

1                   A bill to be entitled  
 2           An act relating to the practice of interior design;  
 3           amending s. 481.203, F.S.; redefining the term "space  
 4           planning"; amending s. 481.223, F.S.; authorizing retired  
 5           interior designers to use the title "interior designer,  
 6           retired"; prohibiting a person from performing certain  
 7           acts without employing a registered interior designer;  
 8           providing an effective date.

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 10   Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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 12           Section 1. Subsection (12) of section 481.203, Florida  
 13   Statutes, is amended to read:

14           481.203 Definitions.--As used in this part:

15           (12) "Space planning" means the analysis, programming, or  
 16   design of spatial requirements, including preliminary space  
 17   layouts of interior partitions, furniture systems, and final  
 18   planning.

19           Section 2. Subsection (1) of section 481.223, Florida  
 20   Statutes, is amended to read:

21           481.223 Prohibitions; penalties; injunctive relief.--

22           (1) A person may not knowingly:

23           (a) Practice architecture unless the person is an  
 24   architect or a registered architect;

25           (b) Practice interior design unless the person is a  
 26   registered interior designer unless otherwise exempted herein.  
 27   However, a licensed interior designer who relinquishes or does  
 28   not renew his or her license may use the title "interior

29 designer, retired" but may not render any interior design  
 30 services;

31 (c) Use the name or title "architect" or "registered  
 32 architect," or "interior designer" or "registered interior  
 33 designer," or words to that effect, when the person is not then  
 34 the holder of a valid license issued pursuant to this part;

35 (d) Present as his or her own the license of another;

36 (e) Give false or forged evidence to the board or a member  
 37 thereof;

38 (f) Use or attempt to use an architect or interior  
 39 designer license that has been suspended, revoked, or placed on  
 40 inactive or delinquent status;

41 (g) Employ unlicensed persons to practice architecture or  
 42 interior design; ~~or~~

43 (h) Conceal information relative to violations of this  
 44 part; or-

45 (i) Use an unlicensed individual to provide engineering or  
 46 architectural services, plumbing or electrical work, landscape  
 47 services, or other work requiring a licensed professional if the  
 48 work is performed for an interior design construction contract  
 49 administered by a registered interior designer or by a  
 50 registered interior designer performing project management or  
 51 oversight as the owner's representative.

52 Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2006.