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**An Act to Exempt a Person Making Electrical Installations in the Person's Existing Bona Fide Personal Abode from Licensing and Permitting Requirements**

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

**Sec. 1. 32 MRSA §1102-C, sub-§5**, as enacted by PL 2017, c. 198, §6, is amended to read:

**5. Exceptions to the permitting requirement.** In addition to the exception for a newly constructed single-family dwelling set forth in section 1102-D, a permit from the board is not required for:

A. An electrical installation in a single-family dwelling performed by a licensed electrician qualified under this chapter;

A-1. An electrical installation performed by a person making electrical installations in an existing single-family dwelling occupied and owned by that person;

B. The electrical work and equipment employed in connection with the construction, installation, operation, repair or maintenance of any utility by a public utility, or by a contractor working on behalf of a public utility as set forth in section 1102, subsection 1-C, in rendering its authorized service or in any way incidental thereto;

C. The electrical work and equipment employed in connection with an aboveground electric transmission line described in section 1102, subsection 1-B;

D. Minor repair work, including the replacement of lamps, fuses, lighting fixtures, switches and sockets, the installation and repair of outlets, radio and other low-voltage equipment and the repair of service entrance equipment;

E. Electrical installations for which a permit and inspection are required by municipal resolution or ordinance under Title 30-A, section 4173;

F. Any electrical equipment and work, including construction, installation, operation, maintenance and repair in or about industrial or manufacturing facilities;

G. Any electrical equipment and work, including construction, installation, operation, maintenance and repair in, on or about other properties, equipment or buildings,

residential or of any other kind, owned or operated by a person engaged in industrial or manufacturing operations provided that the work is done under the supervision of an electrical engineer or master electrician in the employ of that person;

H. Work performed by any person licensed under chapter 139 as an oil burner technician, subject to the restrictions of the license as issued;

I. Work performed by a person licensed under chapter 139 as a propane and natural gas installer, when installing propane and natural gas utilization equipment, subject to the restrictions of that person's license;

J. Work performed by a person licensed under chapter 49 as a plumber, except that this exception applies only to disconnection and connection of electrical conductors required in the replacement of water pumps and water heaters of the same or smaller size in residential properties; or

K. Work performed by a person licensed under chapter 69-C as a pump installer, except that this exception applies only to disconnection and connection of electrical conductors required in the replacement of water pumps of the same or smaller size in residential properties and the installation of new water pumps and associated equipment of 3 horsepower or smaller.

**Sec. 2. 32 MRSA §1201-A, sub-§11**, as amended by PL 2011, c. 691, Pt. A, §34, is further amended to read:

**11. Wastewater treatment plants.** Wastewater treatment plants, as defined in section 4171, and regular employees of wastewater treatment plants making electrical installations in or about wastewater treatment plants; or

**Sec. 3. 32 MRSA §1201-A, sub-§12**, as enacted by PL 2011, c. 691, Pt. A, §35, is amended to read:

**12. Incidental work.** Regular employees of an owner or a lessee of real property doing incidental electrical work on that property or incidental electrical work by a person whose occupation involves miscellaneous jobs of manual labor. For purposes of this subsection, "incidental electrical work" means minor electrical work, limited to light fixtures and switches, that occurs by chance and that does not require electrical installation calculations; or

**Sec. 4. 32 MRSA §1201-A, sub-§13** is enacted to read:

**13. Personal abode.** Notwithstanding the requirements set forth in section 1102-D for electrical installations in newly constructed single-family dwellings, a person making electrical installations in an existing single-family dwelling occupied and owned by that person, as long as the installation conforms with the standards of the National Electrical Code or other standards approved by the board.