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Licenses are a good thing but it does not prevent people from performing undocumented work. Unless the license is policed it has no merit. The audit process in place for other licenses is not proper policing. Namely property preservation as an example. Most are not licensed in that field and continue to work today. Adding the license did not accomplish anything. The proposed license is good however, education must be offered in each category and testing required after class. Same as lead paint required. Asking people to take a test for what requirements you have placed in this bill is wrong. A tiler for example has not idea what the requirements are for plumbing or the rest of the house. Or a painter shouldn't be required to know about insulation for example r21 in 2x6 walls. In the same respect that knowledge still isn't protecting the consumer. If that person doesn't know how to run a business and falls behind the 8 ball.

(We are for licensing just not as written. Instead offer courses and make them required to practice as a contractor in Maine. Just like the lead based paint requirements. You will get a lot further with education.)