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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to H.P. 801, L.D. 1226, “An Act to Protect Consumers by Licensing Residential Building Contractors”

Amend the bill by inserting after section 10 the following:

'Sec. 11. Transfer from General Fund unappropriated surplus; Office of Professional and Occupational Regulation, Department of Professional and Financial Regulation, fiscal year 2025-26. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the State Controller shall transfer \$620,126 from the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund to the Office of Professional and Occupational Regulation, Other Special Revenue Funds account within the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation no later than October 1, 2025 to support the establishment and start-up costs of the Residential Construction Board established in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 32, section 19802.

Sec. 12. Transfer from General Fund unappropriated surplus; Office of Professional and Occupational Regulation, Department of Professional and Financial Regulation, fiscal year 2026-27. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the State Controller shall transfer \$664,222 from the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund to the Office of Professional and Occupational Regulation, Other Special Revenue Funds account within the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation no later than July 15, 2026 to support the operating costs of the Residential Construction Board established in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 32, section 19802.

Sec. 13. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

PROFESSIONAL AND FINANCIAL REGULATION, DEPARTMENT OF Administrative Services - Professional and Financial Regulation 0094

Initiative: Allocates funds for the general operating costs necessary to support the Residential Construction Board.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2025-26	2026-27
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1	All Other	\$39,702	\$62,028
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3	OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$39,702	\$62,028

4 **Office of Professional and Occupational Regulation 0352**

5 Initiative: Allocates funds for per diem, consulting and related All Other expenses for the
6 Residential Construction Board effective October 1, 2025. It also allocates funds for one
7 Public Service Manager II position, one Paralegal position, one Secretary Specialist
8 position and one Attorney position and associated All Other costs effective October 1, 2025
9 and one Inspector position and one Senior Inspector position and related All Other costs
10 effective January 1, 2027. It also allocates funds for the general operating costs necessary
11 to support both the board and its staff.

12	OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2025-26	2026-27
13	POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	4.000	6.000
14	Personal Services	\$342,189	\$605,919
15	All Other	\$252,623	\$338,397
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17	OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$594,812	\$944,316

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19 **PROFESSIONAL AND FINANCIAL**
20 **REGULATION, DEPARTMENT OF**
21 **DEPARTMENT TOTALS**

22		2025-26	2026-27
23	OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	\$634,514	\$1,006,344
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25	DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	\$634,514	\$1,006,344

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27 Amend the bill by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or section
28 number to read consecutively.

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SUMMARY

30 This amendment is the majority report of the committee. The amendment adds an
31 appropriations and allocations section and language directing the transfer of funds from the
32 General Fund unappropriated surplus to the Department of Professional and Financial
33 Regulation.

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FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED

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(See attached)