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### **An Act To Ensure Safety across Maine's Construction Industry**

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ROBERT B. HUNT  
Clerk

Presented by Representative SYLVESTER of Portland.

1 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:**

2 **Sec. 1. 26 MRSA §1304, sub-§3-A** is enacted to read:

3 **3-A. Craft worker.** "Craft worker" means a person who possesses experience and  
4 proficiency in a trade involved in building construction.

5 **Sec. 2. 26 MRSA §1317** is enacted to read:

6 **§1317. Construction safety training requirements for craft workers**

7 A contractor or subcontractor employing craft workers in the construction of public  
8 works shall require mandatory safety training for all craft workers in accordance with the  
9 requirements of this section.

10 **1. Mandatory safety training.** A contractor or subcontractor employing craft workers  
11 in the construction of public works shall require that all craft workers on the construction  
12 work site have completed a construction safety training program that uses a curriculum  
13 approved by the United States Department of Labor, Occupational Safety and Health  
14 Administration and is at least 10 hours in duration.

15 **2. Proof of compliance.** A contractor or subcontractor shall complete and submit to  
16 the Department of Labor as part of the contractor's or subcontractor's regular certified  
17 payroll submission process a signed statement of compliance that each craft worker has  
18 completed the training required in subsection 1.

19 **3. Posting of affidavit on job site.** A contractor or subcontractor shall post in a  
20 conspicuous location at each job site a signed affidavit that the contractor or subcontractor  
21 has met the requirements of this section.

22 **4. Issuance of a cease operations order.** The Commissioner of Labor or the  
23 commissioner's designee may order a contractor or subcontractor to cease business  
24 operations if the commissioner or the commissioner's designee determines:

25 A. The contractor or subcontractor has failed to comply with this section; or

26 B. The commissioner or the commissioner's designee has previously determined that  
27 the contractor's or subcontractor's practice or policy resulted in a failure to comply with  
28 this section on more than one occasion or within the last 12 months.

29 The commissioner or the commissioner's designee shall provide the contractor or  
30 subcontractor notice and an opportunity to be heard 3 business days before the effective  
31 date of a cease operations order issued pursuant to this subsection. The issuance of a cease  
32 operations order constitutes final agency action. The commissioner or the commissioner's  
33 designee shall design the cease operations order as narrowly as is determined necessary.  
34 Any person who is aggrieved by the imposition of a cease operations order has 10 days  
35 from the date of service of the order to make a request to the commissioner or the  
36 commissioner's designee for a hearing. The hearing must be held within 7 business days  
37 of the request. The hearing officer shall issue a decision within 5 business days of the  
38 hearing.

39 If a contractor or subcontractor refuses to obey an order to cease operations, that order may  
40 be enforced in Superior Court.

