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H.P. 1480

House of Representatives, January 20, 1998

An Act to Amend the Definition of Design Professional.

Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.

Reference to the Committee on Judiciary suggested and ordered printed.

JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative JABAR of Waterville.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follow	Be	it	enacted	bv	the	People	of the	State	of	Maine	as	follow
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-		Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §4594-D, sub-§1, ¶B, as enacted by PL 1989, c	٠,
4	795,	is repealed and the following enacted in its place:	

B. "Design professional" means:

- (1) In reference to a certification provided for any project requiring a mandatory permit under section 4594-F, subsection 8, an architect or professional engineer registered to practice under Title 32; and
- (2) In reference to a certification provided for any project when a permit is sought voluntarily under section 4594-F, subsection 9, an architect, a professional engineer, interior designer or landscape architect registered to practice under Title 32, practicing within the scope of that individual's profession.

22 SUMMARY

This bill resolves a conflict between a definition in the Maine Human Rights Act and provisions of the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 32. The bill adds certified interior designers and landscape architects who are registered and regulated pursuant to Title 32 to the definition of "design professional" in the public accommodations provisions of the Maine Human Rights Act in order to increase the number of professionals available to review and approve plans for building renovations for compliance with the Maine Human Rights Act and the federal Americans with Disabilities Act. The additional professions are included in the definition only in reference to those projects where barrier-free permits are sought voluntarily.