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BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:

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*Section 1.* AS 08.48.331(a) is amended to read:

(a) This chapter does not apply to

(1) a contractor performing work designed by a professional architect, engineer, or landscape architect or the supervision of the construction of the work as a supervisor or superintendent for a contractor;

(2) workers in building trades crafts, earthwork, grounds keeping, or nursery operations, and superintendents, supervisors, or inspectors in the performance of their customary duties;

(3) an officer or employee of the United States government practicing architecture, engineering, land surveying, or landscape architecture as required by the
person's official capacity;

(4) an employee or a subordinate of a person registered under this chapter if the work or service is done under the direct supervision of a person registered under this chapter;

(5) associates, consultants, or specialists retained by a registered individual, a partnership of registered individuals, a corporation, a limited liability company, or a limited liability partnership authorized to practice architecture, engineering, land surveying, or landscape architecture under this chapter, in the performance of professional services if responsible charge of the work remains with the individual, the partnership, or a designated representative of the corporation, limited liability company, or limited liability partnership;

(6) a person preparing drawings or specifications for

(A) a building for the person's own use and occupancy as a single family residence and related site work for that building;

(B) farm or ranch buildings and their grounds unless the public health, safety, or welfare is involved;

(C) a building that is intended to be used only as a residence by not more than

(i) four families and that is not more than two stories high and the grounds of the building; or

(ii) two families and that is not more than three stories high and the grounds of the building, if the building is located in a municipality that has adopted a building or residential code that applies to the building and if the building complies with the building or residential code;

(D) a garage, workshop, or similar building that contains less than 2,000 square feet of floor space to be used for a private noncommercial purpose and the grounds of the building;

(7) a specialty contractor licensed under AS 08.18 while engaged in the business of construction contracting or designing systems for work within the specialty to be performed or supervised by the specialty contractor, or a contractor
preparing shop or field drawings for work that the specialty contractor has contracted 
to perform;

(8) a person furnishing drawings, specifications, instruments of 
service, or other data for alterations or repairs to a building or its grounds that do not 
change or affect the structural system or the safety of the building, or that do not affect 
the public health, safety, or welfare;

(9) a person who is employed by a postsecondary educational 
institution to teach engineering, architectural, or landscape architectural courses; in 
this paragraph, "postsecondary educational institution" has the meaning given in 
AS 14.48.210;

(10) an officer or employee of an individual, firm, partnership, 
association, utility, corporation, limited liability company, or limited liability 
partnership, who practices engineering involved in the operation of the employer's 
business only, and further provided that neither the employee nor the employer offers 
engineering services to the public; exclusions under this paragraph do not apply to 
buildings or structures whose primary use is public occupancy;

(11) a person while involved in revegetation, restoration, reclamation, 
rehabilitation, or erosion control for disturbed land;

(12) a person while maintaining or directing the placement of plant 
material;

(13) an employee, officer, or agent of a regulatory agency of the state 
or a municipality when reviewing drawings and specifications for compliance with the 
building codes of the state or a municipality if the drawings and specifications have 
been signed and sealed by a professional architect or professional engineer or the 
preparation of the drawings and specifications is exempt under this section from the 
requirements of this chapter; in this paragraph, "building codes" includes codes 
relating to building, mechanical, plumbing, electrical, and fire standards.