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CHAMBER ACTION

Senate

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1 Representative Altman offered the following:

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3 **Amendment (with title amendment)**

4 Between line(s) 30 and 31, insert:

5 Section 1. Section 481.221, Florida Statutes, is amended
6 to read:

7 481.221 Seals; display of certificate number.--

8 (1) The board shall prescribe, by rule, one or more forms
9 of distinctively different seals to be used by registered
10 architects ~~and interior designers, respectively,~~ holding valid
11 certificates of registration.

12 ~~(a)~~ Each registered architect shall obtain one ~~an~~
13 ~~impression-type metal seal~~ in a form approved by rule of the
14 board and may, in addition, register her or his seal
15 electronically in accordance with ss. 668.001-668.006., ~~and All~~
16 final construction documents and instruments of service which

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17 include drawings, plans, specifications, or reports prepared or
18 issued by the registered architect and being filed for public
19 record shall bear the signature and seal of the registered
20 architect who prepared or approved the document and the date on
21 which they were sealed. The signature, date, and seal shall be
22 evidence of the authenticity of that to which they are affixed.
23 Final plans, specifications, or reports prepared or issued by a
24 registered architect may be transmitted electronically and may
25 be signed by the registered architect, dated, and sealed
26 electronically with such seal in accordance with ss. 668.001-
27 668.006.

28 (2)(b) The board shall prescribe, by rule, distinctly
29 different seals to be used by registered interior designers
30 holding valid certificates of registration. Each registered
31 interior designer shall obtain a seal as prescribed by the
32 board, and all drawings, plans, specifications, or reports
33 prepared or issued by the registered interior designer and being
34 filed for public record shall bear the signature and seal of the
35 registered interior designer who prepared or approved the
36 document and the date on which they were sealed. The signature,
37 date, and seal shall be evidence of the authenticity of that to
38 which they are affixed.

39 (3)(2) No registered architect shall affix, or permit to
40 be affixed, her or his seal or signature to any final
41 construction document or instrument of service which includes
42 any plan, specification, drawing, or other document which
43 depicts work which she or he is not competent to perform.

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44 ~~(4)~~~~(3)~~ No registered interior designer shall affix, or
45 permit to be affixed, her or his seal or signature to any plan,
46 specification, drawing, or other document which depicts work
47 which she or he is not competent or licensed to perform.

48 ~~(5)~~~~(4)~~ No registered architect shall affix her or his
49 signature or seal to any final construction document or
50 instrument of service which includes drawings, plans,
51 specifications, or architectural documents which were not
52 prepared by her or him or under her or his responsible
53 supervising control or by another registered architect and
54 reviewed, approved, or modified and adopted by her or him as her
55 or his own work according to rules adopted by the board.

56 ~~(6)~~~~(5)~~ No registered interior designer shall affix her or
57 his signature or seal to any plans, specifications, or other
58 documents which were not prepared by her or him or under her or
59 his responsible supervising control or by another registered
60 interior designer and reviewed, approved, or modified and
61 adopted by her or him as her or his own work according to rules
62 adopted by the board.

63 ~~(7)~~~~(6)~~ Final construction documents or instruments of
64 service which include plans, drawings, specifications, or other
65 architectural documents prepared by a registered architect as
66 part of her or his architectural practice shall be of a
67 sufficiently high standard to clearly and accurately indicate or
68 illustrate all essential parts of the work to which they refer.

69 ~~(8)~~~~(7)~~ Studies, drawings, specifications, and other
70 related documents prepared by a registered interior designer in
71 providing interior design services shall be of a sufficiently

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72 high standard to clearly and accurately indicate all essential
73 parts of the work to which they refer.

74 ~~(9)(8)~~ Each registered architect or interior designer, and
75 each corporation or partnership holding a certificate of
76 authorization, shall include its certificate number in any
77 newspaper, telephone directory, or other advertising medium used
78 by the registered architect, interior designer, corporation, or
79 partnership. A corporation or partnership is not required to
80 display the certificate number of individual registered
81 architects or interior designers employed by or working within
82 the corporation or partnership.

83 ~~(10)(9)~~ When the certificate of registration of a
84 registered ~~architect or~~ interior designer has been revoked or
85 suspended by the board, the registered ~~architect or~~ interior
86 designer shall surrender her or his seal to the secretary of the
87 board within a period of 30 days after the revocation or
88 suspension has become effective. If the certificate of the
89 registered ~~architect or~~ interior designer has been suspended for
90 a period of time, her or his seal shall be returned to her or
91 him upon expiration of the suspension period.

92 (11) It is unlawful for any person to sign and seal by any
93 means any final plan, specification, or report after her or his
94 certificate of registration is expired, suspended, or revoked. A
95 registered architect whose certificate of registration is
96 suspended or revoked shall, within 30 days after the effective
97 date of the suspension or revocation, surrender her or his seal
98 to the executive director of the board and confirm in writing to
99 the executive director the cancellation of the architect's

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100 electronic signature in accordance with ss. 668.001-668.006.

101 When an architect's certificate of registration is suspended for

102 a period of time, her or his seal shall be returned upon

103 expiration of the period of suspension.

104 Section 2. For the purpose of incorporating the amendment
105 to section 481.221, Florida Statutes, in a reference thereto,
106 paragraph (a) of subsection (1) and subsection (3) of section
107 481.225, Florida Statutes, are reenacted to read:

108 481.225 Disciplinary proceedings against registered
109 architects.--

110 (1) The following acts constitute grounds for which the
111 disciplinary actions in subsection (3) may be taken:

112 (a) Violating any provision of s. 455.227(1), s. 481.221,
113 or s. 481.223, or any rule of the board or department lawfully
114 adopted pursuant to this part or chapter 455.

115 (3) When the board finds any registered architect guilty
116 of any of the grounds set forth in subsection (1), it may enter
117 an order imposing one or more of the following penalties:

118 (a) Denial of an application for licensure.

119 (b) Revocation or suspension of a license.

120 (c) Imposition of an administrative fine not to exceed
121 \$1,000 for each count or separate offense and a fine of up to
122 \$5,000 for matters pertaining to a material violation of the
123 Florida Building Code as reported by a local jurisdiction.

124 (d) Issuance of a reprimand.

125 (e) Placement of the registered architect on probation for
126 a period of time and subject to such conditions as the board may
127 specify, including requiring the registered architect to attend

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128 continuing education courses or to work under the supervision of
129 another registered architect.

130 (f) Restriction of the authorized scope of practice by the
131 registered architect.

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133 ===== T I T L E A M E N D M E N T =====

134 Remove line(s) 6 and insert:

135 An act relating to construction contracting; amending s.
136 481.221, F.S.; requiring the Board of Architecture and
137 Interior Design to prescribe, by rule, one or more forms
138 of seals for use by a registered architect who holds a
139 valid certificate of registration; authorizing
140 registration of the seal electronically; authorizing
141 electronic transmission and sealing of final plans,
142 specifications, or reports; reenacting s. 481.225(1)(a)
143 and (3), F.S., relating to disciplinary proceedings, to
144 incorporate the amendment to s. 481.221, F.S., in a
145 reference thereto; providing penalties; amending s.