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Testimony in support of:

LD 992, An Act to Prevent the Denial or Revocation of a Professional or Business License for a Violation Not Related to That Profession or Business.

Joint Standing Committee on Innovation, Development, Economic Advancement, and Business

Thank you Senator Curry, Representative Roberts and the distinguished members of the Joint Standing Committee on Innovation, Development, Economic Advancement, and Business. I'm Dan Newman, representative for House District 76 which includes Belgrade, Rome, Vienna, Mt Vernon, Fayette, and Wayne. I'm here in support of LD 992, An Act to Prevent the Denial or Revocation of a Professional or Business License for a Violation Not Related to That Profession or Business.

This bill is important to me for a couple of reasons. First is that I received numerous complaints from citizens from around the State when the licensing board sent out notices to all license holders, stating that if the board received a complaint that the license holder was not adhering to the covid protocols even on their personal time that they would revoke the license.

Citizens were furious that the State would threaten them with revocation of a license when it didn't have anything to do with the performance of their professional duties under the requirements of the license.

Second, I feel that if there are no restrictions on revocation then the State and or Municipality could revoke a license over a personal tax dispute, failure to pay parking tickets that are in dispute or because they don't a particular company or even a class of individuals doing work on a particular project.

It would be like the penalty for jaywalking is the loss of your drivers license. The revocation needs to be focused such as the loss of an electrical license for an electrical code violation. Removing someones ability to earn a living for something unrelated to that profession is wrong.

Please join me in supporting this bill

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