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An Act To Clarify Laws Concerning the Registration of Professional Engineers

Reference to the Committee on Labor, Commerce, Research and Economic Development suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "R B. Hunt".

ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

Presented by Representative ROTUNDO of Lewiston.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 32 MRSA §1357**, as amended by PL 2013, c. 296, §6, is further amended
3 to read:

4 **§1357. Expiration and renewals**

5 Licenses expire on the last day of December of odd-numbered years following their
6 issuance or renewal and become invalid on that date unless renewed. The board shall
7 notify every person licensed under this chapter of the date of the expiration of that
8 person's license and the amount of the fee that is required for its renewal for a 2-year
9 period, except when the applicant has become licensed during the first year of the 2-year
10 period, then the renewal fee is for the remaining one year of that 2-year period. The
11 notice must be provided at least one month in advance of the date of the expiration of the
12 license. Renewal may be effected at any time after completion of continuing education
13 requirements and after receipt of notice by the payment of a fee established by rule by the
14 board, which may not exceed \$50 annually. Licenses may be renewed up to ~~90 days~~ 5
15 years after the date of expiration upon payment of a late fee of \$10 for each quarter
16 elapsed since the date of expiration in addition to the applicable renewal ~~fee~~ fees. Any
17 person who submits an application for renewal more than 90 days after the license
18 renewal date and has held a license for less than 10 years is subject to all requirements
19 governing new applicants under this chapter, except that the board may in its discretion,
20 giving due consideration to the protection of the public, waive examination if the renewal
21 application is made within ~~3~~ 4 years from the date of the expiration.

22 **Sec. 2. Retroactivity.** This Act applies retroactively to January 1, 2011.

23 **SUMMARY**

24 This bill, retroactive to January 1, 2011, preserves the rights of holders of
25 professional engineer licenses by allowing an engineer whose license has expired to
26 renew that license up to 5 years after the date of expiration and, as long as the engineer
27 had previously held a license as a professional engineer for at least 10 years, to forgo the
28 licensure requirements otherwise applicable for a former licensee who is seeking license
29 renewal after 90 days have elapsed, which are the same requirements applicable to new
30 applicants.