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FIRST REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to S.P. 498, L.D. 1443, Bill, “An Act To Update Professional and Occupational Licensing Laws”

Amend the bill in Part B in section 2 in the 3rd line (page 2, line 15 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "no more than 2 manufactured homes annually" and inserting the following: 'manufactured homes'

Amend the bill in Part B in section 6 by striking out all of the last 3 lines (page 3, lines 18 to 20 in L.D.) and inserting the following: "Manufactured housing" does not include modular homes constructed at an educational facility by students pursuant to rules adopted by the board;"

Amend the bill in Part B in section 10 in the first paragraph in the 4th line (page 4, line 5 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "home" and inserting the following: 'home housing unit'

Amend the bill in Part B in section 10 in the first paragraph in the 5th and 6th lines (page 4, lines 6 and 7 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "~~mobile~~ manufactured home" and inserting the following: 'mobile home manufactured housing unit'

Amend the bill in Part B in section 19 in subsection 4 in the 6th line (page 6, line 12 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "~~Affixation~~ Attaching" and inserting the following: 'Affixation'

Amend the bill in Part B by striking out all of section 25.

Amend the bill in Part C by striking out all of sections 2 and 3 and inserting the following:

**'Sec. C-2. 32 MRSA §1503-A**, as amended by PL 2007, c. 402, Pt. J, §11, is further amended to read:

**§1503-A. Practitioner trainee**

The board may issue a practitioner trainee license to an individual seeking to obtain the necessary experience to be licensed as a practitioner of funeral service. An individual

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1 who receives a practitioner trainee license shall register with the Maine Apprenticeship  
2 Program established under Title 26, section 3202 and complete 2,000 hours of training  
3 with a funeral establishment approved by the board under the instruction and supervision  
4 of a licensed funeral practitioner who is actively engaged in that practice.

5 ~~In order for any person to receive credit for time served as a practitioner trainee, that~~  
6 ~~person must have served 2,000 hours of employment with a funeral establishment~~  
7 ~~approved by the State Board of Funeral Service under the instruction and supervision of a~~  
8 ~~person licensed for the practice of funeral service and actively engaged in that practice,~~  
9 ~~and must be licensed as a practitioner trainee with the board. Upon terminating~~  
10 employment, the practitioner trainee shall notify the board immediately, giving the date  
11 of termination. The practitioner trainee must repeat this procedure with all subsequent  
12 employers, accurately showing the dates of beginning and of terminating apprenticeship  
13 employment. Before a funeral service license may be issued, the practitioner trainee must  
14 file with the board a certification of the trainee time served, signed by the practitioner  
15 trainee's employer or employers, before a notary public. Practitioner trainee requirements  
16 are satisfied in the case of an applicant who presents proof of present licensure as a  
17 practitioner of funeral service in another state at the time application is made for licensure  
18 as a practitioner of funeral service in this State.'

19 Amend the bill in Part D in section 1 in subsection 5 in the 4th line (page 13, line 12  
20 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "person, ~~firm or corporation~~" and inserting the  
21 following: 'person, ~~firm or corporation~~ individual'

22 Amend the bill in Part D by inserting after section 1 the following:

23 '**Sec. D-2. 32 MRSA §3301, sub-§6**, as amended by PL 1999, c. 386, Pt. L, §1, is  
24 further amended to read:

25 **6. Trainee plumber.** "Trainee plumber" means any person who is engaged in  
26 assisting in making plumbing installations under the direct supervision of a one or more  
27 licensed journeyman plumber or master plumber plumbers or licensed master plumbers,  
28 whether for the purpose of learning the trade or otherwise.'

29 Amend the bill in Part D in section 4 by striking out all of subsection 3 (page 14,  
30 lines 12 to 18 in L.D.) and inserting the following:

31 **3. Trainee license.** The board may issue a trainee plumber license without  
32 examination to any person who submits a written application on a form supplied by the  
33 board with the required fee set under section 3501-B and who provides satisfactory  
34 evidence that the person ~~has entered the employ of~~ is employed by a licensed master  
35 plumber ~~to or an entity that employs a licensed master plumber or plumbers and will~~  
36 assist the licensed master plumber or plumbers as a ~~plumber's~~ trainee plumber. ~~Any~~  
37 ~~person employed as a trainee plumber shall apply for a license within 10 business days~~  
38 ~~after the day the person commences employment.'~~

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

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**SUMMARY**

This amendment, which is the unanimous report of the committee, makes several technical changes to the language of the bill and:

1. Expands exemption from the laws governing the Manufactured Housing Board for student-built modular homes created in the bill by applying the exemption to education programs that build more than 2 modular homes annually in accordance with board rules;
2. Clarifies that a practitioner trainee licensed by the State Board of Funeral Service must register with the Department of Labor's Maine Apprenticeship Program; and
3. Clarifies that a trainee plumber licensed by the Plumbers' Examining Board may work under the direct supervision of more than one licensed journeyman or master plumber and may be employed by either a master plumber or an entity that also employs a licensed master plumber or plumbers.