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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to the practice of architecture and
3 interior design; amending s. 481.203, F.S.; revising
4 definitions of the terms "interior design" and "space
5 planning" to exempt certain drawings and activities
6 related to the manufacture, sale, and installation of
7 cubicle workstations and similar modular furniture and
8 fixtures from provisions regulating interior design;
9 amending s. 481.213, F.S.; requiring an applicant for
10 licensure by endorsement as an architect or interior
11 designer to meet certain educational and internship
12 requirements if the applicant was licensed in another
13 state after a specified date; amending s. 481.229, F.S.;
14 exempting certain persons engaged in the manufacture,
15 sale, and installation of cubicle workstations and similar
16 modular furniture and fixtures from provisions regulating
17 architecture and interior design; providing an effective
18 date.

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

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22 Section 1. Subsections (8) and (12) of section 481.203,
23 Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

24 481.203 Definitions.--As used in this part:

25 (8) "Interior design" means designs, consultations,
26 studies, drawings, specifications, and administration of design
27 construction contracts relating to nonstructural interior
28 elements of a building or structure. The term ~~"Interior design"~~

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29 | includes, but is not limited to, reflected ceiling plans, space
30 | planning, furnishings, and the fabrication of nonstructural
31 | elements within and surrounding interior spaces of buildings.
32 | The term does not include related utility rough-in drawings,
33 | engineering drawings, and shop drawings to assist architects,
34 | engineers, interior designers, and general contractors; designs,
35 | consultations, studies, drawings, specifications, layouts, or
36 | floor plans prepared for the sale or installation of cubicle
37 | workstations and similar modular furniture, shelving, cabinetry,
38 | and spatial dividers or partitions by the manufacturer of such
39 | furniture and fixtures or the manufacturer's representative,
40 | distributor, or dealer, or an employee thereof; or "Interior
41 | design" specifically excludes the design of or the
42 | responsibility for architectural and engineering work, except
43 | for specification of fixtures and their location within interior
44 | spaces. As used in this subsection, "architectural and
45 | engineering interior construction relating to the building
46 | systems" includes, but is not limited to, construction of
47 | structural, mechanical, plumbing, heating, air-conditioning,
48 | ventilating, electrical, or vertical transportation systems, or
49 | construction which materially affects lifesafety systems
50 | pertaining to firesafety protection such as fire-rated
51 | separations between interior spaces, fire-rated vertical shafts
52 | in multistory structures, fire-rated protection of structural
53 | elements, smoke evacuation and compartmentalization, emergency
54 | ingress or egress systems, and emergency alarm systems.

55 | (12) "Space planning" means the analysis, programming, or
56 | design of spatial requirements, including preliminary space

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57 | layouts and final planning. The term does not include designs,
 58 | consultations, studies, drawings, specifications, layouts, or
 59 | floor plans prepared for the sale or installation of cubicle
 60 | workstations and similar modular furniture, shelving, cabinetry,
 61 | and spatial dividers or partitions by the manufacturer of such
 62 | furniture and fixtures or the manufacturer's representative,
 63 | distributor, or dealer, or an employee thereof.

64 | Section 2. Paragraph (c) of subsection (3) of section
 65 | 481.213, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

66 | 481.213 Licensure.--

67 | (3) The board shall certify as qualified for a license by
 68 | endorsement as an architect or as an interior designer an
 69 | applicant who:

70 | (c) Has passed the prescribed licensure examination and
 71 | holds a valid certificate issued by the National Council of
 72 | Architectural Registration Boards, and holds a valid license to
 73 | practice architecture issued by another state or jurisdiction of
 74 | the United States. For the purposes of this paragraph, any
 75 | applicant licensed in another state or jurisdiction after June
 76 | 30, 2000 ~~1984~~, must also hold a degree in architecture ~~and such~~
 77 | ~~degree must be~~ equivalent to that required in s. 481.209(1)(b)
 78 | ~~and. Also for the purposes of this paragraph, any applicant~~
 79 | ~~licensed in another state or jurisdiction after June 30, 1985,~~
 80 | ~~must~~ have completed an internship equivalent to that required by
 81 | s. 481.211 and any rules adopted with respect thereto.

82 | Section 3. Paragraph (c) is added to subsection (6) of
 83 | section 481.229, Florida Statutes, to read:

84 | 481.229 Exceptions; exemptions from licensure.--

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85 (6) This part shall not apply to:

86 (c) A manufacturer of cubicle workstations and similar
87 modular furniture, shelving, cabinetry, and spatial dividers or
88 partitions or the manufacturer's representative, distributor, or
89 dealer, or an employee thereof, who prepares designs,
90 consultations, studies, drawings, specifications, layouts, or
91 floor plans for the sale or installation of such furniture and
92 fixtures or who advertises those services.

93 Section 4. This act shall take effect July 1, 2009.