

CS/HB 1303

2009

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 commercial food service equipment, cubicle workstations,
8 and similar modular furniture and fixtures from provisions
9 regulating interior design; amending s. 481.213, F.S.;
10 requiring an applicant for licensure by endorsement as an
11 architect or interior designer to meet certain educational
12 and internship requirements if the applicant was licensed
13 in another state after a specified date; amending s.
14 481.229, F.S.; exempting certain persons engaged in the
15 manufacture, sale, and installation of commercial food
16 service equipment, cubicle workstations, and similar
17 modular furniture and fixtures from provisions regulating
18 architecture and interior design; providing an effective
19 date.

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

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

25 481.203 Definitions.--As used in this part:

26 (8) "Interior design" means designs, consultations,
27 studies, drawings, specifications, and administration of design
28 construction contracts relating to nonstructural interior

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

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57 (12) "Space planning" means the analysis, programming, or
58 design of spatial requirements, including preliminary space
59 layouts and final planning. The term does not include designs,
60 consultations, studies, drawings, specifications, layouts, or
61 floor plans prepared for the sale or installation of commercial
62 food service equipment or cubicle workstations and similar
63 modular furniture, shelving, cabinetry, and spatial dividers or
64 partitions by the manufacturer of such equipment, furniture, or
65 fixtures or the manufacturer's representative, distributor, or
66 dealer, or an employee thereof.

67 Section 2. Paragraph (c) of subsection (3) of section
68 481.213, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

69 481.213 Licensure.--

70 (3) The board shall certify as qualified for a license by
71 endorsement as an architect or as an interior designer an
72 applicant who:

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

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

87 481.229 Exceptions; exemptions from licensure.--

88 (6) This part shall not apply to:

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

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