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HOUSE BILL **1305**

AN ACT relative to the definition of asbestos abatement.

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COMMITTEE: Environment and Agriculture

ANALYSIS

This bill excludes certain activities from the definition of asbestos abatement.

Explanation: Matter added to current law appears in ***bold italics***.
Matter removed from current law appears ~~[in brackets and struckthrough.]~~
Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Fourteen

AN ACT relative to the definition of asbestos abatement.

Be it Enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened:

1 1 Asbestos Abatement; Definition. Amend RSA 141-E:2, II to read as follows:

2 II. **(a)** “Asbestos abatement” means any of the following activities:

3 ~~[(a)]~~ **(1)** The wrecking or removal of any load-supporting structural member containing
4 or covered by RACM, as defined in paragraph VII;

5 ~~[(b)]~~ **(2)** The encapsulation, coating, binding, or resurfacing of structural members, walls,
6 ceilings, or other building surfaces, or ducts, pipes, boilers, tanks, reactors, furnaces, or other vessels
7 containing RACM for the purpose of minimizing the potential for fiber release;

8 ~~[(c)]~~ **(3)** The construction of airtight enclosures by the use of impact resistant materials to
9 isolate surfaces coated or containing RACM;

10 ~~[(d)]~~ **(4)** The removal or stripping of RACM from structural members, walls, ceilings, or
11 other building surfaces, or ducts, pipes, boilers, tanks, reactors, furnaces, or other vessels; and

12 ~~[(e)]~~ **(5)** The repair of RACM to minimize the likelihood of fiber release from damaged
13 areas. Repair may include, but shall not be limited to, application of duct tape, rewettable glass
14 cloth, canvas, cement, or other suitable materials to seal exposed areas where asbestos fibers may be
15 released, or repair of damaged, previously encapsulated, RACM with non-asbestos substitutes; and
16 re-encapsulation or repair of enclosures around RACM.

17 **(b)** *“Asbestos abatement” shall not include inspections to determine the presence*
18 *of asbestos for any project involving construction after 1994 nor inspections of any project*
19 *to determine the presence of asbestos under 750 square feet.*

20 2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.