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House of Representatives, February 19, 2019

**An Act To Increase Access to Health Care by Attracting Qualified
Physicians to Maine**

Reference to the Committee on Health Coverage, Insurance and Financial Services
suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Robert B. Hunt".

ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

Presented by Representative COREY of Windham.
Cosponsored by Senator MOORE of Washington and
Representatives: DILLINGHAM of Oxford, GRIFFIN of Levant, HANLEY of Pittston,
O'CONNOR of Berwick, SAMPSON of Alfred, WADSWORTH of Hiram, Senator: BLACK
of Franklin.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 32 MRSA §3276**, as amended by PL 2003, c. 601, §5, is further amended
3 to read:

4 **§3276. Temporary licensure**

5 A physician who is qualified under section 3275 ~~may~~ must within 60 days of
6 application for a temporary license, without examination, be granted a temporary license
7 for a period not to exceed one year when the board determines that this action is
8 necessary in order to provide relief for local or national emergencies or for situations in
9 which the number of physicians is insufficient to supply adequate medical services or for
10 the purpose of permitting the physician to serve as locum tenens for another physician
11 who is licensed to practice medicine in this State. The fee for this temporary license may
12 not be more than ~~\$400~~ \$100.

13 **SUMMARY**

14 This bill amends the law regarding the temporary licensure of physicians to require
15 the temporary licensure of a physician within 60 days of application for a temporary
16 license when the Board of Licensure in Medicine determines temporary licensure of the
17 physician is necessary to provide relief for a local or national emergency or for a situation
18 in which the number of physicians is insufficient to supply adequate medical services or
19 for the purpose of permitting the physician to serve as locum tenens for another
20 physician. It reduces the fee for the temporary license from \$400 to \$100.