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HOUSE BILL NO. 362

BY REPRESENTATIVE SIMON

Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

BUILDING CODES: Provides relative to exemptions to the licensing and registration requirement for architects

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 37:155(A)(4)(c) and (f)(i) and (ii) and (5), relative to architects;
3 to provide for exemptions to the licensing and registration requirement for architects;
4 and to provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 37:155(A)(4)(c) and (f)(i) and (ii) and (5) are hereby amended and
7 reenacted to read as follows:

8 §155. Exemptions

9 A. The provisions of this Chapter, except as provided in this Section,
10 requiring persons to be registered and licensed and forbidding the practice of
11 architecture by unlicensed persons shall not apply to:

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13 (4) Persons acting as designers for:

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15 (c) Renovations or alterations of any size building which do not affect the
16 structural integrity; or life safety, ~~exclusive of building finishes and furnishings~~, or
17 which have been preapproved by the state fire marshal where life safety is affected
18 ~~and does not exceed one hundred and twenty-five thousand dollars~~. "Life safety" as
19 used in this Subsection shall be governed by the interpretation of the state fire
20 marshal in accordance with the authority of R.S. 40:1561 et seq.

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1	(f)(i) Occupancy Classification <u>Classifications and</u> Gross Floor Area Sq. Ft.	
2	Storage	6250
3	Factory= Industrial <u>and Industrial</u>	5000
4	Mercantile, Business and Multiple-Family Residential	4000
5	<u>Residential</u>	<u>4000</u>
6	Education and Institutional	2500
7	<u>Institutional</u>	<u>2500</u>
8	Hazardous <u>High Hazard</u>	1500
9	Assembly: of concentrated use	2650
10	Assembly: of less concentrated use <u>Business</u>	4000
11	<u>Utility and Maintenance</u>	<u>5000</u>

12 (ii) Occupancy classifications; and gross floor area; areas ~~and assembly~~
 13 ~~occupancies of concentrated use and less concentrated use~~ are as defined in the
 14 ~~Standard Building Code 1985 Edition~~ current editions of the codes which comprise
 15 the state uniform construction code and which are identified in R.S. 40:1730.28.

16 (5) Routine maintenance projects ~~costing not more than eighty thousand~~
 17 ~~dollars on any public building or ground~~ that do not exceed the contract limit for
 18 public bidding as defined in R.S. 38:2212(A)(1)(d).

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20 Section 2. If any provision of this Act or the application thereof is held invalid, such
 21 invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications of this Act which can be given
 22 effect without the invalid provisions or applications, and to this end the provisions of this
 23 Act are hereby declared severable.

24 Section 3. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not
 25 signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature
 26 by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If
 27 vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become
 28 effective on the day following such approval.

DIGEST

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Abstract: Establishes exemptions to the licensing and registration requirements for architects.

Present law provides that the provisions of present law, except as provided in present law, requiring persons to be registered and licensed and forbidding the practice of architecture by unlicensed persons shall not apply to:

- (1) Persons acting as designers for:
 - (a) Renovations or alterations of any size building which do not affect the structural integrity or life safety, exclusive of building finishes and furnishings, or which have been preapproved by the state fire marshal where life safety is affected and does not exceed \$125,000. "Life safety" as used in present law shall be governed by the interpretation of the state fire marshal in accordance with the authority of present law.
 - (b)(i)

Occupancy Classification	Gross Floor Area Sq. Ft.
Storage	6250
Factory--Industrial	5000
Mercantile, Business and Multiple-Family Residential	4000
Education and Institutional	2500
Hazardous	1500
Assembly: of concentrated use	2650
Assembly: of less concentrated use	4000
 - (ii) Occupancy classifications, gross floor area, and assembly occupancies of concentrated use and less concentrated use are as defined in the Standard Building Code 1985 Edition.
- (2) Routine maintenance projects costing not more than \$80,000 on any public building or ground.

Proposed law provides that the provisions of proposed law, except as provided in proposed law, requiring persons to be registered and licensed and forbidding the practice of architecture by unlicensed persons shall not apply to:

- (1) Persons acting as designers for:
 - (a) Renovations or alterations of any size building which do not affect the structural integrity or life safety, or which have been preapproved by the state fire marshal where life safety is affected. "Life safety" as used in present law

shall be governed by the interpretation of the state fire marshal in accordance with the authority of present law.

(b)(i) Occupancy Classifications	Gross Floor Area Sq. Ft.
Storage	6250
Factory and Industrial	5000
Mercantile	4000
Residential	4000
Education	2500
Institutional	2500
High Hazard	1500
Assembly	2650
Business	4000
Utility and Maintenance	5000

(ii) Occupancy classifications and gross floor areas are as defined in the current editions of the codes which comprise the state uniform construction code and which are identified in present law.

(2) Routine maintenance projects that do not exceed the contract limit for public bidding as defined in present law.

Proposed law provides that the provisions of proposed law are severable.

Effective upon signature of governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Amends R.S. 37:155(A)(4)(c) and (f)(i) and (ii) and (5))