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An Act To Expand Exemptions from Licensing Laws for Professional Engineers

Submitted by the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation pursuant to Joint Rule 204.

Reference to the Committee on Business, Research and Economic Development suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joy J. O'Brien".

JOY J. O'BRIEN
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator BROMLEY of Cumberland.

Cosponsored by Representative CLEARY of Houlton and Senators: COURTNEY of York, PERRY of Penobscot, Representative: RECTOR of Thomaston.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 32 MRSA §1255, sub-§6**, as amended by PL 2005, c. 315, §9, is further
3 amended to read:

4 **6. Subsurface sewage disposal.** Persons who have been licensed by the Department
5 of Health and Human Services pursuant to Title 22, section 42, subsection 3-A, solely for
6 the purpose of work relating to subsurface sewage disposal systems. This exemption does
7 not apply to the board's power to license or to revoke, suspend or refuse to renew the
8 license of any licensee; ~~and~~

9 **Sec. 2. 32 MRSA §1255, sub-§7**, as enacted by PL 2003, c. 34, §1, is amended to
10 read:

11 **7. Person who performs work on certain vessels.** A person who performs work
12 only on vessels under 200 feet long; and

13 **Sec. 3. 32 MRSA §1255, sub-§8** is enacted to read:

14 **8. Persons engaged in design of minor construction.** Persons engaged in the
15 design of the following minor construction do not need to provide stamped and sealed
16 plans and specifications unless specifically required by the code enforcement officer.

17 A. Detached one-family or 2-family residences;

18 B. Farm buildings with an overall floor plan not exceeding 3,000 square feet;

19 C. Single-family bathroom additions or renovations in an existing building if there is
20 no impact on the building's compliance with the National Fire Protection Association
21 Life Safety Code adopted by the Department of Public Safety, Office of the State Fire
22 Marshal;

23 D. Revisions or additions to plumbing systems costing up to \$10,000 if the work has
24 no impact on the building's compliance with the National Fire Protection Association
25 Life Safety Code adopted by the Department of Public Safety, Office of the State Fire
26 Marshal and does not involve roof drains;

27 E. Revisions to existing heating, ventilation and air conditioning systems and design
28 of new heating, ventilation and air conditioning systems if the work has no impact on
29 the building's compliance with the National Fire Protection Association Life Safety
30 Code adopted by the Department of Public Safety, Office of the State Fire Marshal
31 requirements and the project does not include more than one heating, ventilation and
32 air conditioning unit with a maximum cooling capacity of 5 tons or heating capacity
33 of 200,000 BTUs;

34 F. Revisions or additions to structural systems costing up to \$10,000 if the design is
35 in accordance with the tables provided in the International Building Code; and

36 G. Revisions or additions to electrical systems costing up to \$10,000 if the work has
37 no impact on the building's compliance with the National Fire Protection Association
38 Life Safety Code adopted by the Department of Public Safety, Office of the State Fire
39 Marshal.

1 All the work that is done under these exemptions must be in accordance with the
2 licensing requirements of the trade involved, including, but not limited to, all construction
3 industry design standards such as the National Fire Protection Association standards, state
4 and municipal building and energy codes, the State Fire Marshal's requirements and
5 ASHRAE Standard 62 and ASHRAE Standard 90.

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SUMMARY

7 The bill exempts certain persons engaged in certain minor construction from the
8 requirements of the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 32, chapter 19.