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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to H.P. 1311, L.D. 1879, Bill, “An Act To Enhance and Increase the Availability of Mental Health Providers in Maine”

Amend the bill by inserting after the enacting clause and before section 1 the following:

'Sec. 1. 10 MRSA c. 110, sub-c. 2-B, as amended, is repealed.'

Amend the bill in section 1 in §12941 by striking out all of subsection 3 (page 1, lines 21 to 28 in L.D.) and inserting the following:

'3. Mental health provider. "Mental health provider" means an individual who possesses, at a minimum, a bachelor's degree from a qualified institution of higher education and who practices in the State as:

- A. An individual licensed under Title 32, chapter 83; or
- B. An individual licensed under Title 32, chapter 119.'

Amend the bill in section 1 in §12942 in subsection 2 by striking out all of paragraph D (page 2, lines 12 to 23 in L.D.) and inserting the following:

- 'D. Practice in an underserved practice area in the State as defined in rule, including but not limited to the practice of mental health care or social work:
- (1) In a public or private child welfare or family service agency;
- (2) In a public or private educational institution, kindergarten to grade 12;
- (3) In a public or private hospital;
- (4) In a federally qualified health center;
- (5) In a community-based behavioral health center;
- (6) In a public interest law service;
- (7) In a public child care facility;

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

1 The amendment also repeals the currently unfunded Social Work Education Loan
2 Repayment Program in the Maine Revised Statutes.

3 **FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED**

4 **(See attached)**