial Services

From: Robert S. Howe, MPA

Re: L.D. 963, An Act To Have Maine Join the Interstate Psychology Interjurisdictional Compact To Improve Telehealth Options for Psychologists and Their Patients

I represent Maine Psychological Association in support of L.D. 963. Others will provide testimony on the content of the bill. Please consider this as supplemental information.

After reviewing several bills dealing with occupational licensing intended to allow licensees in Maine to work across state lines or to allow licensees in other states to work or obtain a license in Maine, it became apparent to me that only the two interstate compact bills before you accomplish the former goal.

The table below is intended to demonstrate this point. I hope I have not failed to include other bills relevant to this topic and that this information is helpful.

		Helps Maine workers work across state lines	Helps out-of-state workers obtain Maine licenses or work in Maine
LD 31	An Act To Adopt the Occupational Therapy Licensure Compact	X	X
LD 149	An Act To Facilitate Licensure for Credentialed Individuals from Other Jurisdictions		X
LD 612	An Act To Recognize Occupational Licenses and Certifications from Other States To Attract New Residents and Businesses to Maine		X
LD 863	An Act To Have Maine Join the Interstate Psychology Interjurisdictional Compact To Improve Telehealth Options for Psychologists and Their Patients	X	X
LD 1131	An Act To Allow Reciprocity for Licensed Workers from Out of State		X
LD 1194	An Act To Reduce Health Care Worker Shortages		X