

LD 1973

**Draft Amendment For Consideration at Public Hearing
Proposed by Sponsor, Sen. Jackson
Changes from original bill shown by strike through and bold italics**

**PROPOSED AMENDMENT: LD 1973, An Act To Support Frontline Health Care Workers by
Waiving Professional Licensing Fees**

Amend the bill as follows:

Sec. 1. Waiver of professional licensing fees. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, professional licensing fees are waived for the following persons for the period from March 1, 2020 to December 31, 2022 and any professional licensing fees paid by such a person for that period must be refunded to that person:

1. An emergency medical services person as defined in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 32, section 83, subsection 12;

2. A *physician assistant*;

~~3~~ 2. A registered nurse;

~~4~~ 3. A licensed practical nurse;

~~5~~ 4. A respiratory care practitioner as defined in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 32, section 9702, subsection 6;

~~6~~ 5. A midwife as defined in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 32, section 12501, subsection 6-B; and

~~7~~ 6. A person associated with the practices in subsections 1 to 5 and who is required to pay a licensing fee professional licensing fee.

Sec. 2. Retroactivity. This Act applies retroactively to March 1, 2020.

SUMMARY

This bill waives professional licensing fees for emergency medical services persons, *physician assistants*, registered nurses, licensed practical nurses, respiratory care practitioners, midwives and persons associated with those practices for the period from March 1, 2020 to December 31, 2022. It requires that any professional licensing fees paid by such a person for that period be refunded to that person.