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5	STATE OF MAINE
6	SENATE
7	123RD LEGISLATURE
8	FIRST REGULAR SESSION
9	COMMITTEE AMENDMENT " $\mathcal A$ " to S.P. 635, L.D. 1791, Bill, "An Act To
10	Amend the Oil and Solid Fuel Board and Propane and Natural Gas Board Licensing
11	Laws"
12	Amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and before the
13	emergency clause and inserting the following:
14	'Sec. 1. 32 MRSA §2401-B, sub-§2-A is enacted to read:

15 2-A. Limited energy auditor technician. The board may issue a limited energy 16 auditor technician license to a person who presents to the board, at a minimum, satisfactory evidence of relevant training and written and field certification that conform 17 18 to standards established by a nationally recognized building performance industry 19 certification and quality assurance program, the equivalent Maine residential energy 20 auditor certification program or an equivalent training and education program as 21 determined by the board. Privileges of practice are restricted to the performance of 22 combustion safety and efficiency testing on oil-fired space heating or water heating 23 equipment to ensure health and safety standards and do not include any adjustment of oil-24 fired space heating or water heating equipment.

25 Sec. 2. 32 MRSA §14807, sub-§6-A is enacted to read:

26 6-A. Limited energy auditor technician. The board may issue a limited energy 27 auditor technician license to a person who presents to the board, at a minimum, 28 satisfactory evidence of training and written and field certification that conform to the 29 standards established by a nationally recognized building performance industry 30 certification and quality assurance program, the equivalent Maine residential energy 31 auditor certification program or an equivalent training and education program as 32 determined by the board. Privileges of practice are restricted to the performance of 33 combustion safety and efficiency testing on natural gas-fired or propane gas-fired space 34 heating or water heating equipment to ensure health and safety standards and do not 35 include any adjustment of natural or propane gas-fired space heating or water heating 36 equipment.

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Sec. 3. Rules. The Oil and Solid Fuel Board, as established in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 32, chapter 33, subchapter 2, shall adopt emergency rules to implement the provisions of Title 32, section 2401-B, subsection 2-A. The Propane and Natural Gas Board, as established in Title 32, chapter 130, shall adopt emergency rules to implement the provisions of Title 32, section 14807, subsection 6-A. These boards must each adopt those rules within 90 days after the effective date of this Act. Rules adopted under this section are routine technical rules pursuant to Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.'

SUMMARY

9 This amendment retains the bill as an emergency, but replaces the content of the bill. 10 The amendment authorizes the Oil and Solid Fuel Board and the Propane and Natural Gas Board to issue limited energy auditor technician licenses to qualified persons for the 11 purposes of conducting combustion safety and efficiency testing of oil-fired or gas-fired 12 space heating equipment or water heating equipment. These limited licenses do not 13 14 authorize the license holder to make adjustments to oil-fired or gas-fired space heating 15 equipment or water heating equipment. The amendment also directs those boards to adopt 16 emergency routine technical rules to implement these new licensing provisions within 90 17 days after the effective date of this Act.

18FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED19(See attached)

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An Act To Amend the Oil and Solid Fuel Board and Propane and Natural Gas Board Licensing Laws

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" Committee: Business, Research and Economic Development Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

Minor cost increase - Other Special Revenue Funds Undetermined current biennium revenue increase - Other Special Revenue Funds

Fiscal Detail and Notes

Additional costs to the Oil and Solid Fuel Board and the Propane and Natural Gas Board within the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation associated with emergency rulemaking can be absorbed within existing budgeted resources.

Additional revenue to the Oil and Solid Fuel Board and the Propane and Natural Gas Board from licensing and other fees for the limited licenses for energy auditor technicians can not be determined at this time.