

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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**JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE
BILL SUMMARIES**

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This document is a compilation of the bill summaries prepared by this office for the Joint Standing Committees and Joint Select Committees of the Maine Legislature. The volume is organized alphabetically by committee; within each committee, the summaries are arranged by LD number. A subject index is provided at the beginning of each committee's summaries.

All adopted amendments are listed, by paper number (e.g., H-584 or S-222), together with the sponsor for floor amendments. Final action on each bill is listed to the far right of the title. Various types of final action are abbreviated as follows:

PUBLIC XXX	Chapter # of enacted Public Law
P&S XXX	Chapter # of enacted Private & Special Law
RESOLVE XXX	Chapter # of enacted Resolve
CON RES XXX	Chapter # of Constitutional Resolution passed by both Houses
EMERGENCY	Enacted law takes effect sooner than 90 days
CARRIED OVER	Bill carried over to Special Session
ONTP	Ought Not to Pass report accepted
LVWD	Leave to Withdraw report accepted
INDEF PP	Bill Indefinitely Postponed
FAILED EMERGENCY ENACTMENT	Emergency bill failed to get 2/3 vote
DIED BETWEEN BODIES	House and Senate disagree; bill died
CONF CMTE UNABLE TO AGREE	Committee of Conference formed but unable to agree
VETO SUSTAINED	Legislature filed to override Governor's Veto
UNSIGNED	Not signed by Governor within 10 days
DIED ON ADJOURNMENT	Action incomplete when session ended; bill died

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COMMITTEE REPORT

LV/WD

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

SUMMARY

This bill does the following.

1. It removes the term aesthetic design from those practices that require a licensed architect.
2. It changes the word "preliminary" to the word "final" in describing the various documents defined as technical submissions. Preparation of technical submissions is one of many activities that comprise the practice of architecture as defined in Maine law.
3. Current laws require a license to practice architecture for the designing of all initial construction except for the technical submissions related to initial construction of single or 2-family dwellings and farm buildings. This bill removes all licensing requirements for the practice of architecture on those buildings and includes alterations as well as initial construction in the exemption.
4. It adds public buildings of under 4,000 square feet that are not constructed of reinforced concrete or structural steel to the list of buildings exempted from architectural licensing requirements.
5. Current law exempts from architectural licensing requirements alterations that do not affect the structure of the building and do not require a building permit. This bill eliminates that exemption and exempts, instead, public buildings whose alteration cost does not exceed \$50,000.

LD 2295

An Act to Amend the Laws Governing Respiratory Care Practitioners

PUBLIC 717
EMERGENCY

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COMMITTEE REPORT

OTP-AM

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

H-1001

SUMMARY

In order to allow certain health care institutions to obtain blood samples and conduct laboratory tests, the original bill made specific exemptions to the need to be licensed in order to practice respiratory care.

Committee Amendment "A" eliminates the provision in the original bill and exempts persons who hold a nationally recognized credential in a medical profession and have received formal training. It allows current practitioners 2 years to attain the required credentials and training.