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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 commercial food service equipment, cubicle workstations,  
8 and similar modular furniture and fixtures from provisions  
9 regulating interior design; amending s. 481.229, F.S.;  
10 exempting certain persons engaged in the manufacture,  
11 sale, and installation of commercial food service  
12 equipment, cubicle workstations, and similar modular  
13 furniture and fixtures from provisions regulating  
14 architecture and interior design; providing an effective  
15 date.

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

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

21 481.203 Definitions.--As used in this part:

22 (8) "Interior design" means designs, consultations,  
23 studies, drawings, specifications, and administration of design  
24 construction contracts relating to nonstructural interior  
25 elements of a building or structure. The term "Interior design"  
26 includes, but is not limited to, reflected ceiling plans, space  
27 planning, furnishings, and the fabrication of nonstructural  
28 elements within and surrounding interior spaces of buildings.

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

53 (12) "Space planning" means the analysis, programming, or  
54 design of spatial requirements, including preliminary space  
55 layouts and final planning. The term does not include designs,  
56 consultations, studies, drawings, specifications, layouts, or

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58 food service equipment or cubicle workstations and similar  
59 modular furniture, shelving, cabinetry, and spatial dividers or  
60 partitions by the manufacturer of such equipment, furniture, or  
61 fixtures or the manufacturer's representative, distributor, or  
62 dealer, or an employee thereof.

63 Section 2. Paragraph (c) is added to subsection (6) of  
64 section 481.229, Florida Statutes, to read:

65 481.229 Exceptions; exemptions from licensure.--

66 (6) This part shall not apply to:

67 (c) A manufacturer of commercial food service equipment or  
68 cubicle workstations and similar modular furniture, shelving,  
69 cabinetry, and spatial dividers or partitions or the  
70 manufacturer's representative, distributor, or dealer, or an  
71 employee thereof, who prepares designs, consultations, studies,  
72 drawings, specifications, layouts, or floor plans for the sale  
73 or installation of such equipment, furniture, or fixtures or who  
74 advertises those services.

75 Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2009.