

ACT No. 145

2022 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 305

BY REPRESENTATIVE GADBERRY

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 37:701(I), relative to the Louisiana Professional Engineering and Land
3 Surveying Board; to provide for the incidental practice of engineering by architects;
4 to provide for the scope of practice for architects engaging in incidental engineering
5 work; to provide for certain conditions; and to provide for related matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 37:701(I) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

8 §701. Public and private work; application of provisions

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10 I. An architect as defined in R.S. 37:141(B)(1) has a right to engage in
11 certain activities that fall within the definition of the practice of engineering as
12 defined in R.S. 37:682, but only to the extent such activities are necessarily
13 incidental to the architect's practice of architecture as defined in R.S. 37:141(B)(3).
14 Such incidental engineering work is limited to minor mechanical, electrical, or civil-
15 structural engineering work necessarily incidental to the architect's practice of
16 architecture. The incidental engineering work shall be of a secondary nature and
17 shall be substantially less in scope and magnitude when compared to the architectural
18 portion of the work. Incidental engineering work includes additions, renovations, or
19 alterations that do not require significant adjustments to the engineering calculations
20 for the changes to the engineering systems or components. The incidental
21 engineering work shall be safely and competently performed by the architect without
22 jeopardizing the life, health, property, or welfare of the public. The incidental

1 engineering work shall also satisfy all of the following conditions for new
2 construction or additions:

3 (1) For new construction, the total proposed occupant load for the new
4 construction shall not exceed two hundred ninety-nine individuals for assembly
5 occupancy and forty-nine individuals for all other occupancies. The occupant load
6 shall be defined and determined by the method set forth in the currently enforced
7 building code.

8 (2) For additions, the total proposed occupant load for the addition shall not
9 exceed two hundred ninety-nine individuals for assembly occupancy and forty-nine
10 individuals for all other occupancies. The occupant load shall be defined and
11 determined by the method set forth in the currently enforced building code.

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____