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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

The **Home Improvement** contracting definition and exception for State of Louisiana contractor licensing law regarding homeowners are as follows:

R.S. 37:2150.1 (7) "Home improvement contracting" means the reconstruction, alteration, renovation, repair, modernization, conversion, improvement, removal, or demolition, or the construction of an addition to any pre-existing owner occupied building which building is used or designed to be used as a residence or dwelling unit, or to structures which are adjacent to such residence or building. "Home improvement contracting" shall not include services rendered gratuitously."

RS 37:2175.5. Home improvement contracting;exceptions

A. The following persons are excepted from the provisions of this Part:

(2) (a) A homeowner who physically performs the home improvement work on his personal residence.

The **Residential** definition and exception for State of Louisiana contractor licensing law regarding homeowners are as follows:

R.S. 37:2150.1 (11) "Residential building contractor" means any corporation, partnership, or individual who constructs a fixed building or structure for sale for use by another as a residence or who, for a price, commission, fee, wage, or other compensation, undertakes or offers to undertake the construction or superintending of the construction of any building or structure which is not more than three floors in height, to be used by another as a residence, when the cost of the undertaking exceeds seventyfive thousand dollars. The term "residential building contractor" includes all contractors, subcontractors, architects, and engineers who receive an additional fee for the employment or direction of labor, or any other work beyond the normal architectural or engineering services. "Residential building contractor" also means any person performing home improvement contracting as provided for in Paragraph (7) of this Section when the cost of the undertaking exceeds seventy-five thousand dollars. It shall not include the manufactured housing industry or those persons engaged in building residential structures that are mounted on metal chassis and wheels.

R.S. 37:2170. Exceptions

A. There are excepted from the provisions of this Chapter:

(1) Owners of property who supervise, superintend, oversee, direct, or in any manner assume charge of the construction, alteration, repair, improvement, movement, demolition, putting up, tearing down, or maintenance of their personal residences, provided the homeowner does not build more than one residence per year.

Please let me know if you have further questions or need further assistance.

Sincerely,

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