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CHAMBER ACTION

Senate

House

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1 Representative Evers 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.