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HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Trafton of Auburn

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
FIFTY-THREE

AN ACT Relating to the Practice of Architecture.

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

Sec. 1. R. S., c. 73-A, § 7-A, repealed and replaced. Section 7-A of chapter 73-A of the revised statutes, as enacted by section 2 of chapter 242 of the public laws of 1949, is hereby repealed and the following enacted in place thereof:

'Sec. 7-A. Unregistered persons forbidden to practice architecture. In order to safeguard life, health and property, no person shall practice architecture or hold himself out to practice architecture within the state, or use the title "architect" or call himself an architect or sign drawings or specifications as an architect, unless he shall be duly registered by the board in the manner herein provided and shall thereafter comply with the provisions of this chapter.

As used in this chapter, the practice of architecture shall consist of rendering or offering to render service to clients by consultations, investigation, evaluations, preliminary studies, plans, specifications, contract documents and a coordination of structural factors concerning the aesthetic or structural design and supervision of construction of buildings or any other service in connection with the designing or supervision of construction of buildings located within the state, regardless of whether such persons are

performing one or all of these duties, or whether they are performed in person or as the directing head of an office or organization performing them.'

Sec. 2. R. S., c. 73-A, § 8, repealed and replaced. Section 8 of chapter 73-A of the revised statutes, as enacted by section 1 of chapter 356 of the public laws of 1945, is hereby repealed and the following enacted in place thereof:

'Sec. 8. Exceptions. Nothing in this chapter shall be construed to apply to landscape architects and marine or naval architects when acting within the scope of their profession or occupation, or to officers or employees of the government of the United States while engaged within the state in the practice of architecture for said government, or to any person while in the regular employment of a public utility, or to any person who is qualified under the law to use the title "professional engineer," provided that such person may do such architectural work as is incidental to his engineering work and any person registered hereunder may do such engineering work as is incidental to his architectural work.

Nothing in this chapter shall be construed to prevent any person who is a resident of this state from making a set of drawings or specifications for the occasional or incidental erection or construction of:

- I. Any building or enlargement or alteration thereof intended for occupancy by himself or any person, association or corporation employing him, where the space enclosed does not exceed 30,000 cubic feet calculated by the standards or methods recommended by the American Institute of Architects;
- II. Any building or enlargement or alteration thereof which is to be used for farm purposes;
- III. Any single family residence of any size which is to be used by such person as his home;
- IV. Any remodeling or alteration of existing buildings, not involving structural changes and which do not include additions containing an enclosed space of greater than 30,000 cubic feet calculated as aforesaid, provided such person shall not receive any compensation for making such drawings and specifications.'