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132ND LEGISLATURE
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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to H.P. 915, L.D. 1393, “An Act to Require Continuing Education for Licensed Architects”

Amend the bill in section 1 in §224-B in subsection 1 in the first line (page 1, line 4 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "As" and inserting the following: 'Beginning July 1, 2026, as'

Amend the bill in section 1 in §224-B by striking out all of subsection 2 (page 1, lines 14 to 21 in L.D.) and inserting the following:

'2. Exemption. An architect who receives an initial license to practice architecture from any jurisdiction, including a foreign jurisdiction, is exempt from the requirements of subsection 1 for 2 years from the date of issuance of that initial license, as long as the architect has not been previously licensed by any jurisdiction, including a foreign jurisdiction, for a period of 2 or more years.'

Amend the bill by inserting after section 1 the following:

'Sec. 2. 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 administrative costs of adding one Office Specialist I position to manage the newly established continuing education requirements for licensed architects.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2025-26	2026-27
All Other	\$11,117	\$14,685
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$11,117	\$14,685
Office of Professional and Occupational Regulation 0352		

Initiative: Allocates funds for one Office Specialist I position and related All Other costs to manage the newly established continuing education requirements for licensed architects.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2025-26	2026-27
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1.000	1.000
Personal Services	\$63,613	\$91,572
All Other	\$16,187	\$15,588
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$79,800	\$107,160

**PROFESSIONAL AND FINANCIAL
REGULATION, DEPARTMENT OF
DEPARTMENT TOTALS**

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2025-26	2026-27
DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	\$90,917	\$121,845

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

SUMMARY

This amendment, which is the majority report of the committee, establishes a start date for the Maine State Board for Licensure of Architects, Landscape Architects and Interior Designers to begin requiring continuing education prerequisites for the renewal of architect licenses. It also removes the exemption from continuing education requirements for a retired licensed architect.

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED

(See attached)