

2022 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 737

BY REPRESENTATIVE DUPLESSIS

CONTRACTORS/CONSTRUCTION: Provides relative to construction and repair of accessory dwelling units used as personal residences

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 37:2170(A)(1), relative to construction and repair of residential
3 dwellings; to provide for the meaning of the term personal residence in certain laws
4 pertaining to contractors; to provide that such term shall encompass residential
5 structures known as accessory dwelling units; and to provide for related matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 37:2170(A)(1) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

8 §2170. Exceptions

9 A. There are excepted from the provisions of this Chapter:

10 (1)(a) Owners of property who supervise, superintend, oversee, direct, or in
11 any manner assume charge of the construction, alteration, repair, improvement,
12 movement, demolition, putting up, tearing down, or maintenance of their personal
13 residences, provided the homeowner does not build more than one residence per
14 year. The one-year period shall commence on the date of occupancy of the
15 residence. However, an owner of property may build more than one personal
16 residence in a one-year period if the construction of an additional residence occurs
17 as a result of a change in the legal marital status of the owner or change in the
18 employment status of the owner whereby the owner must relocate to another
19 employment location, which is located in excess of fifty miles from his personal
20 residence.

1 (b) For purposes of this Paragraph, the term "personal residence" shall
2 encompass a house or apartment that shares the building lot of a larger, primary
3 home and that meets any applicable criteria necessary to be classified by the board
4 as an accessory dwelling unit.

DIGEST

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Abstract: Includes accessory dwelling units within the definition of "personal residence" for purposes of certain laws relative to contractors.

Present law relative to contractors provides a limited authorization for self-contracting by owners of property who supervise, superintend, oversee, direct, or in any manner assume charge of the construction, alteration, repair, improvement, movement, demolition, putting up, tearing down, or maintenance of their personal residences.

Proposed law provides that for purposes of present law providing this authorization, the term "personal residence" shall include a house or apartment that shares the building lot of a larger, primary home and that meets any applicable criteria necessary to be classified by the State Licensing Board for Contractors as an accessory dwelling unit.

(Amends R.S. 37:2170(A)(1))