2024 Regular Session SENATE BILL NO. 396 **ACT No. 104**

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BY SENATOR MCMATH

| 1 | AN ACT |
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| 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. |

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

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____