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An Act To Encourage Professionals To Move to the State

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:

Sec. 1. 32 MRSA c. 1-A, sub-c. 4 is enacted to read:

SUBCHAPTER 4

LICENSEES FROM OTHER JURISDICTIONS

§ 60-Q. Licensees from other jurisdictions

Notwithstanding any other provision in this Title, if a person holds an active license from another jurisdiction for an occupation or profession under this Title, upon application by the licensee, that license must be accepted by the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation and the pertinent occupational or professional licensing board established in Title 5, section 12004-A if the license is in good standing in the other jurisdiction and upon payment of the initial license fee under this Title for that occupation or profession. The department or occupational or professional licensing board established in Title 5, section 12004-A may deny acceptance of the license only upon a showing that the acceptance would be detrimental to the health, safety or welfare of the public in the State. A denial of a license under this section is subject to the provisions of Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 5.

SUMMARY

This bill requires that a professional license from another jurisdiction be accepted by the State upon application by the licensee if the license is active and the licensee is in good standing and upon payment of the initial license fee in this State for that profession. The license may be denied only upon a showing that acceptance of the license would be detrimental to the health, safety or welfare of the public in the State. A denial of acceptance of a license from another jurisdiction is subject to a hearing under the Maine Administrative Procedure Act.