

Amendment No. (for drafter's use only)

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 his or her 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 and interior designer may be transmitted  
25 electronically and may be signed by the registered architect or  
26 interior designer and dated and sealed electronically with the  
27 seal in accordance with ss. 668.001-668.006.

28 (2)(b) The board shall adopt a rule prescribing the  
29 distinctly different seals to be used by registered interior  
30 designers holding valid certificates of registration. Each  
31 registered interior designer shall obtain a seal as prescribed  
32 by the board, and all drawings, plans, specifications, or  
33 reports prepared or issued by the registered interior designer  
34 and being filed for public record shall bear the signature and  
35 seal of the registered interior designer who prepared or  
36 approved the document and the date on which they were sealed.  
37 The signature, date, and seal shall be evidence of the  
38 authenticity of that to 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) A person may not sign and seal by any means any final  
93 plan, specification, or report after her or his certificate of  
94 registration has expired or is suspended or revoked. A  
95 registered architect or interior designer whose certificate of  
96 registration is suspended or revoked shall, within 30 days after  
97 the effective date of the suspension or revocation, surrender  
98 her or his seal to the executive director of the board and  
99 confirm in writing to the executive director the cancellation of

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100 the registered architect's or interior designer's electronic  
 101 signature in accordance with ss. 668.001-668.006. When a  
 102 registered architect's or interior designer's certificate of  
 103 registration is suspended for a period of time, her or his seal  
 104 shall be returned upon expiration of the period of suspension.

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

107 Remove line(s) 6 and insert:

108 An act relating to construction contracting; amending s.  
 109 481.221, F.S.; requiring the Board of Architecture and  
 110 Interior Design to prescribe, by rule, one or more forms  
 111 of seals for use by a registered architect or interior  
 112 designer who holds a valid certificate of registration;  
 113 authorizing registration of the seal electronically;  
 114 authorizing electronic transmission and sealing of final  
 115 plans, specifications, or reports; prohibiting a person  
 116 from signing and sealing any final plan, specification, or  
 117 report after her or his certificate of registration has  
 118 expired or is suspended or revoked; providing procedures  
 119 after a registered architect's or interior designer's  
 120 certificate of registration has expired or is suspended or  
 121 revoked; amending s.