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Report C

3   **LABOR, COMMERCE, RESEARCH AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

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5   **STATE OF MAINE**

6   **HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

7   **125TH LEGISLATURE**

8   **FIRST REGULAR SESSION**

9   COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "*B*" to H.P. 591, L.D. 784, Bill, "An Act To Permit
10   Persons To Perform Simple Electrical Repairs under Limited Licenses"

11   Amend the bill by striking out the title and substituting the following:

12   **'Resolve, Directing the Commissioner of Professional and Financial Regulation To**
13   **Convene a Working Group To Review the Proposal for an Exception to the**
14   **Electrician Licensing Requirements for Incidental Work'**

15   Amend the bill by striking out everything after the title and before the summary and
16   inserting the following:

17   **'Sec. 1. Commissioner of Professional and Financial Regulation to**
18   **convene a working group to review the laws governing electricians to**
19   **consider a limited exception for incidental work. Resolved:** That the
20   Commissioner of Professional and Financial Regulation shall convene a working group
21   with the Electricians' Examining Board, established under the Maine Revised Statutes,
22   Title 5, section 12004-A, subsection 13, as well as other interested parties, to review the
23   possible benefits and safety risks in creating a limited exception to the electrician
24   licensing requirements under Title 32, chapter 17 for incidental work performed by
25   persons whose occupations involve miscellaneous jobs of manual labor; and be it further

26   **Sec. 2. Reporting date established. Resolved:** That, no later than January 15,
27   2012, the Commissioner of Professional and Financial Regulation shall submit a report of
28   the findings and recommendations of the working group under section 1 to the Joint
29   Standing Committee on Labor, Commerce, Research and Economic Development. That
30   committee is authorized to introduce a bill based on the report to the Second Regular
31   Session of the 125th Legislature.'

32   **SUMMARY**

33   This amendment replaces the bill with a resolve and is a minority report of the
34   committee. The amendment directs the Commissioner of Professional and Financial
35   Regulation to convene a working group with the Electricians' Examining Board, as well

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1   as other interested parties, to review the possible benefits and safety risks in creating a
2   limited exception to the electrician licensing requirements for incidental work performed
3   by persons whose occupations involve miscellaneous jobs of manual labor. The
4   amendment requires the Commissioner of Professional and Financial Regulation to
5   submit a report no later than January 15, 2012 following the review by the working group
6   to the Joint Standing Committee on Labor, Commerce, Research and Economic
7   Development. It authorizes the Joint Standing Committee on Labor, Commerce,
8   Research and Economic Development to introduce a bill based on the report to the
9   Second Regular Session of the 125th Legislature.

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED
(See attached)

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LD 784   LR 802(03)

An Act To Permit Persons To Perform Simple Electrical Repairs under Limited Licenses

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment "B
Committee: Labor, Commerce, Research and Economic Development
Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

Minor cost increase - Other Special Revenue Funds

Fiscal Detail and Notes

Additional costs to the Electricians' Examining Board within the Office of Licensing and Registration, Department of Professional and Financial Regulation to convene the required working group to conduct the required review and to submit the required report can be absorbed within existing budgeted resources.