SENATE BILL NO. 396

BY SENATOR MCMATH

1   AN ACT

2   To amend and reenact R.S. 37:155(A)(2), relative to architects; to provide relative to the

3   State Board of Architectural Examiners; to provide for licensing and registration

4   requirements; to provide for exemptions; to provide relative to terms, conditions,

5   requirements, proceedings, and procedures; and to provide for related matters.

6   Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7   Section 1. R.S. 37:155(A)(2) is hereby amended and 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   (2)**(a) Subject to the provisions of Subsection B of this Section,** ~~Civil~~ **civil**

14   engineers licensed in accordance with the terms of R.S. 37:681 through 703 or acts

15   amendatory thereto, if such engineers do not use the designation "architect" or any

16   term derived ~~therefrom.~~ **therefrom, working on a building included in the**

17   **following occupancy classifications listed herein:**

18   **(i) For Factory Industrial and Storage, the total proposed occupant load**

19   **shall be unlimited.**

20   **(ii) For High Hazard, the total proposed occupant load shall not exceed**

21   **two hundred ninety-nine occupants. The occupant load shall be defined and**

22   **determined by the method set forth in the currently enforced building code.**

23   **(iii) For Utility and Miscellaneous, the total proposed occupant load shall**

24   **not exceed two hundred ninety-nine occupants. The occupant load shall be**

25   **defined and determined by the method set forth in the currently enforced**

26   **building code.**

1   **(b) The provisions of this Paragraph shall not apply to any civil engineer**

2   **working on a building included in the following occupancy classifications:**

3   **Mercantile, Residential, Educational, Institutional, Assembly, or Business.**

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5   Section 2. This Act shall become effective on July 1, 2025.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____

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