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Testimony of Rep. Tiffany Roberts presenting

**LD 545, An Act to Exempt a Person Making Electrical Installations in the
Person's Existing Bona Fide Personal Abode from Licensing and Permitting
Requirements**

Before the Joint Standing Committee on Labor

Good afternoon, Senator Tipping, Representative Roeder and members of the Committee on Labor. I am Representative Tiffany Roberts, and I represent House District 149 which includes parts of North and South Berwick. I am pleased to be here today as the sponsor of DPFR's bill **LD 545, An Act to Exempt a Person Making Electrical Installations in the Person's Existing Bona Fide Personal Abode from Licensing and Permitting Requirements.**

Thank you for the opportunity to be here today as the sponsor of this bill. As you know, I was the House Chair of the IDEA committee and worked closely with DPFR on a range of licensing issues, including issues related to electrician licensing.

This is a common sense bill seeking to make a common sense change. It would reinstate an inadvertent omission of an exception to the licensing and permitting laws permitting an individual to do electrical work on the house they plan to own and occupy. The exception was inadvertently omitted during drafting of another change to the law in 2017. This bill merely seeks to reinstate that commonsense exception.

Thank you for your attention. I would be happy to answer any questions, but I would recommend that you wait until the representative of the Department shares more information about the bill.