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L.D. 1393

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STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
132ND LEGISLATURE
FIRST SPECIAL SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 915, L.D. 1393, "An Act to Require Continuing Education for Licensed Architects"

Amend the bill in section 1 in §224-B in subsection 1 in the first line (page 1, line 4 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "As" and inserting the following: 'Beginning July 1, 2026, as'

Amend the bill in section 1 in §224-B by striking out all of subsection 2 (page 1, lines 14 to 21 in L.D.) and inserting the following:

2. Exemption. An architect who receives an initial license to practice architecture from any jurisdiction, including a foreign jurisdiction, is exempt from the requirements of subsection 1 for 2 years from the date of issuance of that initial license, as long as the architect has not been previously licensed by any jurisdiction, including a foreign jurisdiction, for a period of 2 or more years.

Amend the bill by inserting after section 1 the following:

'Sec. 2. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

PROFESSIONAL AND FINANCIAL REGULATION, DEPARTMENT OF
Administrative Services - Professional and Financial Regulation 0094

Initiative: Allocates funds for the administrative costs of adding one Office Specialist I position to manage the newly established continuing education requirements for licensed architects.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2025-26	2026-27
All Other	\$11,117	\$14,685
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$11,117	\$14,685
Office of Professional and Occupational Regulation 0352		

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

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1 Initiative: Allocates funds for one Office Specialist I position and related All Other costs
2 to manage the newly established continuing education requirements for licensed architects.

3	OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2025-26	2026-27
4	POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1,000	1,000
5	Personal Services	\$63,613	\$91,572
6	All Other	\$16,187	\$15,588
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8	OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<u>\$79,800</u>	<u>\$107,160</u>

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10	PROFESSIONAL AND FINANCIAL		
11	REGULATION, DEPARTMENT OF		
12	DEPARTMENT TOTALS	2025-26	2026-27
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14	OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	\$90,917	\$121,845
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16	DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	<u>\$90,917</u>	<u>\$121,845</u>

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18 Amend the bill by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or section
19 number to read consecutively.

20 **SUMMARY**

21 This amendment, which is the majority report of the committee, establishes a start date
22 for the Maine State Board for Licensure of Architects, Landscape Architects and Interior
23 Designers to begin requiring continuing education prerequisites for the renewal of architect
24 licenses. It also removes the exemption from continuing education requirements for a
25 retired licensed architect.

26 **FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED**
27 (See attached)

**132nd MAINE LEGISLATURE****LD 1393****LR 986(02)****An Act to Require Continuing Education for Licensed Architects****Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment****Committee: Labor****Fiscal Note Required: Yes****A (H-218)**

Fiscal Note

Potential future biennium revenue increase - Other Special Revenue Funds

	FY 2025-26	FY 2026-27	Projections FY 2027-28	Projections FY 2028-29
Appropriations/Allocations				
Other Special Revenue Funds	\$90,917	\$121,845	\$127,339	\$133,163

Fiscal Detail and Notes

This bill includes ongoing Other Special Revenue Funds allocations of \$90,917 in fiscal year 2025-26 and \$121,845 in fiscal year 2026-27 to the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation for one Office Specialist I position and related All Other costs to manage the newly established continuing education requirements for licensed architects. This fiscal note assumes an effective date of October 1, 2025.

The department has indicated that the Maine State Board for Licensure of Architects, Landscape Architects and Interior Designers does have sufficient resources to support the cost of the position through the 2026-2027 biennium, however, fees may need to be increased in future biennia to cover the ongoing costs.