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Amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and before the emergency clause and inserting the following:

‘Sec. 1. 32 MRSA §2401-B, sub-§2-A is enacted to read:

2-A. Limited energy auditor technician. The board may issue a limited energy 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 to standards established by a nationally recognized building performance industry certification and quality assurance program, the equivalent Maine residential energy auditor certification program or an equivalent training and education program as determined by the board. Privileges of practice are restricted to the performance of combustion safety and efficiency testing on oil-fired space heating or water heating equipment to ensure health and safety standards and do not include any adjustment of oil-fired space heating or water heating equipment.

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

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

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

This amendment retains the bill as an emergency, but replaces the content of the bill. 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 purposes of conducting combustion safety and efficiency testing of oil-fired or gas-fired space heating equipment or water heating equipment. These limited licenses do not authorize the license holder to make adjustments to oil-fired or gas-fired space heating equipment or water heating equipment. The amendment also directs those boards to adopt

emergency routine technical rules to implement these new licensing provisions within 90 days after the effective date of this Act.

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED
(See attached)