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in calculating whether that retail licensee satisfies any applicable income from the sale of food requirement set forth in chapter 43.

(4) Spirits sold under the authority of ~~the~~ a retail license issued under chapter 43 to the holder of a distillery license must first be sold to the State, subject to the listing, pricing and distribution provisions of this Title. Spirits sold under the authority of ~~the~~ a retail license issued under chapter 43 to the holder of a small distillery license are subject to the requirements of subsection 5, paragraph H.

(4-A) A person issued a retail license under chapter 43 for premises other than the licensed manufacturing facility may sell liquor for off-premises consumption under the conditions stated in paragraph D.

(5) The licensee shall ensure that products purchased for off-premises consumption under paragraph D are not consumed on the premises of the manufacturing facility or ~~the~~ a retail license issued under chapter 43, if that retail license authorizes retail activities at another location.

J. A licensee governed by this subsection may display up to 25 bottles of liquor produced by the licensee in a window of a location where the licensee is authorized by this section to sell its products for on-premises consumption or for off-premises consumption.

K. A licensee governed by this subsection may transport liquor produced at the licensed manufacturing facility in bulk or packaged in kegs, bottles or cans, including by the case, to:

(1) Another manufacturing facility licensed under this section if the same person or persons hold a majority ownership interest in both of the licensed manufacturing facilities; and

(2) An establishment licensed for retail sales operated by the licensee under paragraph I; subsection 4, paragraph B, subparagraph (2); or subsection 5, paragraph B, subparagraph (3) as long as the same person or persons hold a majority ownership interest in both the licensed manufacturing facility and the licensed retail establishment.

Sec. 4. 28-A MRSA §1355-A, sub-§6, ¶C, as amended by PL 2021, c. 658, §226, is repealed.

Sec. 5. 28-A MRSA §1355-A, sub-§6, ¶D, as amended by PL 2021, c. 658, §226, is further amended to read:

D. A tenant brewery is governed by the provisions of subsection 3 ~~except for the privileges granted under paragraph C.~~

Sec. 6. 28-A MRSA §1355-A, sub-§7, ¶C, as enacted by PL 2015, c. 185, §3, is repealed.

Sec. 7. 36 MRSA §1811, sub-§1, ¶D, as amended by PL 2023, c. 643, Pt. H, §23 and affected by §29 and amended by c. 673, §22 and affected by §28, is further amended by amending subparagraph (2) to read:

(2) Eight percent on the value of liquor sold in licensed establishments as defined in Title 28-A, section 2, subsection 15, in accordance with Title 28-A, chapter 43 and liquor sold for on-premises consumption by a licensed brewery, small brewery, tenant brewery, winery, small winery, tenant winery, distillery or small distillery pursuant to Title 28-A, section 1355-A, subsection 2, paragraph B;

Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this legislation takes effect when approved.

Effective May 23, 2025.

CHAPTER 88

H.P. 364 - L.D. 545

An Act to Exempt a Person Making Electrical Installations in the Person's Existing Bona Fide Personal Abode from Licensing and Permitting Requirements

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

Sec. 1. 32 MRSA §1102-C, sub-§5, as enacted by PL 2017, c. 198, §6, is amended to read:

5. Exceptions to the permitting requirement. In addition to the exception for a newly constructed single-family dwelling set forth in section 1102-D, a permit from the board is not required for:

A. An electrical installation in a single-family dwelling performed by a licensed electrician qualified under this chapter;

A-1. An electrical installation performed by a person making electrical installations in an existing single-family dwelling occupied and owned by that person;

B. The electrical work and equipment employed in connection with the construction, installation, operation, repair or maintenance of any utility by a public utility, or by a contractor working on behalf of a public utility as set forth in section 1102, subsection 1-C, in rendering its authorized service or in any way incidental thereto;

C. The electrical work and equipment employed in connection with an aboveground electric transmission line described in section 1102, subsection 1-B;

D. Minor repair work, including the replacement of lamps, fuses, lighting fixtures, switches and sockets, the installation and repair of outlets, radio and other low-voltage equipment and the repair of service entrance equipment;

E. Electrical installations for which a permit and inspection are required by municipal resolution or ordinance under Title 30-A, section 4173;

F. Any electrical equipment and work, including construction, installation, operation, maintenance and repair in or about industrial or manufacturing facilities;

G. Any electrical equipment and work, including construction, installation, operation, maintenance and repair in, on or about other properties, equipment or buildings, residential or of any other kind, owned or operated by a person engaged in industrial or manufacturing operations provided that the work is done under the supervision of an electrical engineer or master electrician in the employ of that person;

H. Work performed by any person licensed under chapter 139 as an oil burner technician, subject to the restrictions of the license as issued;

I. Work performed by a person licensed under chapter 139 as a propane and natural gas installer, when installing propane and natural gas utilization equipment, subject to the restrictions of that person's license;

J. Work performed by a person licensed under chapter 49 as a plumber, except that this exception applies only to disconnection and connection of electrical conductors required in the replacement of water pumps and water heaters of the same or smaller size in residential properties; or

K. Work performed by a person licensed under chapter 69-C as a pump installer, except that this exception applies only to disconnection and connection of electrical conductors required in the replacement of water pumps of the same or smaller size in residential properties and the installation of new water pumps and associated equipment of 3 horsepower or smaller.

Sec. 2. 32 MRSA §1201-A, sub-§11, as amended by PL 2011, c. 691, Pt. A, §34, is further amended to read:

11. Wastewater treatment plants. Wastewater treatment plants, as defined in section 4171, and regular employees of wastewater treatment plants making electrical installations in or about wastewater treatment plants; ~~or~~

Sec. 3. 32 MRSA §1201-A, sub-§12, as enacted by PL 2011, c. 691, Pt. A, §35, is amended to read:

12. Incidental work. Regular employees of an owner or a lessee of real property doing incidental electrical work on that property or incidental electrical work by a person whose occupation involves miscellaneous jobs of manual labor. For purposes of this subsection, "incidental electrical work" means minor electrical work, limited to light fixtures and switches, that occurs by chance and that does not require electrical installation calculations; ~~or~~

Sec. 4. 32 MRSA §1201-A, sub-§13 is enacted to read:

13. Personal abode. Notwithstanding the requirements set forth in section 1102-D for electrical installations in newly constructed single-family dwellings, a person making electrical installations in an existing single-family dwelling occupied and owned by that person, as long as the installation conforms with the standards of the National Electrical Code or other standards approved by the board.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 89

S.P. 257 - L.D. 576

An Act Regarding Reciprocal Licensure for Professional Engineers

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

Sec. 1. 32 MRSA §1352-A, sub-§1, ¶B, as amended by PL 2019, c. 375, §11, is further amended to read:

B. ~~A person~~ An applicant for licensure holding an active national council record whose qualifications meet the requirements of this chapter upon application may be licensed without further examination.

Sec. 2. 32 MRSA §1352-A, sub-§1, ¶B-1 is enacted to read:

B-1. An applicant for licensure who meets the requirements of a mutual recognition agreement between this State and another state, territory or possession of the United States, the District of Columbia or any foreign country, whose licensure qualifications are, in the opinion of the board and by the language of the agreement, substantially equivalent to the requirements of this chapter, may be licensed without further examination.

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