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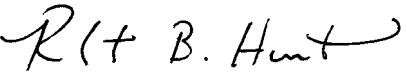
H.P. 915

House of Representatives, April 1, 2025

### An Act to Require Continuing Education for Licensed Architects

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Reference to the Committee on Housing and Economic Development suggested and ordered printed.

  
ROBERT B. HUNT  
Clerk

Presented by Representative ROBERTS of South Berwick.  
Cosponsored by Representatives: ARCHER of Saco, GEIGER of Rockland, ROEDER of Bangor.

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

**Sec. 1. 32 MRSA §224-B** is enacted to read:

**§224-B. Continuing education for licensed architects**

**1. Requirement.** As a prerequisite to renewal of a licensed architect's license under section 224, an applicant shall satisfactorily complete continuing education courses, programs or activities each year in the area of health, safety and welfare as set forth by rules adopted by the board. The rules must require an applicant to complete not less than 12 hours of approved health, safety and welfare continuing education as a condition of renewal. An applicant may not repeat for credit the same continuing education course, program or activity within a license renewal cycle. An applicant is responsible for maintaining evidence of that applicant's continuing education hours and shall submit such evidence of continuing education hours to the board upon renewal of that applicant's license.

**2. Exemptions.** Exemptions to the requirements under subsection 1 are as follows.

A. Notwithstanding section 224, a licensed architect who is retired from active practice does not need to fulfill the requirements pertaining to continuing education.

B. 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.

**3. Program approval.** Each application for approval of a continuing education course, program or activity must be submitted to the board annually according to the rules adopted by the board together with any fees required pursuant to section 222.

**4. Rulemaking.** The board shall adopt rules necessary to carry out this section. Rules adopted pursuant to this subsection are routine technical rules pursuant to Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

## SUMMARY

This bill requires a licensed architect to complete continuing education requirements each year, as established by rules adopted by the Maine State Board for Licensure of Architects, Landscape Architects and Interior Designers, prior to the renewal of that architect's license. The bill requires a minimum of 12 health, safety and welfare credits to satisfy the requirement. The bill also exempts architects who are retired from active practice and creates a 2-year delay for the requirement for newly licensed architects.